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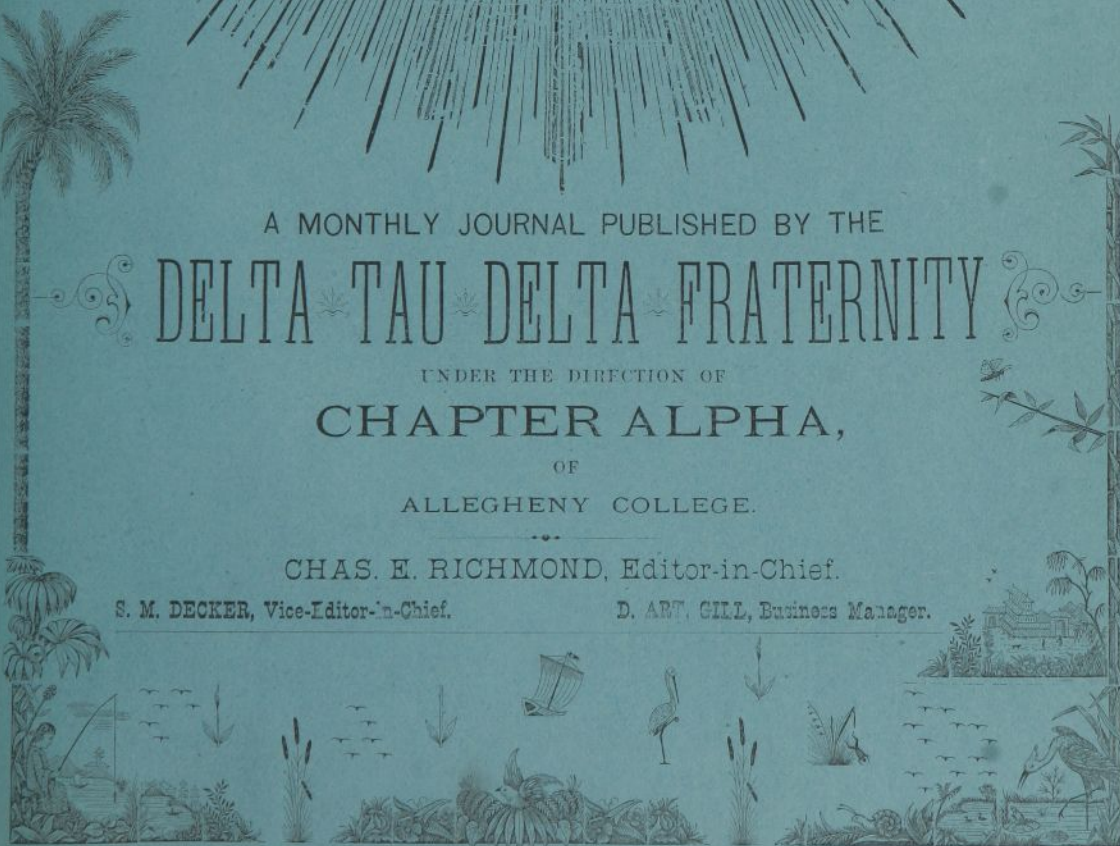
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OUR DELTA QUEEN.

RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO THE ALPHA.

BY J. HARRY GEISSINGER.

Tune—America.

Raise we in chorus now
Praise to thee, Delta Tau,
Reigning supreme;
Long last thy sovereign might,
Thy Crescent e'er be bright,
Still pour thy stars by night
Love's radiant stream.

Tower thy noble form,
Power be thine in storm,
Queen we adore;
Thy banner's purple-grey
Lead us from day to day
Safe on our peaceful way,
Safe in each war.

Loudly our voices ring,
Proudly thy subjects sing,
Our Delta Queen;
God keep when foemen frown
Jealous of thy renown,
Spare to the end thy crown,
God save thee, Queen!

POEM ON AN INVITATION TO CONVENTION.

BY M. C. BRIGGS, D. D., OLD A.

"What's Delta Tau Delta?" my wife asked me quickly,
And took all the wind from my newly spread sails,
"Its a college society, dear," I said meekly,
"A kind of fraternal affair, whose avails——"
"Fiddle-sticks!" quoth madam with tow'ring vexation
That withered my gizzard like lightning ablaze.
"I want no 'avails' but a plain explanation
Of your grips and your pass words, your doings and ways."
Ah! the evil I feared had at last overtook me;
The Eve of my Eden had read your invite,
And the tone of her musical larynx so shook me
That my intellects balked and were sadly bedight.
I smiled a sad slimmer, and tried to look placid;
I coughed a long cough; I bl—— my nose;
I felt like a fish in an ocean of acid,
And shivered with dread from my crown to my toes.
"What's the Delta Tau Delta?" came measured and steady
Once more to my ears, and I dared not defer;

The bravest would think it high time to get ready,
If he caught such a glance as came shooting from her.
"My dear," I said sweetly, "I'm happy to tell you
All about the fraternity, since you desire.
I hadn't the shade of a wish to repel you,
But am only too glad that you thought to enquire.
The Delta Tau Delta's a sort of committee,
Got up in the war to supply our poor fellows,
Through some friends of our cause down in Washington City,
With herrings and crawfish, wet blankets and pillows;
It had certain tokens by which its own fellows
Could booze the Greybacks and keep them from smell-
ing
A cat in the meat-tub, and stealing our pillows
And doing what other bad things there's to telling.
Since the war they just kept it agoing in order
To gather up items for use in the way
Of a historic novel called 'WAR ON THE BORDER,'
To be sold for the aid of the orphans some day.
They're arranging the thing with a sort of a wicket
To let in the ladies next year, if they can.
I'm assured that the woman admission ticket
Will get the full vote of the lodge to a man."
"My love," said the madam, a smile at the story,
And charmed with the prospect of knowing the grips,
"Will the sistern have part of the fardels and glory,
And wear the red strings and hold officerships?
Will they go as delegates to the big meetings,
And live as free boarders on ice cream and such,
And receive the invites and fraternal greetings,
And be musiced and tostified ever so much?"
I nodded assent. The next morning at sunrise
My coffee was smoking, my satchel was packed;
Julia Ann, wreathed in smiles, without censure or surmise,
Urged my hitherward way with a farewell that smacked,
"Conscientia lex"—say the doctors—"primera,"
(Or else its "suprena," I can't recollect;)
Let them settle at will the deep queuesteo vexta.
All I ask of your candor is just to reflect,
Reflect how I stood, with a dart through my liver,
Brim full of the secrets I could not disclose;
And her eye—may the Delta Tau Deltas forgive her—
Not more than a foot from the end of my nose.
I had to resort to a mental evasion—
A kind of pictorial whopper forsooth—
Or else overturn all the hopes of the nation,
And the Delta Tau Deltas to boot, by the truth.
Now, somewhere, the Jesuits teach in extremes,
To shelter one's life from a deadly abuse,
A fellow may drive home the wedge where the seam is,
And purchase escape with an innocent ruse.
I appeal to the Pope and the whole *enquistem*,
And urge the known fact of their lying for good,
And claim as their verdict a *plenius* dismission,
Having made the best bargain with Truth that I could.

REPLY OF JAS. L. ALLEN TO THE TOAST OF
"THE LADIES," AT THE BANQUET
OF OUR LAST CONVENTION.



THE English Language affords nothing more tenderly pathetic than those simple words of poor old Rip Van Winkle, who, returning to his native village, after his long and death-like sleep among the Catskill Moun-

tains, finds all so greatly changed—the streets strange and uninviting in their improvements,—the houses newly built, and the hospitable old tavern gone, where once he so merrily drank, oblivious for the moment of Gretchen's wrath,—poor Gretchen herself, with all the companions of his simple, thoughtless life, passed off the stage—the children grown into manhood and womanhood, and, even, the restless willing feet of devoted Schneider, long since stilled by death,—and after trying, O, so vainly, to bring back to the jeering crowd of youths and maidens some memory of himself and the idle, reckless life he spent, turns sadly and bitterly away, and with bowed head and tearful eyes, cries out in the agony of absolute loneliness, "Are we so soon forgotten when we are gone?"

How our hearts grieve over Jefferson's vivid portrayal of this simple story of the sum and end of human life and being! How our souls within us, fret and fume, and like a caged tiger rush upon the harsh unyielding bars, protesting against such ignoble results of our ambitious strivings! The ashes of forgetfulness attest only that once the fire of life leaped madly through their light and airy veins! The deserted chamber but the more loudly echoes with the voices of those who left it long ago!

But not in all things so! There *are* things—inanimate, *human* things which breathe immortality. *Words*, that in immortal thoughts, become embalmed; sacred from their inspiration—eternal from their holy use. We—all of us—have heard them—our lips most often speak them—"mother, sister, sweetheart, wife."

Like the grateful fragrance suggests the blooming rose,—the rosy, eastern tints and the happy twittering of the birds, suggest the coming of the fresh, sweet morning, these words suggest that most perfect ideal of the *beloved* which dwells in the heart of every man. 'Tis but the symbol of imperfect speech for the utter perfection of immortal thought; but the stammering, broken utterance of the most impassioned feeling.

When *language* can express the tenderest feelings of immortal natures; when even the *master's* genius can reveal the depths of the lovely *peasant's* love, then can

the depth of meaning of that one word "Mother" be portrayed.

Who among you can forget his boyhood's days! Do you remember the house where you were born—the fields and woods in which you played—the streams beside which you "cast you down and angled in the higher pool"—the schoolhouse where you sometimes studied, but oftener, far, idly dreamed and wished the days gone by and Saturday come again—the dear old sitting-room, with its wide, old fashioned fireplace, which made the hearthstone a reality,—the low, old-fashioned trundle bed in which you so sweetly slept! About and among them all, and bathed in the pure gladness of her life, comes the blessed memory of your mother!

"Then in fancy comes my mother,

As she used to years ago,

To survey the infant sleepers,

Ere she left them till the dawn.

I can see her bending o'er me,

As I listen to the strain

Which is played upon the shingles,

By the patter of the rain."

Like the ever-abiding aroma of flowers her sweetness suffuses you,—like the picture of radiant beauty and comeliness, her face is ever mirrored in your eyes—like the distant strains of music wafted on the wings of balmy winds, her voice ever sounds within your ears. Wherever you go—to what height ascend or depths go down—ever rising from the sea of your remembrance is the figure, the form, the ineffable sweetness of your mother's face!

And now I would call back to you the sister of those boyhood's days. How well you can remember her kindly counsel—her discreet admiration—her *discriminating* love, Irksome oft times, but always true, she was the forerunner of *another's* sister—the preparer of your nature—the chastener of your soul, that you might in some measure be fitted for the crowning gift of woman's love. As *your* sister, she seemed always good, and kind and true; but it was the sister of another that caused your heart to throb in the wild richness of your first love.

What can I say of *her*—the *ideal* of your *boyish* fancy, the *sweetheart* of your *early years*? Can you *ever* forget the childish freshness of her life—the exquisite grace of her young form—the radiant ripples of her sunny hair—the dimpled fullness of her cheek, and the wandering smile which ever played about her tempting lips;—the shy taking of your hand she so slyly made you give, and those tender glances, cast through lashes which half concealed the unfathomed depths of her untried maiden love! Ah! the rapture of bliss which once was yours—when with her—but, O, the stinging pain of uncertain knowledge, when *away* from her!

And now, I must forbear. How can language tell of that full fruition which crowns the longings of anticipation—in the wife! When into the arms of awaiting love, desiring love shall fall!

In Shakespeare's words, I might as well attempt,—

"To gild refined gold, to paint the lily,
To throw a perfume on the violet—
To smooth the ice, or with taper light
To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to garnish!"

No, no, I've done my pleasing task, if by my words I have relighted the fires of your fancy—restored some visions of your longed-for past, and reminded you of some of the joys of your happy present.

THE FOUNDERS OF DELTA TAU DELTA.

EUGENE TARR.



EUGENE TARR was a student at Bethany College in its palmy days, when from its walls emerged young men of accomplished education and brilliant parts.

A mild, quiet, unobtrusive student, but educated and learned above many of his companions. A great reader throughout life, and his standing no doubt attracted the attention of our early founders and joined him with them. He graduated in a large class in 1860, and soon after began reading law with his brother-in-law, O. W. Langfitt, Esq., one of the best practitioners of the Virginia bar.

His reading and education as a law student was without doubt greatly superior to most men. And he has truly learned that the life of a law student, like the sailor, as Sir Richard Porter remarked, "is not an easy one." His modesty and mildness have caused him to occupy a lower position than his talents and accomplishments should command. For, as a student of literature and law, there are few superiors in his State.

He has been a successful editor of a paper, and for three terms has been elected and fulfilled the duties of Prosecuting Attorney of his county.

He is yet a young man, and destined no doubt to occupy a prominent position in his State.

CINO.

Porcellan, at Harvard, is said to charge five hundred dollars initiation fee.



GREEK WORLD.



ΔΥ has gone into Harvard.

ΚΚΓ has sixteen chapters.

ΦΚΣ failed to enter Dickinson.

Poor *Alpha Sigma Epsilon Record*.

ΦΓΔ has a man at work at Wooster.

ΦΓΔ is agitating the subject of a song book.

ΚΚΓ (ladies fraternity) has entered Buchtel.

ΧΨ held a reunion at New York Christmas week.

ΔΦ is looking longingly towards University of Penn'a.

Hon. J. W. Foster, U. S. Minister to Russia, is a ΦΔΘ.

ΦΓΔ's chapter, at Hudson, has only one member left.

It is rumored that ΔΚΕ has entered Minnesota University.

The total membership of ΦΚΨ up to January 1st, 1879, was 3,119.

ΒΘΠ has the Governor and three Congressmen in Indiana.

Hon. James A. Walker, Lieut. Governor of Virginia, is a ΦΚΨ.

Prof. James C. Watson, the deceased astronomer, is claimed both by ΒΘΠ and ΨΥ.

Rev. Robert Morrison, of Fulton, Mo., framed the constitution and forms of ΦΔΘ.

ΔΥ is trying to revive its chapter at Williams College, of which Garfield was once a member.

ΒΘΠ has entered Madison University, New York, in great style. It absorbed the "Adelphia."

Gov. Ludlow, of New Jersey, and Ex-Gov. Gaston, of Massachusetts, are members of Delta Phi.

The *ΑΤΩ Palm* is the latest arrival in the field of fraternity journalism. We wish it all success.

The *ΧΦ Quarterly* will be published the coming year at Reading, Pa., instead of Allentown, as last year.

It is reported in and about Iowa University that ΦΚΨ is attempting to revive its former chapter there.

Delta Kappa and Kappa Sigma Epsilon, the Yale Freshmen societies, have been abolished by the faculty.

Χ, of ΧΨ, at O. W. U., some time ago, celebrated the 8th anniversary of its establishment by holding a "stag banquet."

The Muhlenberg chapter of ΦΓΔ is supposed to be trying to make an opening for the entrance of that fraternity to Lafayette.

ΧΦ has gone into Penn'a College, at Gettysburg, Pa. The chapter was organized by the ΧΦ's at Franklin and Marshall and is still *sub rosa*.

Mrs. President Hayes has been made an honorary

member of the K K Γ fraternity, through chapter Rho, of the O. W. U. It certainly honors the Kappas.

Chapter Pi, of Φ Γ Δ at Allegheny College, has fitted up a handsome hall. A large badge of the fraternity, fifteen feet long, is made up on the center of the ceiling.

The Alpha, of the Σ X, is still retained by the O. W. U. chapter, notwithstanding the strong effort made at its late convention in Washington, D. C., to remove it to some other chapter.

George W. Hubley, route agent on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was arrested the other day for robbing the mail of a Chi Phi pin, which was mailed from Mount Joy to F. R. Eshelman, Lancaster, Pa.

Lambda, of Φ Γ Δ, has "collided" with Delta of Β Θ Π at Indiana Asbury University and says that "Beta (Θ Π) sprung a leak, flipped, flopped, floundered and stranded, and has been hauled on the arid sandy beach of unpopularity."

Beta Deuteron, of Φ Γ Δ, "sighs for more rivals to conquer," but Chapter Eta, of the same fraternity, says: "Not being able to recruit our ranks from the new students, although we labored hard with them, we turned our attention to the class of '85."

The Greek letter fraternities have in many places supplanted the old-fashioned literary societies. The fraternities have literary work themselves, but they also exert an influence for good over the moral and social natures of their members.—*Indianapolis Sentinel*.

Delta Tau Delta has placed a chapter in Wooster University. The affair was kept quite "mum," and lo! one fine morning, the heart and backbone of what was heretofore the "antis" appeared with the Delta Tau Delta badge upon their breasts. This was the death blow to the "anti-frat" spirit in Wooster.—*The Beta Theta Pi*.

One of the social events of the season was the birthday party of Miss Nettie E. Jackson, last Friday evening, at the residence of her uncle, Supt. W. S. Eversole. The invited guests were the ladies of her Fraternity, the Kappa Kappa Gamma, and the gentlemen of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. All unite in pronouncing it an evening of genuine enjoyment. The time sped lightly to the gay and brilliant company, and, as the 'wee sma' hours" came creeping on, Mr. A. B. Nicholls, in a very neat speech, on behalf of the "Deltas," presented Miss Jackson a silver jewel casket. It is beautiful in both design and workmanship. The "Kappas" are well known in the best social circles. The "Deltas" donned their badges only a few weeks ago, and, by their excellent qualities of head and heart, are doing honor to Delta Tau Delta, one of the strongest and best fraternities in the land.—*The Wayne County Democrat*, published at Wooster, Ohio.

There appeared in the CRESCENT's "Greek World" of last college year a squib concerning the chastisement of a Φ Δ Θ by a Β Θ Π, at the University of Mississippi, for writing to the *Scroll* that the "Beta Theta Pi's were the most detestable set of fellows that were ever in the University." Since then we have received, through the anxiety of another Φ Δ Θ, a letter purporting to be from the Beta Beta chapter of Β Θ Π at University of Mississippi, in which they say that our statement was untrue. To publish the letter in full would take up too much of our valuable space, especially so when it is only signed by two men and is written partly in ink and partly with pencil. Now, taking into consideration the facts, 1st, That we do not know whether these two signers ever lived or not. 2d, That we do not know how they have power to speak for the entire chapter. 3d, and lastly, as our authority is far better than their denial, we can not endorse the letter. Besides, it would only make matters worse for Φ Δ Θ, as the letter of denial says: "We do not for one moment justify the conduct of the author of the article in the *Scroll*, containing unkind remarks on our chapter, but deem the act as uncalled for as the remarks were untrue." We have seen examples of Christian fortitude before, but this specimen of Β Θ Π meekness in heaping coals of fire upon the heads of one who has called them the "most detestable set of fellows ever in the University" completely overcomes us, and we are only brought back to the stern realities of this life by this desire of one Φ Δ Θ to have us print a statement which calls another Φ Δ Θ untruthful.

CONFERENCE OF THE SECOND DIVISION.—
WEST VIRGINIA AND OHIO TO
THE FRONT.

THE last number of the CRESCENT spoke of a Conference of the Second Division as probable. It is more than probable now. The project has been favorably considered by every chapter in the Division. The place is Akron, Ohio, the home of the Η chapter. The time is Thursday, Jan. 27th, 1881. Let each of the chapters of the Division send as many delegates as possible, two at the very least. Let each chapter urge its alumni to attend, so that, besides the business to be transacted, it may be profitable socially. The following will be the programme, each chapter electing a man to fill its corresponding position. The programme has been so arranged that each chapter may be represented in the order in which its name occurs in the Greek alphabet, giving, of course, the address of welcome to H.

Address of Welcome.....H	H
Response.....B	B

BANQUET.

Toast Master.....	Θ
Oration.....	M
Poem.....	Σ
Oration.....	Ψ

Toasts from all the different chapters will close the banquet and conference. Visitors from other Divisions will be gladly welcomed.

Among the Deltas.

George Davis is keeping books at Warren, Pa.

A. S. Hardin is a prominent merchant at Wheeling, W. Va.

Ed. Peffers slings ink in the Engineer's Office, at Meadville, Pa.

W. C. Bear has returned to Meadville, where he is pursuing his law studies.

John Adams, who has been suffering with a malarial fever, is again able to be around.

A. R. Ginn (H, '77,) spent his summer's vacation delightfully in Europe, and returned October 1st.

Champ. Clark, (Θ, '73,) a member of the bar at Louisiana, Mo., was chosen as one of the Hancock electors for his State.

Wm. King McAllister (Θ, 69,) is City Solicitor for Nashville, Tenn., and has made one of the best attorneys the city ever had.

W. S. Plum (IB, '78,) was recently admitted to the bar of Ohio, with honors. He will commence his practice at Bellefontaine, O.

E. L. Boggs is a prominent druggist at Charleston, W. Va. He still takes great interest in Delta Tau Delta and says he will be present at the next Convention.

Jno. F. Merryman (Θ, '73,) who has been practicing law in St. Louis for some years past, has been elected to the Missouri Legislature. He will undoubtedly prove one of the most eloquent and brilliant members of that body.

DELTA TAU DELTA CATECHISM.

"My son, what is the Delta Tau Delta?"

"The perfection of College life."

"What is the true frater?"

"The culmination of creative genius, the manly man."

"Wherein does Delta Tau Delta have its being?"

"In 'friendship, life's best boon to man,' whose throne is in each honest Delta's heart, and whose scepter is a frater's hand, helping a downcast brother."

"What is the language of Delta Tau Delta?"

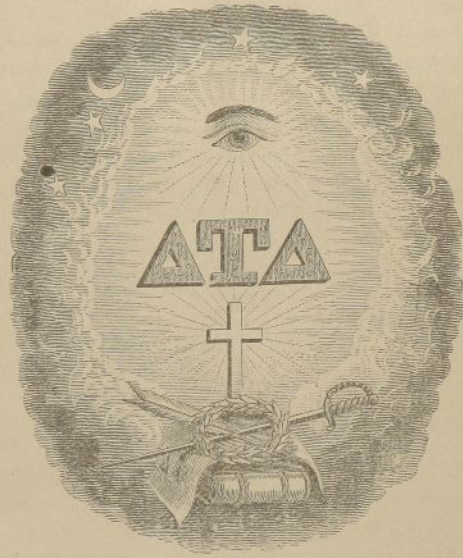
"The language of love, which brightens the fires of the soul; the language of encouragement, which cheers a brother's heart and smooths the stony paths of life; the language of gratulation for victory won in the right; the language of sympathy, which dries the founts of sorrow."

"What is the object of Delta Tau Delta?"

"To strew life's path with flowers; the cultivation of social character, the improvement of one's mental and moral condition. To render mutual assistance and support to each other."

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THE world was merry a year ago,
Her spirits were gay and light—
Her pretty foot was slippered in snow,
And her morning dress was white;
She smiled, and the young year touched his hat,
With its princely, snow-white feather—
And, talking a little of this and that,
They have strolled through the seasons together."

The season of mirth and jollity, of good humor and pleasure, has again arrived to bless the Christian world and the CRESCENT joins with the happy throng to increase the good wishes that fill the air. The last year has been one of earnest, manly labor for Delta Tau Delta, and as the prosperous merchant draws up his balance sheet at the end of the year and finds a good round sum to repay him for his labors, so our fraternity can look with pride upon the successes of the year past. We must enter upon the new year with renewed energy and vigilance. We *must* be first. We can brook nothing that aspires to rivalry. Our past successes would be pleasant to dwell upon, like those people who, oblivious to the present, live entirely in the past, but we must turn our backs upon them and press

forward to new victories. As one ascending the mountain steeply halts for an instant to gaze back upon the difficulties surmounted and turns again with swelling breast and dauntless courage to make his way toward the summit, so must Delta Tau Delta turn from the pleasant thoughts of victories won and gird up its loins for new struggles and new victories in the future. The year past has treated us kindly and we dislike to part with it, but it must be done, so we say with a sigh:

"Ah well, Old Year, we hold you dear,
But *good-bye*—for the bells are ringing!
New hope addresses us,
New joy possesses us,
Providence blesses us;
And silvery tongues are sweetly singing

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

EVIDENCE of the fertile pen of "Cino" is once more seen in the CRESCENT.

We wish that the brothers would pay more attention to the literary support of the CRESCENT.

We are glad to welcome OMICRON to her place in the columns of the CRESCENT. May she always keep it well filled.

We republish the song of Bro. Geissinger in this issue on account of numerous typographical errors in it when printed before.

In reporting the founding of OMICRON in our last issue, we made an error in saying "IOTA, of Delta had a good deal of influence." It should read "Tate, of Delta."

We were very much pleased to receive from chapter ETA a programme of the Senior and Junior Rhetoricals, by which we see that out of the seven literary performers there were four gentlemen, and they were all $\Delta T \Delta$'s. The remainder were ladies, members of ΔT .

AMONG our notices to chapters we publish a request of our business manager for the payment of all back subscriptions. If those who are back would take notice of this, it would save several dollars' worth of postage, and make the excessive labor of the business manager much lighter. The fraters should not put a brother, who works hard without any remuneration, to any unnecessary trouble.

WE have noticed occasionally a difference among the members of the fraternity in regard to the pronunciation of the Greek letter T. This, probably, arises from

the fact that many of the fraters have taken a scientific course, which does not contain the study of Greek. The letter T is derived from a Phœnician word, which means a brand or stamp, and was specially used to refer to the brand on cattle. It was pronounced by them as *tau* or *tav*, and when adopted by the Greeks as an indeclinable noun, the pronunciation was adopted with it, and it is so pronounced in modern Greece and by all prominent Greek scholars.

THE colleges of Delta Tau Delta which publish annuals are:

Allegheny.....	ALPHA.....	"The Alleghenian."
Butler.....	ZETA BETA.....	"The Palladium."
Buchtel.....	ETA.....	"The Argo."
Lafayette.....	NU.....	"The Melange."
Lehigh.....	PI.....	"The Epitome."
Ohio Wesleyan.....	MU.....	"The Bijou."
Rensselaer.....	UPSILON.....	"The Transit."
Stevens.....	RHO.....	"The Eccentric."
Univ. of Michigan.....	DELTA.....	"The Palladium."
Wooster.....	PSI.....	"The Index."

It will be seen in another column that the scheme of a Division Conference has quickly been brought to a focus by the Second Division. The Conference will meet with the ETA, at Akron, O., on the 27th of January, 1881, and already most of the chapters of the Division have promised to send delegates. We had the pleasure of attending the 20th Convention at Akron, and knowing as we now do the splendid entertaining qualities of the ETA, with her numerous alumni in the city, we do not hesitate for an instant to say that the Second Division Conference will be a grand success. There is an invitation extended to all Delta's and we hope that many will take advantage of it. We can assure them of a pleasant time.

"We are one in our joys, and affections, an' a';
Come, gi'e me your hand, we are brothren a'."

THERE is a something, an inexpressable something, that goes like a delightful thrill through the frame of every true Delta as his hand is warmly grasped by a brother and he recognizes the grip of our fraternity, which, like a connecting link, seems to bind them together for each other's welfare. One receives many different kinds of handshakes in his associations with the world; the warm and hearty grasp of an acquaintance, the listless pressure of a cold, damp hand, that makes one almost shudder, the dainty touch that a lady allows on the tips of her fingers, but among them all there is none that gives the satisfaction, that makes one feel so much at home and off his guard, that sends the blood tingling through the veins, as when brother meets brother and the Delta grip is given. Yes,

"Give me the hand that is true as a brother,
 Give me the hand that has harmed not another,
 Give me the hand that will never deceive me,
 Give me its grasp that I, aye, may believe thee.
 Soft is the palm of the delicate women,
 Hard is the palm of the rough sturdy yeomen;
 Soft palm or hard palm, it matters not never,
 Give me the grasp that is friendly forever."

THE General Fraternity Treasury is in a splendid condition. There is more money in it than could possibly be used for any emergency that might arise. We need many things to perfect our inner workings. We need either a new and more elaborate coat-of-arms, or a larger cut of our present one. We need new and more elegantly printed charters. We need seals, signets, steel plates, etc., and with these necessities staring us in the face, can we let this money lie idle or draw meagre bank interest? We need no large amount in the treasury, and if this money is not to be used for the above suggestions, we would like to know what it *is* for. Although ALPHA has, to a great extent, the power to use this money for the good of the fraternity, yet, as no action was taken at the last convention in this matter, ALPHA does not feel like taking it upon herself to use any considerable sum without orders from a higher power. Some other fraternities are superior to us in the possession of the above suggestions, which, like the finishing touches of an artist's brush, form the complete perfectness of the "Fraternity Idea," or at least makes it more pleasing to the eye. They are as the polish to the ebony. We wish that the chapters would take some action in this matter. We are young, and money is worth twice as much to us now as it will be in a few years.

THE other day we were shown, by our business manager, the subscription list of Chapter Rho, and it did our editorial heart good to look upon a list of forty-seven (47) subscribers all in a row; and, as we saw at the bottom their modest apology that it was all they could get at present, we took out our handkerchief—all sticky from mucilage in pasting on clippings,—and brushed some lonely tears that tickled our ink-bedaubed cheeks,—but they were tears of joy. Yea, we would that there were many Rho's, and that their rows of subscribers would be as long as this one. Rho is a comparatively young chapter, and her list of alumni is not large, and yet she sends in a subscription list that nearly doubles that of the next largest, and that doubles three or four times over the list of some chapters that have more actives and three or four times as many alumni as Chapter Rho. Now is the appropriate time for some chapters to blush. This is merely

a matter of duty. Rho does its duty in this matter, and most of the other chapters do not. We dare to assert that almost every chapter in the fraternity could double their lists if they would do the proper amount of soliciting among their alumni. This would take comparatively little labor, and it would be labor that would return a three-fold reward, for with this one we could make the CRESCENT the acknowledged peer of all fraternity journals. We could enlarge its size, have illustrated headings, a new and handsome electrotpe front, publish illustrations and biographies of our founders and prominent men, have telegraphic reports, tables of contents for each volume, etc. Besides this, if the CRESCENT had a more extensive circulation among our alumni, it would renew and strengthen their interest in our fraternity, and thus make us more powerful. And also it would bind the alumni closer to their chapters, and whenever the chapters would need their assistance, they would find them much more willing to give it than if they had lost all connection with the fraternity. Our subscription list is larger than it ever has been before, yet it is not near as large as it should be with the membership that Delta Tau Delta has. We wish that the chapter secretaries would take a little spare time and write to their alumni and solicit their subscriptions. We are sure that their CRESCENT, their Fraternity and their Chapters would all be the better for it.

THE question of honorary members has been decided by Delta Tau Delta as against the interpretation of the "fraternity idea;" but there seems to spring up, occasionally, a desire to initiate men for the honor they will bring. We could imagine cases where it would be of great benefit to the fraternity to take in men outside of college, but it would have to be for something greater than for the mere honor that accompanied them. There never was a greater mistake than the idea that the initiation of famous men would raise the fraternity standard. It does not; but it does give foundation for the very disagreeable insinuation that the fraternity is unable to raise honorable men from its own ranks, and is compelled to go outside for them. We are glad that Delta Tau has been so little given to this fallacy, and that it has so early taken a stand against honorary members, and we can justly take to ourselves a superiority over these fraternities that practice it yet. But we must have members that are famous for their good deeds and noble works. We are always delighted to hear of a brother's success in the world, and we wish to encourage them for the sake of fraternity, to seek to become great and good. The doors of the Temple of Fame stand open to receive you, and the CRESCENT will light you on your way. There are but few things in

this world that will not succumb to earnest action, seconded by a manly desire. An unswerving determination has made kings ere this, then why succumb? No! rather

"Pluck bright honor from the pale-faced moon,
Or dive into the bottom of the deep,
Where fathom-line could never touch the ground
And drag up drowned honor by the locks."

To become honorable, first be worthy of honor. There is a story, that has come down from the past, in a language that the tongues of men have long ago refused to sound, about a great and mighty king who built a temple to the God of Fame. Long the temple stood and many worshipped at its shrine. But at last the king died, and his successor came upon the scene and he saw that there was a mockery about the temple, and that many unworthy persons gained admittance to its fane. So he called out the laborers all over the kingdom, and soon there rose another temple directly over the other temple's door. This, the king with great ceremony, dedicated to the God of Virtue, so that one must first worship at the shrine of Virtue before he could reach the Temple of Fame.

In America we are much given to the opinion that fame and honor are synonymous. They are not. Fame depends upon public opinion, and he who lives upon the shouts of the populace is doomed to a sudden fall. The "*Vive la Republique*" was soon changed to "*Vive l'Empereur*." Honor is the true heart and manly action, and that every true Delta must possess.

Alpha Locals.

The members of ALPHA will all spend the Christmas vacation at their respective homes.

Bro. Shilling, '80, ever a wheel-horse in Deltaism, is at present engaged in a hand-to-hand struggle with Blackstone at Mercer, Pa.

Bro. W. C. Fish will not return to college again until the opening of next year. He is at present engaged in business at Sharpsville, Pa.

Bro. C. E. Locke, '80, who conducted the CRESCENT so ably and successfully last year, is now occupying the pulpit of the M. E. Church at Mineral Ridge, Ohio.

Bro. C. H. Bruce, '79, is filling the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Geneva, Pa., the present year, in connection with his studies at the Allegheny Seminary.

The senior class of the college recently elected Bros. Gill and Wann as President and Historian respectively. The class being composed of 26 members, the Deltas were notably favored.

Bro. C. A. Ensign, '80, is pursuing his law studies at home in Newton Falls, Ohio. The ability of "Signey" is unquestioned, and ALPHA wishes him much success in his chosen profession.

Bro. Watson was the fortunate winner of the Keystone Declamation Prize of the Allegheny Literary Society, at the contest held on the evening of the 21st inst, in the College Chapel.

Bro. T. D. Sensor, '77, who is the Principal of the Conneautville High School, occasionally greets his fraters and friends in Meadville. "Tom" is an ardent and enthusiastic Delta, and his visits are always gladly received.

Our chapter furnished the fortunate winner of the prize in the late baby show at the Loan Exhibition, thus exemplifying the rule that the Deltas lead in everything. For further particulars inquire of the General Secretary.

Bro. Gill delights in manipulating the "bobs" down the hills adjacent to Meadville; but when he is enticed to appear at the justices next morning under the strong limbs of the law, the pleasure is not the thing of beauty it once was. Frater, be comforted by the thought that we all regard the city "cops" as frauds.

First Grand Division.

THE TAU.

We have not appeared in the CRESCENT in the last two numbers for divers reasons, owing, principally, to the laborious duties together with the unfortunate circumstances of our Corresponding Secretary. Bro. Snyder has been our delegate to convention, was a member of several committees, which, in addition to his chapter correspondence, claimed the greater part of his time, apart from his regular college duties. Short time after his return from a visit home, at the time of the election, he was again called away on account of the severe illness of his mother. We sympathize with him in his distress, and sincerely pray for the speedy recovery of his mother, that he may return and resume his studies, and fill the vacancy that his absence has caused in our chapter hall.

The chapter is in good standing this year, and although we lost six members last year by graduation, we have thus far initiated half that number, and hope we may introduce in the next number of the CRESCENT at least two more new men who are ready to join us at the beginning of next term. We have on our list of members thirteen men of good standing in the college and possessing all the requisites of good Deltas.

At the society election for the anniversary programme the Deltas have not been slighted. Bro. Reber was elected as orator, and Bro. A. D. Elliot eulogist in one society, and Bro. Cobb, salutarian, and Bro. Snyder orator in the other. The intentions of X & Phi to "rush things" were thwarted, they being only successful in putting one man on both programmes.

Bro. Reber has been elected Alumni Secretary, and it is hoped our alumni will be punctual in their correspondence with him.

Bro. Rieser, '80, paid us a visit a few weeks since. "Dickie" is looking well, and it seems as though Tau must agree with him.

The following brothers, elected officers of our next convention, have accepted: Bro. Charles Townsend, (B, 61,) Athens, Ohio, as Presiding Officer; Bro. J. M. Bloss, (Phi, 62,) Evansville, Ind., Superintendent of Public Schools, as Orator; Bro. J. H. Geissinger, (T, 80,) Huntingdon, Pa., as Poet; and Bro. A. B. Reiser, (T, '80,) Reading, Pa., as Grand Secretary.

Bro. F. S. Elliott, '80, and W. A. Miller, '80, send us occasional letters of advice and encouragement. Bro. Elliott is studying law in the office of W. W. Wiltbank, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa., and at the same time attending lectures in the law department of the Penn'a University.

Bro. G. M. Zacharias, (T, '77,) has arrived in Baltimore, Md., from an extended tour throughout Europe.

Bro. W. J. Bausman, '83, is becoming skilled as a musician at the Boston Conservatory of Music.

We are happy to return smiles with Bros. Levan and B. F. Bausman when they meet with us. Both of the brothers are '80 men, and are at present taking a three years' course in the Theological Seminary at this institution.

Bro. A. C. Hottenstein, '82, was obliged to go to his home several weeks ago on account of ill-health. We are pleased to learn that he is improving, and hope to greet him again at the opening of next term.

F. and M. closes for this term on Dec. 21st, with a two weeks' vacation. All the brothers expect to spend the holidays at home, where we hope they may have a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

THE RHO.

HOBOKEN, Dec. 13th, 1880.

Messrs. Editors:—When Rho's representative thinks of the time elapsed since the Chicago Convention, he hangs his head in shame. For has he not, for two months, neglected publicly to acknowledge his thanks for the many tokens of kindness and welcome of which he was the recipient during his trip to and from and while at convention? He desires first to express his thanks to the Alpha, and especially to Bro. C. E.

Richmond, for the cordial hospitality extended him while in Meadville. He only regrets one thing, and that is that he had to cut his stay short. He would advise any one needing his Deltaism strengthened to make a pilgrimage to that Mecca of Delta Tau. His thanks are also due to Bro. D. K. Zooks, K, '73, and Bro. W. L. McClurg, A, '79, for attentions shown while in Chicago. Rho's delegate had an opportunity of meeting the Gamma boys, and tasted that hospitality for which that section of the country, and the Deltas in it *par excellence*, are noted. He is now looking forward for some opportunities for retaliation.

Bro. D. Art Gill, A, '81, has promised to rest his weary limbs for a few days in our classic town next month. We promise to try and make his stay a pleasant one. We have been looking forward, for some time past, to promised visits from Bros. G. H. Mosier, Frank Nodine, and F. D. Gray, all of the Alpha, and now in New York.

We are happy to be able to announce that the rumors in the case of Bro. Jim Pierce, '77, have assumed an authoritative shape. From authentic sources we learn that he was married in Baltimore on June 17th, 1880. The "Rolling Hyperboloid" is said to weigh over 200 pounds.

Ed. Mehling, '77, has set up for himself as a Technical Chemist in Sharpsville, Pa. He writes that his time is fully employed.

Franklin Van Winkle, '77, is Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the State Mechanical College, College Station, Brady, Brazoria Co., Pa.

William Diehl, '76, is Demonstrator in the Operative Clinic in the Dental Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

Our "'80" graduates are all doing very well. Bro. Will Leib is Assistant to the Superintendent of the Brush Electric Light Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

We desire to introduce to the fraternity our newly initiated brothers: Jas. B. Ladd, '81, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jos. E. Steward, '83, Trenton, N. J., and S. Prescott Bush, '84, Summit, N. J. They are all solid men, and form an important addition to our chapter:

Fraternally,

HENRY T. BRUCK.

THE GAMMA.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 13th, 1880.

Dear Crescent:—Last June, Gamma had three representatives in the graduating class, viz.: J. H. Bausman, J. S. Beacom, and W. D. Hamaker. Of these we may well be proud, and though we are sorry to have them leave us, yet we are consoled with the thought that they will not forget us in their new labors.

This year we began with thirteen men, and soon in-

creased our number to sixteen by the addition of Bro. Stevenson, sr., '83, and Bros. Pollock and Stevenson, jr., '84.

Bro. Hamaker, '80, is busily engaged in teaching at Cross Creek, Pa. "Ham" is still deeply interested in $\Delta T \Delta$, and occasionally finds time to come back and see us.

Bro. Bausman, '83, is attending the Theological Seminary at Allegheny City, Pa.

Bro. Beacom, '80, commonly known as "Pap" among the boys of Gamma, is teaching in the Blairsville Academy.

Bro. John McKennan has left us and gone into business.

We are indebted to Bro. W. N. Taylor for the interest he has taken in our welfare, having assisted us in our work of choosing new men. He has gone to Mansfield, Pa., where his labors call him.

Bros. Marchand and Agnew spend Thanksgiving with the Deltas of Bethany College. They reported an excellent set of fellows, and say that they could not have been entertained more handsomely.

Bro. Ewing, '81, has become quite dignified, having thrown away the Cigarette (hat) and taken up the Plug.

Bro. Sam. Workman has taken up the study of German (?) and is able to conjugate Lieben to perfection.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. S. HAYS.

Second Grand Division.

THE MU.

Fraternity circles at the O. W. U. have been very quiet the last of the term, with the exception possibly of the $\Theta \Pi$'s, who have been increasing their numbers at the rate of three per month during the whole term. The Mu broke through the quiet of the last few days and brought out a new man, Harry B. Swartz, of '85, whom we are glad to introduce to the wide circle of his new made friends as a man worthy in every respect of the confidence of $\Delta T \Delta$. During the whole term we have been doing careful, honest work for the cause of Deltaism, and we feel that we have given it no little impetus by consecrating at the altar of Mu three earnest workers for "the beautiful and the good."

As a grand chapter we have tried to do what was right and, as we thought, most beneficial for the whole Division. We wish, through the medium of the CRESCENT, to thank each chapter of the Division for its hearty co-operation and cordial sympathy. Her position was new to us and seemed beset with difficulties; but the manifest good will and prompt assistance of

each chapter have made our duties easy and ever pleasant.

It has been our desire to consolidate the Second Division and make it as good, if not better than any of the other three. To this end we have earnestly supported the idea of a Division Conference as an efficient means for drawing the chapters closer together in the bonds of "brotherly love," and establishing more intimate relations between the individual members of the several chapters. The conference, on account of its proximity, will necessarily be impromptu; but, on that very account, we trust it will be more productive of genuine fraternal regard. E.

ETA ECHOES.

AKRON, O., Dec. 21st, 1880.

The event of the term was the discovery of a very active and flourishing chapter of the $\mathbf{K K \Gamma}$ Fraternity. The organization was secret, and was intended to be kept so, in order that they might gain strength so as to cope with their older adversaries the $\Delta \Gamma$.

The "scheme" of a division conference has met with decided favor from Eta. By vote an invitation was extended to the division to hold the convention here at any time thought to be the best.

On Thanksgiving day Bro. Frank W. Carter, '78, was married to Miss Fannie Whipple, of Chagrin Falls. Bro. Carter was a very enthusiastic active member, and is one of our most deeply interested alumni. The hearty good wishes of Eta attend him in this larger fraternity that swallows up so many of our Greeks.

Bro. Frank Wheeler is reading medicine with Dr. Jacobs. Frank will make a neat little "saw bones."

Brother Victor Smith is teaching school at Marion, O. We expect "Vichy" along with the violets.

Bro. Dayton Doyle, '73, has opened a law office on Market street. "'Tis the prettiest little office that ever you did spy."

Bro. Harry Canfield is teaching school at Earlville, Ohio. "Harry, thou art mild and lovely, gentle, etc."

Bro. D. E. Twiggs has left college and returned to his home in Whipple. "Dave" was our handsome man.

Bro. Gen. T. F. Wildes is spoken of as Postmaster-General of the House.

We called on Bro. Sheels, at his law office in Cleveland, the other day, and found him "just the same as he used to be."

THE PSI.

WOOSTER, OHIO, Dec. 13th, 1881.

Dear Crescent:—The term now closing has been an active one at Wooster among the fraternities. Psi first surprised the natives with a dazzling array of Delta pins. We took our place among them, however, as na-

turally as ducks take to water, and considering our youth and circumstances are in excellent condition.

Our last man is Bro. F. S. Rice, of Youngstown, O.

On the evening after Thanksgiving, our boys, with the ladies of the K K T, were entertained at the residence of Bro. W. S. Eversole. After a most enjoyable evening we went away, feeling from the depths of our being that it had been good to be there.

Two of our Epicurean Sophs put up a brotherly job on us last Saturday evening, and brought before our astonished mouths an oyster supper complete in all its appointments. Let brotherly love continue.

Wooster has six and possibly seven fraternities. The "possible" one is $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, which has a man here supposed to be at work.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$, after a gradual decline, has given up the ghost. Five or six years ago her chapter was the strongest here and numbered twenty-four men. Four of her survivors have been received by $\Phi K \Psi$, which chapter has members also from each of the other fraternities here except ours.

But examinations are upon us and we must stop and "cram."

Most truly yours,

G. F. GORDON.

Third Grand Division.

THE IOTA.

Dear Crescent:—

"Delightful task to rear the tender thought
To teach the young idea how to shoot."

Such are, no doubt, the thoughts which are filling the minds of the majority of Iota's actives at the present moment, for the happy occupation of teaching is now engaging their attention. Brothers, you have the sympathy and best wishes of a fellow-laborer in your work.

Our college term closed Nov. 12th, and we embarked upon a three months' vacation. We left Iota's halls knowing that good work had been done within them during the past year, and hoping that the boys would return in the Spring prepared to labor with increased vigor for the "beautiful and the good."

At our last meeting Bro. Remington informed us that in one week from that time he would add another sister to our ranks. So it will probably be safe to say that the 13th of November saw Bro. R. the happiest of mortals, and no longer a dweller in the state of single blessedness. The young couple have the best wishes of brother Deltas. Bro. R. is one of Iota's stalwarts—a loyal, hard-working Delta.

October added another solid man to Iota's corps.

Bro. Milton Marble was the happy fellow, and we were pleased to see him join us. More in the future.

J. E. CULTER.

HAMBURG, M., Dec. 7th, 1880.

Fourth Grand Division.

THE LAMBDA.

GALESBURG, ILL., Dec. 17th, 1880.

Dear Crescent:—This month Lambda introduces to the fraternity three new members: Bros. J. D. Welch, L. Gard, and E. S. Root. They are prepared to join with the veterans in making "Rome howl again."

Brothers Russell and Hamilton Catlin have carried the Delta gospel into the wilds of Kansas. They propose to start a chapter among the Indians of that ulterior region. If this will not civilize the "noble red," he is surely past redemption. Both Russel and Ham were well missed while here, for that reason they are now missed all the more.

Bro. W. H. Livingston, one of Lambda's stalwarts, has gone to Creston, Iowa, where he has a position in a bank. He writes, "I am well and hard at work." We presume Will enjoys the change—of climate!

Bro. C. E. Brewster has departed to the Lone Star State, in search of better health. When last heard from, he was desirous of getting back into "God's country."

We learn that Bro. Bradford H. Snyder, of Lafayette, Ill., has entered a state of double blessedness. Bradford always was of an amorous disposition, like the rest of the Deltas.

At present our Chapter is greatly in need of a healthy opposition to develop its latent energies. Otherwise, all is propitious.

J. W. C.

THE OMICRON.

IOWA CITY, Dec. 20th, 1880.

Dear Crescent:—Omicron, $\Delta T \Delta$'s newest offspring, is in a very prosperous condition for so short an existence. Our efforts thus far have been rewarded with due success. The chapter is composed of nine members, selected with care and deliberation from the best of the University, and we expect to initiate two more solid men at the beginning of next term. For novices in fraternity work, we think we have been very fortunate in this particular. Our only opposition is in $B \Theta \Pi$, some six months older than we are, having been reorganized here last April. $\Phi K \Psi$'s was established here in 1875, but has since become defunct, and no appreciable rivalry is now apprehended from that quarter.

As yet we are not provided with a distinct chapter hall, but measures are being taken to secure one as early as possible. The alumni Deltas here are Prof. F. H. McBride, Z, '70, of the Faculty, and Mr. M. E. Rudolph, Ω , '79, of the law class. Two of our founders are with us as active members—Bro. Fairall, formerly of Γ , and Bro. Hyshum of Ξ . Bro. Whitney, also of Ξ , left soon after the chapter established, but we have the pleasure of knowing that he will be among us next year. It is the desire of Omicron that a great deal of credit should be accorded to Bro. F. C. Tate, of the Delta, for his zeal in the interest of the fraternity. It was, in great part, through his instrumentality that $\Delta T \Delta$ succeeding in securing a foothold in our University.

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