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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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## CONVENTION SONG.

Written by

JOHN R. SCOTT, A. M., (B.),

FOR THE

Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention

OF

Δ Τ Δ.

AIR—*The White Cockade.*

Another year has wheeled its round,  
And here our Delta's sons are found,  
To look with pride on her glorious past,  
And hopeful her future to forecast.

CHORUS:—Then a song, a song for the Delta  
now,  
A jubilant song for our Delta Tau!  
Our hearts beat high, while our  
voices raise  
A brave, brave song in our Delta's  
praise,

As he gladly comes from the East or West,  
In loyal heed of her high behest,  
Each Crescent Knight will dare and do  
For the Good, the Beautiful and the True.

CHORUS:—

Her borders widen from year to year;  
Her sons have the faith that knows no fear,  
And raising their song, they high display  
The glorious Purple and Silver-gray.

CHORUS:—

No matter when, or where, or how,  
Are gathered the sons of Delta Tau,  
The glance, the grasp, the tones bespeak  
That Jubilee's come when Greek meets Greek.

CHORUS:—

Oh! may our Delta's influence be  
Widespread as is humanity;  
Crescent her powers for human good  
Till earth is one great brotherhood.

CHORUS:—

ST. LOUIS, JUNE 28, 1882.

# The XXIV Annual Convention

## THE BEST OF ALL!

Twenty-Seven Chapters Represented by  
Delegates.

OVER ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-  
FIVE PRESENT—AN ENTHUSIAS-  
TIC CROWD AND A JOLLY  
BANQUET.

The morning of the twenty-third day of August, 1882, opened auspiciously for the twenty-fourth annual convention of Delta Tau Delta. During the preceding night every train entering Cleveland bore among its passengers numerous Crescent Knights wending their way to the Grand Delta encampment. They at once sought the hospitable doors of the Kennard House, the headquarters, where they were soon sleeping the sleep of the just and dreaming sweet dreams of the glorious time of good fellowship about to ensue. The next morning it seemed as if the delegates had entered into a friendly strife as to who should arise the earliest, for at any early hour the office was crowded with Deltas—in fact there was perfect jam of them—and besides they overflowed into the halls and corridors of the hotel. It was a field-day for the royal purple and silver grey, and as our eyes rested on the busy and animated scene, our hearts filled with joy at the thought that we, too, were a Delta, and we felt that our lines had fallen in pleasant places. Brother met brother with the hearty Delta grip. College friends of long years past met and talked over the memories and reminiscences of "Auld Lang Syne," when they fought for the principles which called forth the present meeting. There were lawyers and ministers present, statesmen and farmers, engineers and schoolmasters, in fact all the avocations of life were represented by men good and true. Prominent among all towered the stalwart form of our honored founder, the

Hon. J. L. N. Hunt, who could well be forgiven the proud smile with which he contemplated the assembly, for it can be truthfully said that it would be impossible to call forth a more representative body of young, vigorous and progressive American manhood. All restrictions and formality were set aside, and the brothers mingled together like friends of long standing. After several hours passed thus in getting acquainted, the boys were summoned to the hotel parlors where

### THE OPENING SESSION

was about to be held. Here the Deltas were found thicker than ever. Seats couldn't be had, and even standing room commanded a premium. But this was an advantage, as it brought the brothers in closer communion, and business was transacted with more vim and vigor.

At ten o'clock Brother W. S. Eversole, the Grand President, assumed the chair, and with a few pleasant remarks called the convention to order. Rev. B. F. Dimmick, (old Alpha) in an earnest prayer, invoked the Divine blessing to rest upon the proceedings of the convention. Bro. Eversole assumed the reins of his office with a grasp and vigor which gave proof that the preceding convention had done well in their choice of a presiding officer.

J. H. Marchand was appointed Sergeant-at-arms.

In absence of the Grand Secretary, Col. H. A. Axline, Bro. W. H. Howard (*I B*) was elected *pro tempore*.

The chair then appointed the following committees:

*On Credentials*:—E. I. Phillips (*Z B*), Summers (*Q*) and Child (*X*).

*On order of Business*:—W. S. Payne (*Θ*), Bourne (*H*) and Currier (*E*).

*On Banquet*:—Swartz (*M*), Junod (*B*) and Johnson (*Ψ*).

*On Excursion*:—Cullum (*A*), Spearman (*Υ*), Talcott (*Z*).

E. I. Phillips (*Z B*), was elected assistant secretary,

Trautwein (*P*), Hutchinson (*N*) and Hamilton (*Φ*), were appointed to telegraph sentiments of Convention to the founders of the order.

After transacting some miscellaneous business the convention adjourned until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY

Was called to order at 2:15 by the Grand President. The committee on credentials reported the chapters represented as follows:

*Alpha*—C. M. Blair and E. P. Cullum.

*Beta*—Wilbur Colvin and W. G. Junod.

*Gamma*—C. B. Reid and J. F. Marchand,

*Delta*—Chas. Williard and E. J. Ware.

*Epsilon*—W. O. Carrier.

*Zeta*—(Represented by founder.)

*Eta*—M. E. Bourne and A. E. Hyre.

*Theta*—W. S. Payne.

*Iota*—A. M. Bamber and H. W. Collingwood.

*Kappa*—S. W. Norton and Joseph Cummins.

*Lambda*—E. H. West.

*Mu*—H. B. Swartz and F. W. McGruder.

*Nu*—A. B. Camp and M. B. Hutchinson.

*Xi*—J. F. Samson.

*Pi*—R. P. Linderman and R. H. Wilbur.

*Rho*—A. P. Trautwein and J. E. Steward.

*Sigma*—W. E. Talcott.

*Tau*—F. C. Cook.

*Upsilon*—Frank Spearman and W. B. Carey.

*Phi*—R. H. Olmstead and J. H. Hamilton.

*Chi*—O. B. Harris and W. A. Child.

*Psi*—M. A. Yarnell and C. O. Johnson.

*Omega*—W. S. Summers.

*Beta Beta*—J. A. Beatty.

*Gamma Beta*—(Represented by founder.)

*Delta Beta*—Wilbur Colvin, (Proxy.)

*Epsilon Beta*—Wilbur Colvin, (Proxy.)

*Iota Beta*—A. H. Lucas and W. H. Howard.

*Zeta Beta*—B. L. McElroy and J. F. Stone.

The reading of this report was followed by the delivery of the address of welcome, by C. E. Jefferson, (*Mu*). It was delivered in a masterly and impressive manner, and does justice to the reputation which Brother Jefferson has acquired. We give it entire.

It has fallen upon me as a representative of Chapter *Mu* to bid you welcome: a rather useless task, I think, for why bid you welcome to the State of Ohio, when her gates have always stood open? Why bid you welcome to the city of Cleveland, to the city where Garfield is sleeping? Why bid you welcome, you who believe in the Crescent, as tho' you are not welcome everywhere in any city in this land, providing that city has one man who wears the purple and gray? And Cleveland has those men, and Ohio has those men, and you who come from the East and the West and the South to visit us here in our home will find it out now, if you never knew it before, that Ohio is a splendid place for Delta Taus, and that we in this State have been brought up to believe we belong to a national fraternity, to believe we belong to a conquering fraternity, to believe there is some meaning in that little word, Brother, so that no matter how often or when you come, whether to national conventions or on any other mission, we shall always be happy to greet you and have a welcoming hand for you all.

But this is not a time for talk, it is a time for business. The National Convention of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity means business. It means looking back into the past and gathering up what experience has taught us; it means looking out into the future and making preparations to conquer; it means examining our condition now and measuring our weakness and strength; it means correcting abuses, making rough places smooth and crooked paths straight, ringing out defective laws and ringing in the new, making larger plans and wiser, too, for pushing the Fraternity outward. You are the men who are to do this. You are the legislators, you are the judges, you are the wise men assembled from many States to discuss to-day's problems together and to plan and arrange for the future.

You have come for this, and you have come for something more. You have come to look into one another's faces—the only power that will bind us together. You have come to take one another's hand—and clasping hands make fraternities. Standing here to-day with hand joined to hand we know as we never knew before that our line extends half way across the continent, and feel as we never felt before the strength to span the other half.

This is a grand occasion. Looking into your faces as you have come from your distant homes, I feel myself growing in faith and grace, and strengthened in allegiance and love. I cannot talk eloquently like our older members can, but I can tell it in my plain, blunt way, *I believe in Delta Tau*. I do not know so many things as some people do, but I know I have a reason for the faith that is in me. I have not been out in the world very long, but I have been out long enough to know him—they are a part of him. I would not exchange that fraternity recollections go with a man, go with

those evening walks for all the Latin I know. I would not exchange those long talks for all my mathematics. I would not exchange those winter evenings—summers they were, shut in from the snows—where we sat and repainted the scenes of the past and stretched rainbows over the years to come—I would not exchange these winter evenings for all the sciences. I would not rub those pictures out; I would not lose their gleam and glow, I would not lose the wealth they brought—they are my education.

Education does not come from books, it comes from men. It takes a mind to lead a mind out. Association gives the only culture. The market place has made more men than the garret. Society is more than solitude. We catch the vital breath only from living lips. Our arms are weak when unsupported. Humanity never takes a step except when eye meets eye. There is no strength for right or truth except where hand clasps hand. The highest philosophy ever introduced into this world lies deep in the words, "Where two or three are assembled, there will I be in their midst."

That is the new religion. All mankind are coming together. The ancient world of strife and hate has melted, and this liquid age covered with the debris of lifeless creeds and broken barriers, and skeletons flung out on its tide by the demons of war and ruin, and wreck piled heaven high by the fierce, implacable hatred of men is rushing on and out into a fuller, wider, nobler age; on under brighter, broader, bluer skies—on to the sea of Love. Hate is king no more. We *were* strangers, we *are* brothers. Six thousand years we staggered along in different routes but we have found the road at last, and all the gods have sworn together to keep us in that road. The universe fights for brotherhood! Every invention, every discovery, every generalization, every triumph of peace, every victory of war rolls another stone away from the sepulcher of Love. Every railroad that crosses the land, every ship that ploughs the sea, every wire that burns the air, every wind that blows, every river that runs to the sea, every genius in the grotto, every spirit at the fountain, every thunderbolt of Jove, every deity of the stars, every god upon his throne fights for one and the same thing, fights for that the angels fight for—to *bring men* closer together. Every church throughout the world, every institution, every organization, every secret society, every college fraternity, every company of men bound together by mutual interests, no matter what banner or name they bear, preaches the same eternal gospel, preaches the one transcendent gospel, the gospel that will save this world, the gospel of that little word—BROTHER.

Anything is good that brings men together. Turn this old earth round and round and what spots on the surface are bright to you save those upon which you

can place your finger and say, "There lives my friend." Then let us not lose faith in the righteousness of our cause. Let us pity and pray for the ignorance of those who think us the children of Satan. We are not wholly good, it is true, but we are not wholly bad. Wrongs there are and evils there are, even under the purple and gray, but let those who stand robed in righteousness, crying unclean! unclean! remember that even tho' they are but little lower than the angels, the trail of the serpent is over us all. Take injustice from the government, take corruption from the senate, take hypocrisy from the church before you ask that fraternities be perfect in this world of imperfection.

This is an imperfect age. All the centuries are crowded into this one—no wonder there is chaos. The ends of the world have come together so rapidly—no wonder there is confusion. Science and religion stand face to face; they do not understand each other now. All the philosophies have come together; we cannot tell which is best. All the creeds have come together, and hence our skepticism. All the nations have come together; they do not know one another yet. Party strife and feud of faction circle the planet with horrid din. The very continents are so close together they almost clash with their granite shores. But the uproar shall cease, and the right shall rush from the sky. We shall not see the rising sun. We shall not stand in the heat of noon. But we can look toward the sky where the light will break. We can sing as our poet has taught us to sing—

"Crescent be our power for human good till earth is one great brotherhood."

After the delivery of the address the report of the Grand Secretary, Brother C. M. Blair, was received.

The report of the Executive Council was read by the President in absence of Brother W. L. McClurg. Both the reports show that the fraternity is experiencing a season of unexampled prosperity. The active chapters are more than ever alive to her interests, and our Alumni are manifesting an increased activity for her welfare.

Reports of chapters Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Gamma Beta, Delta Beta, Epsilon Beta, Zeta Beta, Psi, Kappa, Pi, Rho, Sigma, Upsilon and Omega were read. The reports show that all these chapters are in a flourishing condition.

The following committees were then appointed by the chair:

*On Constitutional Amendments*—Colvin (B),

Blair (*A*), Williard (*A*), Spearman (*T*), and West (*A*).

*On Initiatory Service*—Cullum (*A*), Martinez (*P*), Linderman (*H*), Marchand [*T*], Samson [*Q*].

*On Nominations*—Hutchinson [*N*], Cook [*T*] Beaty [*BB*], McGruder [*M*], Cummins, [*K*].

*On Charters*—Ware [*J*], Bamber [*I*], Child, [*X*], Cook [*T*], Camp [*N*].

*Unwritten Law*—Payne, Johnson, Wilbur [*H*]. Talcott [*Z*], Lucas [*IB*].

Convention adjourned until 10 a. m. Thursday.

#### THE LITERARY EXERCISES

were held in the dining room of the hotel, which afforded ample room for the large audience present. The assembly was called to order by the Grand President, W. S. Eversole, who in a few pleasant remarks introduced the orator of the evening, the Hon. John L. N. Hunt, of New York. Brother Hunt delivered an eloquent address, which in accordance with the wish of the convention will be printed and distributed to the fraternity. The oration was followed by the reading of Bro. H. W. Collingwood's beautiful poem, which we hope to present in our next. Brother Charles Krichbaum then entertained the audience with a few select readings, after which the proceedings were brought to an end.

#### THE SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Convention called to order at 10 a. m, by Grand President. Prayer was offered by W. S. Payne (*θ*).

The Grand Secretary, Colonel H. A. Axline, having arrived it was moved and carried that W. H. Howard (*IB*) act as Assistant Secretary.

The Chair announced the following committees:

*On Executive Council*—Yarnell (*ψ*), Jefferson (*M*), Steward (*P*), Cary (*T*) and Willard (*A*).

*On Names and Place of Holding Next Convention*.—Martinez (*P*), Reid (*T*), Bourne (*H*), Stone (*ZB*), Summers (*Q*).

*On Necrology*—Trautwein (*P*), Junod (*B*), Linderman (*H*).

Reports of Chapters Alpha, Eta, Theta, Iota, Xi, Chi, Iota Beta, Beta Beta and Nu were received.

Profs. Study and Eversole presented matters in regard to Chapters Beta Beta and Chi, and on motion business was suspended to act upon the matters presented by them.

The report of the CRESCENT was read by the Business Manager, E. P. Cullum, from which we learn that the subscription list at the end of the year numbered 560, an increase of 180 over the preceding year. Although \$150 was spent in improvements to the CRESCENT yet Bro. Cullum reported that a cash balance of \$50.56 awaited the action of the Fraternity.

Reports of Catalogue, Song Book, Seal, Colors and Initiatory Committees received.

On motion report of the CRESCENT was adopted and the CRESCENT placed in the hands of the Alpha for the ensuing year.

On motion report of the Catalogue Committee adopted and committee continued.

On motion report of Song Book Committee adopted and committee continued.

On motion report of Colors Committee adopted and chapter Rho was continued to provide fraternity colors.

After reports of various committees were received, convention adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY.

Convention was called to order by Grand President at 2:30.

A telegram of congratulations was received from Eugene Tarr.

Report of Committee on Constitutional Amendments was received.

The following motion was then adopted:

It shall be the sense of this fraternity to initiate none but those in college classes proper, where there are no opposing fraternities established; and where serious opposition exists none lower than senior preparatory students.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to provide for the codification of the Constitution,

with all its amendments, since 1879. Committee: W. L. McClurg, Jay J. Reed and James Lane Allen, all residents of Chicago.

Dr. Hughes, of Jefferson Alpha, was introduced and pleasantly addressed the convention.

On motion convention adjourned to meet Friday at 10 a. m.

#### THE BANQUET.

A Delta banquet! What Delta's heart does not beat quicker at the very thought! What visions of delight flit across our minds! How we long for and anxiously await the delightful occasion! And the twenty-fourth was not one whit behind its predecessor. Nay, we are under conviction that it far excelled them all. At 10 o'clock Thursday evening the Kennard dining hall was filled with a crowd of over ninety jolly, enthusiastic Deltas, congratulating themselves that the convention had proved a glorious success, and with ardent anticipation of enjoying a banquet, which should be a fitting finale to the exercises. And not a man was disappointed.

Colonel H. A. Axline was chosen Magister Epularum and in a few graceful sentences commanded the feast to begin. It were a useless task to attempt a description of the scene or recount the innumerable jokes and stories told. The courses were interspersed with college and fraternity songs, sung with the true spirit of college men. The Alpha boys, who were seated together, especially distinguished themselves in this regard and made the hall resound with their hearty college refrains.

Thus in jest and song pleasantly passed the time until the inner man was fully satisfied and each one leaned back with a feeling of satisfaction under his vest.

The President of the evening, Col. H. A. Axline, then called the delegates to order, saying: "I have the honor to introduce to you one of the old Deltas, a Delta of twenty years standing, and one who has ever labored zealously for the good of our fraternity, Brother W. J. Eversole, of Wooster, Ohio." [Applause.] Bro.

Eversole on responding to the toast, "The Twenty-fourth Convention," said:

This convention is a great success; I am pleased to see so many faces before me. Twelve years ago I attended a convention of the fraternity in the city of Cleveland. I cannot but help contrast the number in this convention with the former one. I was then one-fifth of the entire number present. We had not announced it, for we did not think there would be a large turn-out. Brother Day, who is with us to-night, was there. We did not have far to come to get together, we all lived very near. Now the Deltas come to us from all over the land. We have now before us at this table ninety men of whom we might be proud. I am not disappointed as I look at them, they are men we like to meet. It is a gratification to the old members to come here and see the interest taken in the Fraternity. We trust in the active members—you are to bear our banner in the colleges before you are sent to bear it in the world. Other and older fraternities boast of their celebrated alumni and we shall soon do the same. Ours will soon be famous at the bar, in the pulpit and on the field. Then let us work for the Beautiful and True and the Good and seek to extend the borders of Delta Tau Delta. We trust that in coming here we have done some good for Delta Tau Delta. [Applause.]

The next toast on the list was "THE CRESCENT," which was ably responded to by Bro. Cullum. We are glad to give the whole of the address. Bro. Cullum spoke as follows:

It has always been the happy lot of Alpha to have one of her staff chosen to respond to this toast, and you may think perhaps that apologies are in order from one so intimately connected with the paper; but I am moved by very different feelings. To me it is a pleasure to speak on this subject, and if I may do honor to a theme which I have fondled and labored for so willingly. Yes, I love our dear old CRESCENT, for it is not mine nor yours but ours, therefore let me praise it because it belongs to us all. At Allegheny I am styled the Fraternity or CRESCENT crank, a name of which I am proud, and probably given to me because I have aided monthly in grinding it out.

Do you all know and appreciate the work our journal has done for us and what a power it exerts? Have you all followed it in its course and noted what gigantic advancements it has made? Go back with me in memory to the year 1877, the 15th day of September, and stamp it in golden letters, for it was the birthday of our good old CRESCENT; all honor and praise to our loyal brothers Buchanan and Weems, names which should be handed down to our posterity. At this time our CRESCENT was as precious and loved a babe as e'er was born; but look

at her unformed and expressionless face. Poor paper, unattractive; filled with matter foreign to our brotherhood, struggling to exist with a support of about 200 followers. October, 1878, finds our babe in a different cradle, with McClurg's foot on the rocker, soon superseded by Mitchell; a handsome cut adorns the front, the general make-up is superior. October, 1879, brings a change to our child's face. It wears a more ruddy and healthier hue; she is no longer a burden but becomes self-supporting, a fact unheard of before in the fraternity journal line. But Locke was there and Sol. Chryst was the Business Manager. October, 1880, greets our child dressed in a frock of blue, trotted upon Richmond's fatherly knee, and Gill made famous by clearing expenses and handing \$100 to the Pittsburg convention. October, 1881, views our pride now full grown, decked in our royal purple and silver gray, the 200 followers of 1877 have increased to 600 (holding up a copy of volume V), she speaks for herself.

And what would I predict for the future—a handsome, beautiful queen, the Venus of all fraternity organs, and thousands of subjects will bow before her and greet her as she makes her monthly visits, and thus will she go on increasing her dominion and strengthening herself in intellectual beauty until all do homage to her power and majesty.

I honestly believe our fraternity could not live without the CRESCENT, they are husband and wife for time and eternity. She binds our distant chapters together, she gladdens the smouldering fraternity love of brothers in far and distant lands. She links the alumni to their classmates and their *alma mater*. The great world is there spread before us as a map, the vital exponent of our order. A grand end is her ideal—a labor for the beautiful and the good. Do not you all love the CRESCENT, don't you love to pore over her pages in hours of loneliness? Do you not love to work for its improvement and for its interests? How can a brother do without it? And yet there are brothers who know not the influence of its soft and mellow light. But if they toil not we must bear the double burden. Yes, brothers, we *must* support it, we *must* work for it, the future of our brotherhood depends upon our endeavors, mental and financial aid are requisite. If you have but one dollar in the world, spend it wisely, hand your name to the business manager to-night; if you would do a noble, generous act, subscribe for a Delta friend who you know can but illy afford even this expense. A Delta home is not complete without it. To me it is a sacred book, and I think we all can learn lessons from its pages which will be the mainsprings to a life of rectitude and duty.

Brother Deltas, I adjure you to guard your organ as sacred, revere it as do the heathen Brahmins their wooden idols. It *is* sacred. It is a legacy which is to be handed down to posterity, guard and make it a precious one. It is vitally joined with our brotherhood,

and its success or failure will affect it directly. Give it your financial and intellectual aid.

Let each of us send just *one* letter, a reminiscence, a word of encouragement, a few lines each year; give its welfare ever a prominent place in our memories, and contribute *something*. If we could but crystalize and petrify all the good wishes and promises which are so kindly offered, we would indeed have a grand foundation, a solid rock for its future. But carry out your good resolutions concerning it, do not let them wither and fall as blighted fruit, but rather harvest them in their fruition. Then shall you see our CRESCENT ascending from the horizon, paling in its course all rival planets with its superior brilliancy and increasing power, until it attains the very zenith of the fraternity firmament.

The Chairman then gave the toast of "Grand Old Alpha" to Chas. E. Richmond, who immediately doffed his white plug and said:

WORTHY TOAST MASTER AND BROTHER DELTAS: I am sorry that it has fallen to me to uphold the reputation of the Alpha this evening, for I have heard this toast replied to many times and on many different occasions and never yet have I seen nor heard the man that could do it justice. However, brothers, there is inspiration in the subject, and could I only speak to you unfettered by the thought that I myself am a member of Alpha, and that whatever I would say would seem biased, because I am one of its component parts, I could talk to you till daylight about "Grand Old Alpha"—her past history filled with struggles for supremacy, of present crowned with the victories of twenty years.

The present Alpha was born in days of trouble, when the very earth shook with thunders of cannon and the tread of marching armies. The charter members were nine in number and what better can I say of them than the fact that every one of them laid aside their books, shouldered muskets and went to the front. Of these nine men we only know one, Captain Robert G. Heiner of the regular army, the remainder have passed into the depths of the "unknown;" but as America reverences her Revolutionary patriots so Alpha reverences these her charter heroes, now covered by the shroud of mystery. Some of them doubtless found graves on Southern battlefields and at night the Crescent in the sky sheds a sad and silvery light o'er their graves and with a melancholy radiance looks it down o'er the spots where our brothers fell fighting for liberty. So the Alpha was born, as it were, in the midst of battle. As Minerva sprang full armed from the head of Jupiter so our chapter arose amid the discord of the civil war and Bro. E. M. Williams, like a modern Æneas, with Bro. Cooper as his *fidus Achates*, bore the Anchises of our chapter's existence safely into the peaceful days that followed. We had a hard fight for existence, our ene-

mies in derision called us "Choctaws;" but never did Indian border tremble more at the wild war whoop of the "red man of the forest" than did these, our early enemies, when the "Choctaws" dug up the "tommyhawk and scalping knife" and went on the war path. 'Tis written in our early records in letters of blood (or red ink—I can't tell which) that it was "WAR TO THE KNIFE," and war to the knife it was.

Of the Alpha of to-day it is not for me to say, because I have been an active member for five years back and all that I can do is to extend to you a cordial invitation to come and see for yourselves. Our latch string is always out and I can guarantee that you will always find there a frater's welcome—warm hands to give you the Delta grip, warm hearts for yours and the fraternity's welfare and heads that have grown as white as my own in the "Labor for the Beautiful and Good."

Bro. W. M. Day, of Mu, responded for "Our Alumni" in these words:

MR. TOAST MASTER AND BROTHERS: The Delta Alumnus of late years has come to be a very numerous personage. There are 2,500 of him. About 700 of him practice at the bar—the legal bar. [Laughter.] Every Sunday he fills some 500 pulpits. Probably 50 of him are engaged in newspaper work—and starving at it. [Laughter.] In all places of usefulness and influence you will find him doing the work of life, engaged not simply in bread-winning, honorable in itself indeed, but also in positions of trust and power in society and in the councils of the nation.

There comes a time, Mr. Chairman, in the history of every alumnus, I believe, when, in the sterner duties of life, he is tempted to lose interest in his Fraternity. There is no better antidote for this feeling than to attend one of these annual conventions. I have attended five or six—was one of the five composing the convention of 1870, spoken of by Prof. Eversole—and I confess that if a convention is anywhere within a hundred miles of me I can't resist the temptation to attend.

Of the representative members of the alumni I need not speak. I need but mention a Hunt [applause], an Eversole [applause], an Axline [applause], a Study [applause], a Brown, a Townsend, a McColleston to tell the story. And the ranks of these alumni are yearly being increased by some of the best talent of the country—such intelligent, jovial faces as I see before me. There is in this much of encouragement for the future of the order, and the time may come when some system of beneficiary insurance, such as is enjoyed by other orders, may serve to draw both active and alumni members into still closer bonds of union. For one I want to see this union strengthened and the Fraternity grow into still greater spheres of usefulness. As alumni we say to you, "Go in, boys," and I believe you will go in. The Fraternity is bound to extend, I have a little boy

at home [applause], and I expect to train him up in the principles of Deltaism. [Applause.] You may book him for the catalogue of 1894. [Laughter.]

I will not, however, weary you. My heart is full of a subject upon which a great deal could be said; I can only close by expressing my appreciation of the honor I feel it to be to speak for so large and influential a body of men as the Delta Tau Delta alumni.

The Magister Epularum then said: "I have now the great pleasure of introducing to you one of the founders, one of the *original* founders of our fraternity, who has seen it grow to its present size, Hon. John L. N. Hunt, of New York City. [Great applause.] Brother Hunt then spoke as follows:

In the matter of responding to this toast I am somewhat like the fellow whose pastor asked him if he was not a Christian. He replied, "Well, I guess I am, but I have not worked at it much, lately." I have not worked at it much, lately. [Laughter.] I have never heard the name Delta used so often as since I came here. It reminds me of the story of the old woman who passed by the school house as the class in Greek were saying the alphabet—alpha, beta, gamma, delta—and who thought they said "Alfred bate her, damn her, catch her, pelt her." [Laughter.] I am too full for utterance. I am called on to answer to the toast of a founder, but I will be confounded if I can respond. [Groans and cries of Horrible.] I will go on if you are not dumbfounded. As I am greeted by so many faces here to-night, I might tell you something of the founding of the fraternity if you were all blind; I could then draw on my imagination. I could then tell you that the fraternity was founded in the Silurian epoch, but you can see that I am not very old and that prevents me from going back to the time when the ichthyosaurus disported himself on these shores. You might think that I am the ichthyosaurus myself. My form is not like that of the Boston girl when she goes into bathe, and as she trips down the sands and shows her pretty red stockings the men on the bank all observe that it is a mighty pretty bit of red scenery. But after a big wave catches her and whirls her over two or three times and she takes a wallop in the sand, with her nose for a plow and her under lip for a mud scraper, she looks fit for an ichthyosaurus or a gasteropod, or anything else. [Laughter.] Then I might come down two or three million years and say the fraternity was founded at the age of man and that Adam was the first Delta and Eve the second; but it would not be true. But let me say that the principles upon which Delta Tau Delta rests are older than the time of Adam. [Applause.] But I will come down to facts. I saw the chapter born; I was not the midwife, but I was there when it was

brought forth. It was not born in sin or conceived in iniquity, but was born of a hatred of sin and a hatred of iniquity.

The spirit that moved us was the desire to place our feet upon the form and body of despotism. We were no cowards and we wrote our autographs full on the brows of our opponents. We fought for our fraternity and the old tradition of our struggle still lives in our *alma mater*. It was given to me to select a name for the fraternity; I took the letters from a Greek phrase. The first object of the society was to award honors justly in the college. Afterwards the war broke up the society for a time, but other chapters had been established which grew and flourished. Earl, of South Carolina, drafted the outline of the pin with its symbols, as it is now. When I went to New York, in 1876, I lost sight of the fraternity but woke up at last one morning to find myself famous. In the words of the old poet, "Si mi apud lyricos, sublime capite." You have a right to be proud of the old members for they worked for the privileges you now enjoy—I thank God that I was one to aid in founding Delta Tau Delta.

The Master of Ceremonies then introduced Bro. J. N. Study, of Mu, who spoke in reply to the sentiment, "Indiana Deltas." *Wesleyan*

BROTHER DELTAS: Though I was born a Hoosier, a band of circumstances carried me to the Ohio University to finish my college course. I was very fortunate, for I there became a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. I am in every sense a Fraternity man. I believe in fraternities and in Delta Tau Delta in particular. [Applause.] I am proud to notice and observe the indications of the growth of our Fraternity and the growth of its worthy organ, the CRESCENT. [Applause.] Only a very short time ago at my residence I met one of the ladies who had been one of the editors of the Golden Key, the oracle of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity. She said that of all the exchanges she preferred the CRESCENT, that they had all the fraternity papers and the CRESCENT was the finest and brightest of them all. [Applause.] Of all the blessed memories that encircle and crown my college days my mind turns always to the hours spent with my fraternity. My heart goes out like the rush of mighty waters as I grasp the hand of a brother. Other and older fraternities are prone to boast of their celebrated members. Although young in years we have among us many whom I am proud to name. Witness such men as Browne, Orth, Bloss, Evans, Wildman and a host of others, all noted as lawyers, ministers and learned men; but I am proudest of our active members. [Applause.] If they continue as they now are the ribbon of royal purple and silver-gray will be received everywhere as the emblem of moral worth, true, beautiful and good. [Applause.] Indianapolis will soon be proposed as the place for holding the next con-

vention. The best way for you to ascertain whether our brothers in that city are alive or not is to come to the next convention and see for yourselves.

The next toast, "The Past and Future of the Fraternity," was assigned to Bro. West, of Lambda, who responded with an able and eloquent review of the progress of *A. T. J.* We regret our inability to give the reply.

The next toast of the evening was the sentiment "Our Sister Fraternities." To the response given by Bro. Trautwein we desire to call the especial attention of the CRESCENT editorial staff. We give it our unqualified endorsement. Bro. Trautwein spoke in these words:

MR. PRESIDENT, GENTLEMEN, BROTHERS:

I rise with mingled feelings of diffidence and pleasure in response to the sentiment which has just been proposed; with diffidence, because of a feeling that I am unable to do justice to the task and with pleasure because it is a sentiment which I can heartily and fully endorse.

When, several years ago, the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity met in convention with its Hamilton chapter, this same toast, "*To Our Sister Fraternities*," was one of the features of the post prandial exercises of the occasion and I well remember the pleasant impression which this thoughtful action then produced upon my mind; it was, to my knowledge, the first instance that one fraternity took advantage of so public and appropriate an occasion to extend a friendly greeting to its rivals; and the high regard which I then formed for that fraternity has, I am happy to say, been amply borne out by all that I have subsequently learnt. I have dwelt upon this incident with peculiar emphasis and pleasure, because my observations had led me to believe that college fraternities, as a rule, regarded one another with but little favor, and those of you whose undergraduate experience dates back several years, will doubtlessly recall numerous instances in which this antagonism found an open and repulsive expression. The spirit of the times, the natural progress of things and thought have since then wrought a welcome change; the leading college fraternities of to-day have happily emancipated themselves from much of the intolerance and prejudice of former years.

Delta Tau Delta has always claimed a place among the liberal and progressive college fraternities. I was very much pleased, therefore, with the action of our Pittsburg convention which, in the very beginning of its deliberations, unanimously resolved to extend its friendly greeting to the Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi fraternities then in session at Chautauqua Lake; and many of you, no doubt, will remember with

sincere pleasure how the response: "You have the best wishes of Phi Gamma Delta," flashed over the wires. In justice to Phi Kappa Psi it is but fair to say that, owing to an unfortunate delay our message was received too late to elicit a formal reply.

The official journals of the several fraternities may fairly be regarded as indicating the policy and principles which govern them in their intercourse with their rivals. I have always been pleased with the manner in which our CRESCENT has acquitted itself in this respect, and I may say, without fear of contradiction, that in its editorial utterances it has generally preserved a dignified and courteous bearing toward our sister fraternities. I could not, it is true, invariably indorse the letters of individual chapter secretaries; but while I cannot admire the taste displayed in permitting certain passages to appear in print, I really feel that our CRESCENT cannot justly be held responsible for the opinions of some of its more inexperienced correspondents. I am assured, however, that henceforth the CRESCENT will follow the very wise and proper plan of purging its communications of any passages not strictly in accordance with the broad and liberal principles and peaceful policy of Delta Tau Delta. Of course, occasional differences between individual chapters will probably ever continue to arise, so long at least as human nature does not undergo a most radical change: these cease generally with the advent of a new college generation, and, indeed, are rapidly buried in the memory even of those who took a most prominent part; the great impropriety of permanently recording them in the pages of the fraternity journal is too evident to require any comment.

While I thus advocate peace and harmony throughout the fraternity system, I am not blind to the benefits which result from competition and I believe, indeed, that a little friendly rivalry is as pleasant as it is necessary and wholesome. You will doubtlessly have observed that college faculties, in their wisdom, invariably foster at least two, generally more, literary societies, when provision is made for them at all, with a view, no doubt, of calling into action this same vital principle of competition with all of its attending benefits.

With our sister fraternities, the past year, so far as the limited means at my command will enable me to judge, has been one of unusual prosperity. Some few have met with reverses from which, however, they speedily recovered, and thus on the whole the year has been one of decided progress, and well may we rejoice at their success; every year thus passed adds strength, respectability and permanency to an institution of which the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity is but a small component part. I need hardly, I presume, assure you, as intelligent fraternity men that all of our modern college fraternities, though differing widely in their methods, are organized with essentially the same ends in view: the same great principles, without which they never could

have so successfully withstood the severe test of time, are common to them all.

Our relations with those of our sister fraternities with whom we come in contact have generally been pleasant during the past year. We have received the recognition which is due to us as a well established fraternity. We were made, it is true, the subject of a few injudicious attacks, but these were more than offset by the many courtesies which we received at the hands of those who know us best.

And while I thus plead for a good fellowship between our own and our sister fraternities, it would be highly inconsistent with my argument not to desire to see the same sentiment carried into our every-day intercourse as individual fraternity men. Indeed, I shall always hope to see the Deltas at our colleges form their friendships beyond the somewhat narrow limits of our own fraternity; while we endeavor to recruit our membership from the best element which our colleges afford, we cannot hope to secure the only men who possess the high requirements which we insist upon as being necessary to entitle them to recognition as our friends. In short, I trust that intolerance and clanishness, the two great faults to which fraternities are liable, may never be characteristic of Delta Tau Delta, and it will pass without argument when I say that wherever we meet our sister fraternities and those who for some reason are not members of any fraternity, in the proper liberal spirit, wherever we place no artificial restraint upon our intercourse with those whose qualities of heart and mind make them congenial as friends, just there will our fraternity command the greatest popularity, the greatest respect. And in this effort, I feel sure, we are fully seconded by all fraternities with wholesome aspirations.

In conclusion permit me to express my sincere desire that this sentiment: "To Our Sister Fraternities" may ever remain a recognized feature of Delta Tau Delta's reunions.

"The last sentiment of the evening was "The Delta Ladies," the response to which was made by Bro. J.C. Talcott, [Σ]. The reply was brief but abounded in wit and humor.

The proceedings of the evening were brought to an end by the execution of the "Grand Choc-taw Walk-around," headed by Alpha's Choc-taws, to whom its mazes were familiar, and who were well fitted to lead their brother warriors through its intricate ways. With three cheers for the CRESCENT, the Convention, and the Fraternity, the brothers separated till the morning.

The following letters were read at the con-

vention, and are here reproduced as indicating the kindly feelings of our pioneers to their old Fraternity:

FOXHALL, PHILADELPHIA, August 21, 1882.

To the Delta Tau Deltas in Convention,

DEAR FRIENDS AND BROTHERS: I regret exceedingly my inability to meet with you, my professional engagements preventing. My heart is with you and will be with you during your deliberations. Let me beg of you to never let the good old Fraternity go down. I worked for her in times past and would do so again if I could. I hope to live long enough to hear that we have a chapter in every good institution in the land. With my best wishes for all the brethren, I am

Yours in the bonds of  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,

WILLIAM H. KIRK, M. D., Jefferson, '63.

The following is an extract from a letter from Robert S. Robb, Jefferson, '64, of Pittsburgh, Pa.:

\* \* \* It affords me much pleasure to acknowledge the very elegantly executed card of invitation, which I received some days ago, to attend the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Fraternity. If possible I shall attend; if, however, any unforeseen business engagement should prevent, please say to the "boys" that I am still with you and may the institution "long live and prosper." Thanking you for your kind attention and awaiting the appearance of the catalogue, I remain

Yours, very truly, in the bonds of Delta Tau Delta,  
ROBERT S. ROBB.

J. Russell Thornton, of Brownsville, Pa., one of the oldest of Deltas and the founder of two chapters, wrote thus:

Many thanks for the very pretty invitation. I am sorry to think that my business arrangements are such that I fear now I shall not be able to attend our convention, but be assured my heart is with you for the success of Delta Tau Delta.

Letters, similar in character, were also read from Dr. Robert Robinson, Jefferson, '61, of East Brady, Pa.; Dr. William S. Foster, Jefferson, '61, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and several others.

#### THE FOLLOWING WILL EXPLAIN ITSELF:

FARGO, D. T., July 29, 1882.

MY DEAR RICHMOND: I enclose you a P. O. order for \$3.00, it is for subscription for the CRESCENT. Please pass it to the proper channel. I send it to you, as I presume the other boys are out of town by this time. I hope you are still one of the boys, fighting up the hill. I see by the CRESCENT a grand time may be expected at Cleveland; I would give a great deal to be there. I

don't think I can come. The distance is nothing, and were it ten times as far would not for a moment deter me, but business compels me to be here. I have 500 acres of grain that I must harvest just at that time and I will be required here to look after things. Great Caesar, what would I give to be there! Tell all the boys that, although far in the West, I rejoice with them. I hope to see the Crescent banner triumphantly wave from all Western colleges. By the way, this reminds me—I see J. L. N. Hunt will be there. Get him to explain what the stars on our pin mean. He can probably do it better than any one. Wishing you all a joyful time,

I am, as ever, your friend,

BUCHANAN.

#### THE CLOSING SESSION

was held Friday, August 25th. Convention was called to order by Grand President.

Report of committee appointed to audit CRESCENT account accepted.

Committee on Nominations reported the names of Prof. J. N. Study, [*M*], and Thos. Hardcastle [*H*], for Executive Council, and recommended their election. On motion the report was adopted.

Committee on Necrology reported.

Committee on Time and Place of the next convention reported, recommending Indianapolis as the place, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 24, 25 and 26, as the time. Report was accepted.

The following officers for the next convention were elected:

Grand President—Prof. E. G. Walker, [*I B*].  
Grand Vice-President—Prof. J. H. Grove, [*M*]  
Delaware, O.; Grand Secretary—Prof. J. N. Study, [*M*] Greencastle, Ind.; Grand Corresponding Secretary—W. B. Best, [*A*] Meadville, Pa.; Grand Treasurer—Frank Koester, [*A*] Meadville, Pa.; Orator—Hon. Chas. Townsend, [*B*] Athens, O.; Alternate Orator—Hon. G. S. Orth, Washington, D. C.; Poet—Will Carlton (*K*), Boston, Mass. Alternate—C. M. Snyder (*A*); Song Writer—A. J. Culp (*S*), Toronto, O. Alternate—H. W. Collingwood (*I*), Lansing, Mich.

Report of Grand Treasurer then read by Bro. E. E. Blair.

Bros. Martinez, Swartz and Wilbur appointed to audit Treasurer's report.

A vote of thanks was tendered Chapter Mu for her services in making arrangements for convention.

A vote of thanks was tendered Banquet Committee.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Hunt for his oration, and that he be requested to prepare manuscript copy for publication in pamphlet form.

On motion a vote of thanks was given the officers of the convention for their services.

On motion it was ordered that the balance in hands of CRESCENT treasurer be turned over to Grand Treasurer.

On motion a committee of three alumni were appointed, who should endeavor to have all the founders of the fraternity at the next convention.

On motion it was decided to incorporate the Fraternity under the laws of Pennsylvania, or of such State as the Alpha may decide.

A vote of thanks was tendered the CRESCENT corps for management during the year.

The minutes of convention were then read and adopted as a whole.

Convention adjourned *sine die* at 1:45 p. m. Friday, August 25, 1882.

W. S. EVERSOLE, Grand President.

Attest: W. H. HOWARD, Assistant Grand Sec'y.

#### CONVENTION NOTES.

It was beyond all doubt the best convention for business which Delta Tau Delta has thus far held.

The eastern chapters were all represented by full delegations, including some who came as "high privates."

As showing the enormous progress which Delta Tau Delta has made of late years, it may be stated that just ten years ago, when the fraternity met in convention at Cleveland, Bro. Eversole constituted just one-fifth of the entire convention.

Prof. Eversole in everybody's estimation was very successful as President of the convention. He gave his entire, undivided attention to his duties and thus contributed not a little to the

success of the convention; he certainly merits the sincere thanks of the fraternity.

Bro. Howard made an excellent Recording Secretary. His knowledge of stenography did not permit the large volume of business transacted to run ahead of him for a moment.

The convention was noticed in a very satisfactory manner by all of the local papers, particularly the Cleveland *Plaindealer*, the *Leader* and the *Herald*; all had full and accurate accounts.

The fraternity is under obligations to the Delta brethren throughout the country, who as editors of journals so kindly noticed the convention and the fraternity; especially to Bro. Wilson M. Day, of the Akron, O., *Beacon*; James E. Locke, of the Buffalo *Daily Courier*; Frank M. Ritzel, of the Warren, O., *Chronicle*, and W. J. Hastings, of the Athens, O., *Messenger*.

Some elegant and costly pins could be seen at the convention.

Bro. Hunt, one of our honored founders, was present and was evidently pleased to see so large and representative gathering of "his boys."

The Deltas of Warren, having a little convention of their own, sent telegraphic greetings which elicited a hearty applause.

Bro. J. L. Hunt's oration at the literary exercises, on the "Permanency of Good," was a masterly effort and was highly appreciated by an attentive audience. It is hoped that, in accordance with the resolution of the convention, Bro. Hunt will consent to prepare his manuscript for preservation in more permanent shape.

The conference of the First Grand Division resulted in the appointment of the Tau as the Grand Chapter for this year.

Delta Tau Delta has put herself on record as endorsing the spirit of the times by her toast at the banquet, "To Our Sister Fraternities."

The Committee on Necrology was a commendable innovation which it is hoped will be maintained by future conventions.

The Catalogue Committee succeeded during the convention in enlisting the intelligent co-

operation of a large number of undergraduates, who, owing to a want of proper instructions, have been unable, though very willing, to contribute to the work to good advantage. It feels greatly indebted to Bros. Dr. H. P. Hugus, Rev. B. F. Dimmick, Prof. Justin N. Study, Wilson M. Day, Col. H. A. Axline, C. A. Ensign and others for their good offices in supplementing and revising their respective chapter lists.

The fraternity is under great obligations to Bros. H. W. Collingwood, of Iota, and C. Krichbaum, of Psi, for their volunteer services at the literary exercises.

Ninety-eight Deltas were registered in the address book, but there were many others who inadvertently neglected to enroll their names.

Indianapolis is a good place for the next convention, for it is the home of a host of Deltas, who will handsomely provide for all visitors.

Many little knots of eager listeners could be seen clustered about our older members during the recesses of the convention when they related their Delta experiences and the doings of the "boys of old."

Can any fraternity of but twenty-four years standing show so large and representative an attendance at its annual convention?

Of the eastern chapters, the Pi, of Lehigh University, had the largest representation, four of the eight undergraduates being present.

The old boys of the Ohio University turned out in good style; there never were more enthusiastic Deltas than they.

The fraternity could not have made a wiser choice than when it elected Prof. Justin N. Study, of the Mu, '72, a member of the Executive Council; he has always taken a prominent part in the councils of Delta Tau Delta and is the founder of several chapters, among others of the Beta Beta.

Many old acquaintanceships were renewed and many new friendships formed, at Cleveland.

The chapter reports were very full and showed a vast improvement over those of previous years.

The committee work was especially efficient.

The facilities of the Kennard House were taxed as they had not been for some time.

Among the first acts of this convention, like its predecessor, was to telegraph its fraternal greetings to our honored founders.

In his convention poem Prof. John R. Scott has contributed another product of his muse which will prove among the most popular of our fraternity.

The reports of the Color and Vignette Committees each showed a handsome surplus as the result of their business transactions.

The report of the Catalogue Committee was very full and showed a most satisfactory progress. The manuscript lists of the several chapters were eagerly examined by many as indicating the scope of the proposed catalogue.

Dr. Hiram P. Hugus, of Ravenna, O., one of the oldest of Deltas, was there with his old square pin, which he has now worn continuously for twenty-one years and with which he said he would not part for fifty dollars.

No one was more enthusiastic than Rev. B. F. Dimmick, of Oxford, O., for several years the General Secretary of the fraternity and the delegate to many conventions.

Bros. Drs. W. H. Kirk, of Philadelphia, and Robert Robinson, of East Brady, Pa., both of Jefferson Alpha, '62, had hoped to be able to greet the fraternity in convention, but professional engagements of a most urgent nature prevented their presence; they very thoughtfully, however, sent letters expressive of their regret and bearing the kindest sentiments and good wishes for their good old fraternity, whose destinies they at one time so successfully shaped.

Bros. McClurg and Bruck, of the Executive Council, whom business engagements detained at home, were greatly missed.

We were in hopes of meeting Bros. Robert S. Robb, of Pittsburg, Jefferson Alpha, '64, and Russell Thornton, of Brownsville, Pa., old Gamma, '61; letters of regret, however pleasant, could not supply the places which they would

have occupied at the Delta convention.

Bro. William Kent, of Pittsburg, Rho, '76, divided his vacation between the Delta convention and the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Montreal.

The martial form of Colonel Axline, Assistant Adjutant General of Ohio, could not but add weight and dignity to the convention.

No one showed greater interest and took a more prominent part in the convention than Prof. Study, of Greencastle, Ind., who came as the guardian of Beta Beta.

Bro. W. T. Goodnow, of Pi, whose happy ending, under somewhat perplexing circumstances, of his speech at the Pittsburg convention, is still in fresh remembrance, came all the way from Kansas just in time to miss the convention.

The three Talcotts, of Sigma, of Jefferson, O., all royal good Deltas, were there.

Bro. C. E. Jefferson, of Mu, '82, delivered a most effective address of welcome, which at once made all the delegates feel thoroughly at home.

The sudden serious illness of Bro. E. C. Beach, of the Mu, who was Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements on behalf of the Mu, somewhat interfered with the preparations, but Bros. Swartz and Magruder succeeded in mending the affairs in good time.

Bro. Trautwein in his most excellent response to "Our Sister Fraternities," spoke of the *A Δ Φ* as the largest and most respectable fraternity in the land. A rare combination of excellencies.

Bro. W. B. Best made an acceptable choirister and led the choir (?) at the end of the table in good style.

Everybody wants the CRESCENT and stood up to the Business Man's shrewd suggestion. How many of us have forgotten that we pledged ourselves to support the organ for one year?

Bro. Hunt's Greek "dammer, ketcher, pelter," and the story of the Bostonian somehow caught the boys.

Our G. S. A. was detained by official duties and presented himself at the fourth course. Sin-

gularly enough he had no explanation for the blonde hair on his shoulder.

Among the many good things Founder Hunt told us was his experience as a committee of one. We, who were fortunate enough to hear him, will never forget the intensely interesting history he told. It is a very pertinent question he asks of the 600 children of *Δ T Δ* to-day. "Has it the blood it had in 1859?"

We wound up with the irrepressible "walk around," led by attenuated Wann, ex-G. S. A., spreading enthusiasm and storing up good cheer and courage for another year's campaign. It is a tradition that the "walk around" and its accompanying howl, probably found birth in the savage recesses of the Choctaw wigwam. Let's hold on to it.

While Major Armstrong was looking over the register at the Kennard House while the Delta Tau Delta convention was in session on Thursday, his eye suddenly caught sight of the mystic letters "D. T. D." following so many names. He glanced hurriedly about the room, and then started for his office, and sent his reporter to inquire why so many Democrats were stopping at the Kennard House. The reporter soon returned, saying there were no more Democrats than usual. "Why, you must be mistaken," said the Major, "for nearly every name on the register has D. T. D.—'D.—n the Dutch,' after it. They must be Democrats."—*Cleveland Leader*, Aug. 26th.

#### THE REGISTER.

The following is a partial list of those who were in attendance at the convention. The list is incomplete, there being at least twenty-five others who failed to register or whose names we were unable to obtain.

#### ALPHA.

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|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 1. F. M. Ritzel,      | - - - | Warren, O.        |
| 2. E. P. Cullum,      | - - - | Meadville, Pa.    |
| 3. C. M. Blair,       | - - - | Aurora, O.        |
| 4. Charles E. Locke,  | - - - | Mineral Ridge, O. |
| 5. John L. Locke,     | - - - | Youngstown, O.    |
| 6. Ernest E. Baldwin, | - - - | Canton, O.        |

7. W. B. Best, - - - Meadville, Pa.
8. Frank Barr, - - - Derrick City, Pa.
9. Judd A. Wann, - - - Deerfield, O.
10. E. E. Blair, - - - Aurora, O.
11. Frank J. Nash, - - - North East, Pa.
12. Lewis Walker, - - - Meadville, Pa.
13. Gil. A. Nodine, - - - Meadville, Pa.
14. H. M. Richmond, - - - Meadville, Pa.
15. V. M. Delamater, - - - Meadville, Pa.
16. H. C. Flood, - - - Oil City, Pa.
17. W. J. Hoover, - - - Bradford, Pa.
18. C. E. Richmond, - - - Meadville, Pa.
19. W. A. Jackson, - - - Canton, O.
20. D. A. Gill, - - - Meadville, Pa.
21. H. D. Patterson, - - - Cleveland, O.
22. Dr. F. O. Nodine, - - - Cleveland, O.
23. F. F. Lippitt, - - - Guy's Mills, Pa.
24. F. N. Carter, - - - Akron, O.

GAMMA.

1. Chas. B. Reid, - - - Steubenville, O.
2. G. S. McElroy, - - - Apollo, Pa.
3. J. F. Marchand, - - - Washington, Pa.

KAPPA.

1. S. N. Norton, - - - Hillsdale, Mich.
2. Joe Cummins, - - - Montpelier, O.
3. Ed. J. Stow, - - - Cleveland, O.

UPSILON.

1. W. B. Carey, - - - Salem, O.
2. Frank Spearman, - - - Sharon, Pa.

CHI.

1. O. B. Harris, - - - Bloilensburg, O.
2. W. A. Child, - - - Painesville, O.

NU.

1. M. B. Hutchinson, - - - Hollidaysburg, Pa.
2. A. B. Camp, - - - Grant, Pa.

IOTA BETA.

1. W. H. Howard, - - - Adrian, Mich.
2. A. H. Lucas, - - - Pittsburg, Pa.

THETA.

1. Hon. J. L. Hunt, - - - New York City.
2. W. S. Payne, - - - Newport, Ky.

DELTA.

1. E. J. Ware, - - - Grand Rapids, Mich.
2. Chas. D. Willard, - - - Chicago, Ill.

TAU.

1. Fred. C. Cook, - - - Hagerstown, Md.

LAMBDA.

1. Elmer H. West. Galesburg, Ill.

EPSILON.

1. W. O. Carrier, - - - Lansing, Mich.

BETA BETA.

1. J. A. Beaty, - - - Zanesville, O.

OMEGA.

1. W. S. Summers, - - - Ottawa, Ill.

XI.

1. J. F. Samson, - - - Indianoia, Ia.

ETA.

1. Dr. Harris G. Sherman, - - - Cleveland, O.
2. M. E. Bourne, - - - Contreas, O.
3. A. E. Hyre, - - - Akron, O.
4. Charles S. Bock, - - - Akron, O.
5. M. A. Stall, - - - Akron, O.
6. T. P. Twiggs, - - - Akron, O.
7. E. S. Rothrock, - - - Akron, O.
8. O. C. Beatty, - - - Cleveland, O.
9. L. J. Pope, - - - Cleveland, O.
10. H. L. Canfield, - - - Bellville, O.
11. J. A. Motz, - - - Akron, O.

SIGMA.

1. Curtis L. Harris, - - - Mt. Union, O.
2. M. G. Morton, - - - Cleveland, O.
3. M. E. Talcott, - - - Jefferson, O.
4. H. L. Day, - - - Deerfield, O.
5. L. P. Hole, - - - Salina, Kan.
6. John C. Talcott, - - - Jefferson, O.
7. Elmer H. Stanley, - - - Alliance, O.
8. C. E. Bushnell, - - - Jefferson, O.
9. A. L. Talcott, - - - Jefferson, O.

IOTA.

1. H. W. Collingwood, - - - Boston, Mass.
2. B. A. Nevins, - - - Otsego, Mich.
3. A. M. Bamber, - - - Highland, Mich.
4. L. A. Buell, - - - Chester, Mich.

ZETA BETA.

1. E. I. Phillips, - - - New Castle, Pa.
2. H. L. Phillips, - - - New Castle, Pa.
3. John F. Stone, - - - Wabash, Ind.
4. B. L. McElroy, - - - Howard, O.
5. — Bowen, - - - Hanover, Ind.

PI.

1. R. P. Linderman, - - - Bethlehem, Pa.
2. Rollin H. Wilbur, - - - Bethlehem, Pa.
3. John B. Price, - - - Upper Lehigh, Pa.
4. W. T. Goodnow, - - - Toledo, O.

MU.

1. H. B. Swartz, - - - Delaware, O.
2. Will Magruder, - - - Marion, O.
3. Wilson M. Day, - - - Akron, O.
4. C. Jefferson, - - - Delaware, O.
5. Prof. J. N. Study, - - - Greencastle, Ind.
6. Colonel H. A. Axllne, - - - Columbus, O.
7. Rev. B. F. Dimmick, - - - Cincinnati, O.

RHO.	
1. William Kent,	Pittsburg, Pa.
2. Alfred P. Trautwein,	Hoboken, N. J.
3. J. E. Steward,	Trenton, N. J.
PSI.	
1. M. A. Yarnell,	Barnesville, O.
2. C. O. Johnson,	Wooster, O.
3. C. Krichbaum,	Wooster, O.
BETA.	
1. Prof. W. S. Eversole,	Wooster, O.
2. Wilbur Colvin,	Springfield, O.
3. W. G. Junod,	Athens, O.
PHI.	
1. R. H. Olmstead,	Chilo, O.
2. J. Hamilton,	Greensburg, Ind.
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Fred. F. Martinez,	New York City.
H. P. Hugus,	Ravenna, Ohio.
James M. McLane,	Cuyahoga Falls, O.
Charles A. Ensign,	North East, Pa.
J. C. Hood,	Wheeling, West Virginia.

## GREEK WORLD.

The eighteenth annual convention of the  $\Phi \Gamma \Lambda$  fraternity was held at Columbus, Ohio, on the 7, 8 and 9 of September last. About fifty delegates were present. Several important changes in the constitution accommodating the increased growth of the fraternity were accomplished. The Neil House, one of the best in the city, was the scene of operations. The banquet was held on the evening of the 8th, and was made highly enjoyable by songs, toasts and old reminiscences. The next convention will be held August 28, 29 and 30, 1883, at Indianapolis.

The forty-third annual convention of the  $B \theta \Pi$  fraternity was held at Cincinnati, on the 29, 30 and 31 of August, with the Gibson House as headquarters. The attendance was larger than any previous year. All public ceremonies were held at Melodeon Hall. The prime feature of the convention was the address by Gov. Porter of Indiana, on Wednesday evening. Subject, "The Influences and Duties of Unofficial Citizens." The orator clearly demonstrated that there was

a distinct sphere of duty for all separated from official life in which they can render as much help to the State and society as those to whom is confided the duty of considering and making the laws. The poet of the occasion was H. S. Babcock, of Rhode Island. Subject: "The Friendship of Learning" The next convention will be held at Saratoga, in the last week of August, 1883.

Cincinnati seems to be the home of the  $B \theta \Pi$  fraternity. Under the provisions of the charter, the convention must be held every third year in that city.

The faculty of Purdue College, in Indiana, decided that the Greek letter societies wielded an evil influence over the students, and accordingly demanded from them a pledge to withdraw from membership on pain of dismissal. The boys refused, a test case was made in court, and the students were upheld on the ground that the faculty had assumed unwarrantable authority. The case was taken to the Supreme Court, with the following result: At Indianapolis, Ind., on August 15, the Supreme Court rendered an opinion overruling the petition for a rehearing in the Purdue College Fraternity case of Lafayette. The Court adhered to the position taken in the original opinion, that the college authorities had no right to exact a pledge from a student, before admitting him to the institution, that he would cease to be an active member of a secret fraternity during his connection with the college. The case has been bitterly contested by the Faculty and the fraternities, and has created much feeling on both sides. It will probably be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States by the Faculty.

For various unaccountable reasons the faculty of the Ohio Wesleyan have come to believe that one at least and perhaps both of the ladies' fraternities which they prohibited by their decree last year are still in working order. Some of the fraternity men of the college are said to know something about it but they know nothing to tell. Many of the former Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta girls are still here and

it is suspected there are some new ones.

The Beta Theta Pi chapter at the O. W. U. is rapidly recovering from its trouble of last year and the latest additions made to its numbers are men who are calculated to restore it to its former good standing in this college. We are glad to recognize its added influence from this decided change for the better. It has six new men this fall.

The next convention of the  $\Phi K \Psi$  fraternity will be held in February at Pittsburg, Pa.

The next convention of the  $\Phi \Lambda \theta$  fraternity, will occur on the 23d, 24th and 25th of October at Richmond, Va.

Rev. Dr. Joyce, of Cincinnati, who was mentioned as among the applicants for the presidency of Allegheny College, is a  $B \theta II$ .

At Mount Union College the non-fraternity rule still exists, but we are happy to say is virtually powerless. Fraternity men openly avow their allegiance in the face of a hostile faculty.

$\Sigma X$  wishes to enter Iowa State College and the University of California. Efforts are being made which promise a successful issue.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has a *sub rosa* chapter at Simpson Centenary College. It has been in existence some time.

The chapter of  $X \Psi$  at Wesleyan University Middletown, Conn., has expired.

The New Junior Society Chi Kappa Sigma, at Middletown Wesleyan, has recently appeared with a very unique pin. The design is a golden tortoise and serpent, the serpent having diamond eyes.

$B \theta II$  refused an application for a charter from Colby University, Maine.

The ladies constituting a chapter of the K. K.  $\Gamma$  fraternity, at University of Minnesota, camped at Lake Minnetonka one month of the summer vacation.

The  $X \Psi$  chapter at University of Minnesota will soon build a chapter house. They have already purchased a plot of ground in Minneapolis, and the designs are complete for a \$7,000 building.

## The Crescent.

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BROTHER DELTAS:—At the opening of a new year the CRESCENT sends hearty greeting to all Deltas, North, South, East and West. It hopes that you have returned from pleasant vacations, refreshed and invigorated, and filled with a determination to win new and greater victories for Delta Tau. We welcome the new initiates to fraternal relations, of which we know you will never grow weary. May you always be worthy of the vows you have taken.

The fraternity is to be congratulated upon her prosperity. During the past year every chapter was reported in sound condition, and five new chapters, which promise a long and vigorous life, were added to the list; our alumni were aroused to a new and greater interest in her welfare; a heartier support was given the CRESCENT, and to crown the year we celebrated at Cleveland, what was beyond doubt the greatest and best of our conventions.

Encouraged by this prosperity, and in accordance with the progressive ideas of the fraternity, we have discarded the old and worn design which has so long graced the title page. We have procured a new design, whose simple and elegant beauty will harmonize with the aesthetic tastes of all Deltas. Furthermore, we will add four pages to the CRESCENT, making an edition of twenty pages. Of course this entails upon us a largely increased expense, which we confidently believe will be met by a similar increase in subscriptions. To support the CRESCENT is the bounden duty of every Delta. It has become inseparably connected with her growth and advancement. It is in very truth the life blood of the fraternity. Give it a meager support and the fraternity languishes; take away the CRESCENT and the fraternity dies.

We must have a heartier literary support during this year. We have writers of recognized ability in the fraternity, who could easily fill our literary columns with admirable articles on fraternity subjects. Thus they would give increased tone and dignity to our journal and to the fraternity as well. The additional number of pages we will devote to this work, and we expect to have them well filled every month.

Recognizing that we are but a constellation in the grand firmament of the Greek World, and that whatever tends to injure the general system, will eventually result in harm to ourselves, we will keep the CRESCENT free from any remarks disparaging to our sister fraternities; remarks which are too often the cause of bitter and undignified contention between those who should be fighting for a common cause, and which but too often afford effective argument to the opponents of the fraternity system. But while more than willing to grant fair and honorable treatment to our rivals, we will by no means pass over in silence any unjustifiable attacks which may be made upon the fraternity. The motto of the CRESCENT still remains "*nemo impune lacessit.*"

We are under especial obligations to Bros. J. C. Talcott (*Σ*), Trautwein (*P*) and Locke (*A*), for data furnished us concerning convention.

Do not forget to send us copies of your chapter *Chronicles*. They often furnish us information which we can obtain nowhere else. They will always be thankfully received.

Many of the chapters lists show a commendable increase in subscriptions, while many are not doing as well as we expected. Go to work boys and give the CRESCENT such a boom as will be remarkable in all her history.

WE have added four pages of reading matter with no increase in advertising space; we have also procured a new and elegant title page, which we have had lithographed at a large expense. Our improvements of this year will amount to over two hundred dollars. To keep the balance

on the right side of the ledger, we must have a corresponding increase in the subscription list. Will we get it? We confidently leave the matter in the hands of the fraternity.

Bro. Best, the G. S. A., has furnished every chapter with blank forms of Enrollment. Upon the initiation of a man, one of these blanks is to be carefully filled out and sent immediately to the G. S. A. From these forms the data will be entered in the Enrollment Book, which will be accessible to future catalogue committees, and render their duties comparatively easy. From them we will also make a list of the initiates to be published monthly in the CRESCENT. The G. S. A. desires that blanks be filled for all members initiated during the college year 1881-82, and forwarded to him.

#### DELTA TAU DELTA IN LITERATURE.

Devoted to Reviews and Notices of the Works of Members of Delta Tau Delta.

THE GOSPEL OF LAW. By Samuel J. Stewart, (Old Zeta, '72) Boston; George H. Ellis, 1882. 326 pp, 8vo.

This work is made up of a series of fourteen discourses, which were delivered last year before the Independent Congregational Society of Bangor, Maine. In them the author has endeavored to apply the methods of modern science and the results of the most recent theological research to an intelligent discussion of the fundamental doctrines now generally accepted by the Orthodox Church, showing their inconsistencies as received from the stand-point of the Liberal Church. It is needless, perhaps, to say that owing to the vast extent of the field which a thorough investigation of the subject would cover, the author wisely confined himself to a review of a few only of what may be considered as the fundamental principles of the established church, such as immorality, morality, sin and atonement, salvation, prayer, predestination, each of which forms the subject of a distinct discourse. The two sermons on the Old and New Testament, in which the gradual growth of the scriptures is traced, are full of historic interest. In a concluding discourse on "The Gospel of Law," the author advances the principles of the Liberal Church of to-day, as based upon a scientific theology and a natural religion and morality.

A spirit of fairness and candor characterizes the work, and hence, although the opinions therein expressed are at variance with the usually accepted beliefs, they will

command the respectful attention of every thoughtful and unbiased reader.

**THE TORNADOES OF MAY 29TH AND 30TH, 1878.**

By John P. Finley, (Iota '73) Sergeant signal corps, U. S. A., Washington, Government Printing Office, 1882, 4 to. 116 pp.

This report, which is known as *No. IV. of the Professional Papers of the Signal Service*, is the result of an official investigation into the causes and effects of the terrific tornadoes which swept over large portions of Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa. It is hardly necessary to say that Sergeant Finley discharged his duty in his usual conscientious and skillful manner, producing a most interesting and valuable report which has seen two editions. The importance of collecting so much contemporaneous testimony can hardly be over-estimated, and the Signal Bureau is, indeed, doing a good service by giving the widest circulation to a report which is so carefully prepared and so abundantly illustrated as is this.

**THE BIBLE: WHAT IT IS AND HOW IT GREW.**

By Samuel J. Stewart (Old Zeta '72), Bangor, Maine; 67 pp. 8vo.

**THE INDEFINITENESS OF ORTHODOXY:** By Samuel J. Stewart (Old Zeta '72), Bangor, Maine; 29 pp. 8vo.

**TORNADO STUDIES FOR 1882:** By John P. Finley (Iota '73), Sergeant signal corps, U. S. A. Prepared by direction of the chief signal officer, U. S. A., Kansas City, Mo.; 1882, 15 pp. 8vo.

A series of questions and instructions for the proper study, of the phenomena attending hurricanes, etc.

**PLANT CELLS AND THEIR CONTENTS:** An article in the *Popular Science Monthly* for July, 1882, by Prof. Thomas H. McBride (Old Zeta '69), Professor of Natural Science, Iowa State University.

**THE WORKS OF DAVID KIRKALDY:** An article in the *American Engineer* for July 14, 1882, by William Kent (Rho '76).

**FLASH: THE FIREMAN'S STORY:** A poem in *Harper's Monthly Magazine* for October, 1882, by Will Carleton (Kappa '69), illustrated by A. B. Frost.

**STANDARD MEASUREMENTS:** A paper before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, George M. Band (Rho '80). Published in Vol. II. of the *Transactions*. New York, 1882.

**THE MOST ECONOMICAL POINT OF CUT-OFF IN STEAM ENGINES:** A paper before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, by J. E. Denton (Rho '75) and A. R. Wolf. Published in Vol. II of the *Transactions*. New York, 1882.

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ALUMNI NEWS.

At the recent meeting of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Church, the following appointments were made:

Rev. John A. Storey, *M*'72, Mt. Auburn Church, Cincinnati, O.

Rev. John W. Gaddis, *M*'72, Asbury Chapel, Cincinnati, O.

Rev. George W. Dubois, *M*'72, Mt. Washington, Cincinnati, O.

Rev. William E. Kugler, *M*'77, St. John's Church Cincinnati, O.

Rev. Benjamin F. Dimmick, *M*'74, Oxford, O.

Rev. David D. Cheney, *M*'70, Port Union, O.

Rev. Mathias M. Kugler, *M*'72, Davison Chapel, Dayton, O.

Rev. Lucien M. Davis *M*'71, Moscow, O.

Rev. E. W. Hetzler, *M*'82, Winchester O.

Rev. Charles W. Drees, *M*'71, Superintendent of Foreign Missions, City of Mexico.

Rev. Carey T. Crum, *M*, Westchester and Sharonville, O.

At the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which convened at Springfield, Ill's, the following charges were reported:

Rev. Thomas Gault, *F*'65, First Presbyterian Church, Aurora, Ill.

Rev. Anthony W. Colver, *F*'66, Woodbury, Conn.

Rev. Orrin A. Elliott, *F*'66, Farrington, Ill.

Rev. Robert H. Fulton, *F*'66, Second Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. Nathan H. Dawning, *F*'67, Clarence, Iowa.

Rev. Theodore Crawl, *F*'68, Second Presbyterian Church, Zanesville, O.

Rev. William F. Bollman, *F*'67, Burlington, Iowa.

- Rev. David Brown, *F*'67, Oxford, Iowa.  
 Rev. Leland M. Gilleland *F*'68, Tidioute, Pa.  
 Rev. Joseph P. Graham, *F*'68, Missionary, Ratuagiri, India.  
 Rev. John J. Graham, *F*'68, Mt. Vernon, Ill.  
 Rev. William F. Ewing, *F*'69, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.  
 Rev. Joseph T. Gibson, *F*'60, Sharpsburgh, Pa.  
 Rev. James H. Shields, *F*'79, Carondolet, Mo.  
 Rev. William S. Fulton, *F*'70, First Presbyterian Church, Erie, Pa.  
 Rev. Franklin B. Britt, *F*'74, Corsica, Pa.  
 Rev. John C. Ely, *F*'74, Piqua, Pa.  
 Rev. William E. Oller, *F*'75, Butler, Pa.  
 Rev. William W. Gist, *B*'72, Marion, Iowa.  
 Rev. Geo. W. Martin, *B*'75, Manti, Utah T.  
 Rev. Thomas F. Day, *B*'75, American Fork, Utah T.  
 Rev. James S. Eaton, *A*'75, Russum, Md.  
 Rev. George W. Barr, *Ø*'72, Albion, Ind.  
 Rev. Joseph Gilchrist *Ø*'77, Missionary, Alamosa, Col.  
 Rev. Samuel W. La Grange, *Ø*'74, Robinson, Illinois.

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#### ALPHA.

The first Saturday evening of the year found the Choctaws of Alpha gathered in council, and, metaphorically speaking, in full war paint. Saddened, but not disheartened by the knowledge that twelve of last year's band had entered the world's arena, and would meet with us no more, the remainder took up the reins of government and determined to give the fraternity a better, stronger and more vigorous administration than ever before. To further this end we certainly expect the united and hearty support of every Delta; their aid and counsel are ever welcome.

From the resignation of President Bugbee at the close of last year it was feared that the college would suffer somewhat. Such apprehension was groundless, as the opening of the year found a larger number than ever in college. The Freshman class numbers over sixty, and is the largest class having entered since the foundation of the college, in 1817. Old Allegheny has commenced a new era of prosperity, which will doubtless continue many years.

We have not, as yet, initiated any men, but have under consideration several whom we deem worthy to wear the armor of a Crescent Knight.

The Phi Alpha Psi, a local fraternity in the city and

composed of a dozen or more of Meadville's fairest and brightest daughters, recently celebrated their first annual banquet. We tender them the best wishes of Alpha and hope that their banquets may be many and always delightful.

Our Kappa Alpha Theta sisters in college enter the year under auspicious circumstances, which we hope may continue. Although small in number they are a host in themselves, and may always be depended on to cover themselves with glory. We doubt if Kappa Alpha Theta can produce in all her roll a finer chapter than the one which Allegheny congratulates herself on possessing.

The next annual banquet to be held being the twentieth, special effort will be put forth during the year to celebrate it in a style never before attained in any chapter banquet. Our fondest dreams picture a host of over one hundred Deltas thronging our banquet tables. We will expect delegates from all our sister chapters near at hand, and we know that several of our eastern brothers will gratify our wishes. We speak thus early that all may be prepared for an inundation of invitations, etc., which will be poured upon you during the year.

Feeling rather strong, we challenged the college to a game of base-ball. The challenge was accepted and the game resulted in our favor by a score of 14 to 13. This is the third year that victory has perched on the banner of the Choctaws.

H. W. P.

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### FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

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#### TAU.

As we were unable to be represented in the last number of the CRESCENT, we feel it our duty to pen a few lines concerning what transpired with us during commencement week.

During that week we had the pleasure of entertaining a great many of our alumni, and also M. B. Lambert, of Nu. "Marc" was with us several days and e're he departed we came to the conclusion that Nu could not have been represented by a better boy.

The Junior Oratorical contest occurred on Tuesday evening, June 14th. There were five competitors for the prize, viz.; two "non frat," two Phi Kappa Psi's, and one Delta Tau,—Bro. N. C. Heisler. His subject was "The Sphere of Imagination. After the orations were delivered, the chairman of the committee announced that they had unanimously decided to award the prize to Brother Heisler. Such a storm of applause was never heard of before in our chapel. Every person seemed satisfied with the decision, and we of course felt that another feather had been added to our cap.

Our eighth annual symposium was held at Spaeth's parlor, on Thursday, June 16th. By 10:30 o'clock all the boys had assembled around the festive board for the purpose of having a good time. After the menu was disposed of, the following literary programme was carried out:

Address of welcome—"Sumposiarchos," W. G. Maybury, '83.

Toast—"Dic, Cur, Hic," T. S. Elliott, '80.

"Annual History," O. R. Snyder, '82.

Toast—"Auld Lang Syne," Rev. R. C. Bowling, '75.

Toast—"The Work for Next Convention," M. B. Lambert, of Nu.

"Memorial Poem to Brother J. Harry Geissinger," N. C. Heisler, '83.

Toast—"Our Eastern Outlook," responded to by letter, Alpha.

Toast—"Those We Leave Behind Us," R. P. Cobb, '82. Interspersed with college and fraternity songs and instrumental music.

We cannot speak of our banquet without repeating what has been said so often concerning them. Therefore we forbear to say anything except this:—That it was one of the happiest events in Tau's history.

We begin this year with seven good, enthusiastic Deltas, and by the next number of the CRESCENT, we hope to introduce some new men.

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PI.

DEAR CRESCENT:

Pi began the present term with eight members; one post graduate, three Seniors, one Junior and three Sophomores. We immediately cast anxious glances at the Freshmen Class, and at the present time we have initiated three members of that class, whom I now have the honor to introduce to the fraternity. They are Bros. G. B. Linderman, Junior, D. B. Abbott and Wm. H. Sayer, Junior. Bro. Sayer joined A T Ω while he was still a "Prep," but when he got into college he saw his mistake. He resigned and was initiated into the mysteries of our good old Δ T.

Two of our professors are members of Ψ Υ, and as you know, tried start a chapter here, and asked Π to be that chapter, but on our refusal they pledged some of the non-fraternity men in the college, and when everything seemed all O. K., applied to Ψ Υ for a charter, which was refused; so they have formed what they call the "Z of Φ Θ Ψ," and will live on the hope of obtaining a charter from Ψ Υ at some future time.

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THE RHO.

Our chapter begins the work of the new college year with an active undergraduate membership of eleven and several resident alumni, who propose, as heretofore to take an interested part in the affairs of the chapter. We have a good organization and are sufficiently enthusiastic in our work to justify the belief that a period of unusual prosperity is in store for us.

College is at present in a most flourishing condition, and notwithstanding the fact that the standard of admission has been raised, the attendance is larger than ever before, the new class numbering about fifty. These with additions to the upper classes bring the total number to over 150, more than 12 of whom are graduates of other colleges. It is contemplated to build a larger chemical laboratory building as soon as plans can be definitely matured. With the advent of a large class, we may look forward to new comers among the fraternities. As there are three members of the Sigma Chi fraternity from other colleges here, it is quite likely that they will endeavor to establish a chapter among us. A chapter of Alpha Tau Omega was founded here last year in the Freshman class, but it has since practically died out owing to the want of proper management. Our relations to this fraternity elsewhere have been so generally pleasant, that we looked forward with much interest to their efforts to start here.

At a recent meeting of the Athletic Association, one of our number, Bro. McNaughton, was unanimously elected President and as the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and foot ball captain, Bro. Torrence, are Deltas, we thus have four of the eight offices. In the Board of Directors, Delta Tau Delta has two, including the president. Theta Xi has two and the neutrals one. A result accomplished we may say without any effort on our part,

Our work having only just begun we have little else to report, but will keep the fraternity promptly informed as to our plans and achievements. E. H. FOSTER.

## SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

### MU.

Last year was a most enthusiastic and successful year for chapter Mu; and we intend that this year shall equal the last in active, energetic work. At the beginning of last fall term we were called to mourn the loss of one of our members during the first week, and we begin this year under the same sad burden of grief. Just a few days before this term opened, while we were preparing for our return to college, death unexpectedly snatched away one of our Senior Class; one of the most loyal and influential brothers in our number.

William Ellsworth Wiley, "Bishop," we called him, is gone; but the crushing sorrow we feel at his loss, draws us who are left, closer together in that pure and sacred fellowship that has always been, and that we know will now forever be the strength of the fraternity.

We are stronger through our grief; our inverted badges are hidden under their crape; our chapter hall is draped from end to end in mourning; one chair is hung with black; but from the dark folds of cloth on the wall, the same kindly face looks down that cheered us with its living presence in the days gone by. Gathering inspiration from the enthusiasm of that countenance, with stouter hearts and more determined aims, we begin the work of the year.

We have eleven men; three Seniors, three Juniors, four Sophomores and one Freshman; and that makes us as strong as any one of the seven fraternities here represented. The Ohio Wesleyan begins this year with a boom, having about two hundred and fifty new students enrolled during the first week. Among these there are some good-looking men, and it may be a few who are good enough for Delta Tau. If so you will hear from us in our letter next month. Mu sends greetings to all the chapters of this division, and of the fraternity, and will join hands with all our friends in pushing the interests of Delta Tau.

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Bro. F. W. Garber, who has been absent for a year, has returned and entered the Junior Class.

Bros. Wilson, '80, and Tinker, '76, have entered Cincinnati Law School.

Bro. O. C. Herrick, '82, is at Eastman's, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Bro. Rob't. F. Payne, Managing Editor of the Cleveland *Penny Press*, was married on the 30th ult. to a Cleveland lady.

Bros. "Hal" Jacobs and Wm. Ford are the latest initiates. They rode the animal with good grace.

We lost four Seniors last year, all good men, but the chapter was never more enthused than at present. The active members number thirteen. We all feel happy and are ready for work.

"The Lone Star (local) Fraternity" will enter some one of the established Greek Letter Fraternities before another month; at least so says one of their head men.

Miss Tade Hartsnuff, Grand President of the K K T Fraternity, made Lambda chapter (of this college) a visit on the 16th ult.

Bro. P. R. Miller, '81, our "silver-voiced tenor," is now principal of one of the ward schools, Bellaire, O.

Bro. Jas. B. Pierce, '73, of Sharpsville, Pa., called on his Akron friends last month.

Bro. J. A. Motz, '82, is reading law with the firm of Green & Robinson.

Bro. Newton Chisnell leaves the 20th inst. for New York to join the great Italian tragedian Salvini, in whose company Bro. C. will be the coming season.

"The boys" enjoyed themselves hugely and gave Bro. Wilson a rousing "send off" on Saturday, the 7th inst.

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EPSILON BETA.

DEAR CRESCENT:—Epsilon Beta emerged from "under the rose" with the beginning of the present College term. Our badges created quite a sensation among the members of the other fraternities. We are young and comparatively ignorant of fraternity affairs, but we have energy, courage and hope, which belong to youth. We have made our *debut* with friendly feeling to all other fraternities, brotherly love to all Deltas, and admiration mingled with awe for grand old  $\Delta T \Delta$ . She assumes more glorious proportions as our knowledge of her increases. One of our new men, after reading the *Crescent* and catalogue, said to me the next morning: "The more I read the larger it appears. It is a much bigger thing than I thought it was."

Though we are young I have been told by several of the oldest men in the College that we have the best start of any new fraternity here, and there are three new ones.

Allow me, without being accused of boasting, to give our record. One of our Juniors got a Junior Speaker's place on class standing; the other a Debater's place in a public debate. Our two Sophomores tied on third mark in the class. Our sub-Freshman took a Speaker's place on declamation. All this before we had shown our colors. It shows what metal the charter members are made of.

We have secured the best room in the College buildings for a hall. It is the third story room in our new building, Seney Hall.

We have five other fraternities to contend against, viz:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $X \Phi$ ,  $K A$ ,  $A T \Omega$ , and  $\Sigma A E$ . The  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is the largest and strongest, but, upon the principle of attacking the strongest first, we initiated a young man, Allen Clements, whom they seemed to want very much.  $X \Phi$  is a pretty dangerous rival. From the rest we have little to fear.  $A T \Omega$  &  $\Sigma A E$  are in a quandary about a hall, for we got what they wanted. We proved that they would have to get up early in the morning to get ahead of Epsilon Beta. Having a hall will give us an advantage over them in getting new men.

We had eight men at the close of last year, but two did not return, and now, counting our new member, we have but seven. A very small number truly, but I can assure you, that we make up in quality what we lack in quantity. A few good men are better than many inferior.

I am very sorry, indeed, that this must be my first, last and only letter to the *Crescent*, but as I am unable to return to College, I must, of course, resign as S. A. of E. B., but allow me to introduce my successor, Bro. J. B. Banks.

With love to all Deltas, and hopes for the continued prosperity of  $\Delta T \Delta$  all over our land, and a prediction that Epsilon Beta and Delta Beta will yet prove to timid Deltas that the move South was a wise one, I remain

Yours, Fraternally,

W. D. BEATIE, S. A.

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PSI.

The mantle of Bro. Krichbaum has fallen upon your unworthy subscribed. Our earnest desire is that we may not trail it in the dust. Psi sends greeting to every Delta, old and new, and extends a hearty hand-shake to every frater and friend that will take the pains to read her letter.

Delta Tau Delta is most prosperous in Wooster Univ. Our hopes are "huge high." We commence the year with fourteen old fraters in their places. To this number four new ones have already been added. Please hold your breath while I introduce them. First comes Bros. J. C. Sharpe, '83, and H. M. Kingery, '84. Their very names are significant. Right worthy are they to membership in Delta Tau Delta. Next comes Bro. J. M. Waddell, '86. Bro. W. was eagerly sought for by some of the other fraternities, especially the  $\Phi T \Delta$ . Last came Bro. Mansfield also, he of '85, and every whit a man. Indeed of all these new fraters we can stand up before all the world and pronounce them *men*. We stand eighteen strong, acknowledging no peer.

A gloom was cast over our first meetings by the sad intelligence that Bro. J. W. Culbertson, one of our first alumni members, had received the summons of death. Yet we all had the satisfaction of knowing that none was better fitted for that summons than he.

Since the opening of the term we have had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of two Bros. from other chapters. Bro. Chritchfield, (Chi,) who is reading medicine in Millersburg, O., paid Wooster a short visit and called on most of the boys. He was a welcome visitor and promises to come again. Bro. Marchand, of  $\Gamma$ , was with us a few days ago. He is principal of Canton High School, and a good, jolly, generous soul he is, too, and a most enthusiastic Delta.

Bro. Gordon, of '82, is at Princeton Theological Seminary. Bro. Rice, we understand, is in Philadelphia, Pa.

Bro. Eversole is still near us. He is a host on our right hand and on our left. The class of '83 has elected Class-day performers. The Deltas received two positions.

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ZETA.

We make our bow.

First thing of all we wish to remark, that Chapter Zeta feels decidedly at home among her older and grown-up sisters. The work of establishing a chapter of our glorious Delta in Western Reserve College was begun over two years ago. The intervening time has made us so well acquainted with the Deltaic world, that it seems very natural to take our place with those who, like us, have labored hard and long to give the purple and grey an honorable position among the banners of other fraternities. Ours has, indeed, been a long and hard battle. We have met with almost every discouragement and every obstacle that can hinder the development and growth of an embryonic chapter. We have lost men by desertion, by sickness, by inability to come to college when all preparations were completed, and in almost every other way imaginable. Thirteen or fourteen men have been pledged to us in all, and, until now, there have never been more than three here at one time. Our opposition has been very strong, consisting of  $\Delta Y$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$  and  $\Delta K E$ . There is also a chapter of  $B \Theta \Pi$  here. But work for the fraternity has been a pleasure to us all the time. Several times, in the course of our fight, word has reached us that we "must be dead up there at the Reserve," but we beg leave to remark in all modesty that, if so, we have been the liveliest corpses this side of Pluto's realm.

We have had the warm sympathy of all the Deltas who knew of our undertaking, but our especial thanks are due to the boys of Chapter Eta, who have never lost an opportunity to help us, and who have time and again

proved themselves to be brothers indeed; to Mu, to whom we owe the initiation of our work, if not of our members; to Bros. McClurg and Eversole, whose cheerful letters have lighted up many a gloomy day for us; and to Alpha for kindly aid and advice.

In our own institution we have found our best friends in the boys of ΔΥ. They are, in our opinion, the best of the other fraternity men here, and have treated us with uniform fairness. We are not at all ashamed to be ranked with them against the others. We take the usual pleasure in bringing to the front our brand-new Delta, W. S. Pettibone, of '86,—“with all his blushing honors thick upon him.” (Petty, shake hands with the gentlemen.) The transformation of Pettibone from the degradation of barbarian to the proud position he now occupies as a loyal Delta brought us into pleasant acquaintance with some of our Cleveland brethren, for whose kindness our praises are loud and long. We make no apology for appending their names. The list may be of service to Deltas visiting Cleveland, for we assure a cordial welcome from every Choctaw mentioned: Drs. H. G. Sherman, 378 Superior street, and F. O. Nodine, 313 Superior street, whose busy study of the human eye cannot prevent their own eyes from brightening at the recognition of the Delta grip; C. W. Fish and F. M. White, now at the Western Reserve Medical College; as old Alpha boys they need no comment; J. C. Hood, formerly with us in college here, is in the same class at the Medical School; Ray, an Alpha boy, at the Valley Railroad depot. From Eta we have Bros. O. C. Beatty, Payne, Silver, Robison and Skeets; from Sigma, Bro. M. G. Norton, 208 Superior street; Deltas, every one. Our own boys at Zeta are: Alton A. Bemis, Kent B. Waite, Morris J. Hole, Will. S. Pettibone, and yours, fraternally. Are we excusable for thinking that Deltaism is pretty well represented in Cleveland?

I cannot close this letter without an earnest appeal to the fraternity at large to consider the importance of holding firmly our position in Adelbert College. We have the best reasons for believing that before many years this will be a fraternity center. Be assured that the Eastern Fraternities here will not lose their hold—A ΔΦ has been here forty-two years—and, as the first of Western fraternities, it our duty to sustain a strong chapter in this key position. The old Western Reserve College, or “Yale of the West,” has always held a front rank in Eastern colleges, and the new institution will be in no wise inferior. We ask every member of the fraternity to co-operate with us, wherever it is possible, in making ours one of the best chapters in the institution.

Dear Crescent, have I seemed to be vain glorious and to bubble over in my Deltaic conceit? But you remember the proverb: “Toot thine own horn, or the same shall not be tooted.”

In the bond, Yours,

J. W. McLANE.

### SIGMA.

Mt. Union, Ohio, October 7, 1882.

DEAR CRESCENT: At the commencement of this college year Sigma again marches in the van of Delta conquerors with sixteen standard bearers. Some have left her immediate ranks, but they are scouts and sharp shooters who have entered the fiercer conflict of life. Sigma, on the 18th of last July, held her fifth annual banquet at the Chase House in Alliance. Heretofore, on account of a “faculty hostile” Sigma’s banquets have not been graced with the presence of the fairer sex; but times have changed. Forty-two couple were in attendance and a right royal time was indulged in. Hearty were the hand-shakes and joyful were the faces of all, beaming with a spirit of old ΔΤ. At 10:30 the

“grub march” was begun. After all had nobly performed their parts as viand participators Brother Moulton did the honors of Toast Master, proposing the following toasts:

“D T D Fraternity,”	W. E. Talcott, Σ, '82.
“Our Fifth Annual Banquet,”	S. W. Ramsey, Σ.
“The Crescent,”	W. W. Hole, Σ '78.
“Delta Girls,”	Bert Talcott, Σ '77.
“Sigma,”	J. H. Fimple, Σ, '82.
“Chapter Upsilon,”	Will Carey, Υ.
“Our Babies,”	J. H. Focht, Σ, '82.
“Our Alumni,”	A. J. Woolf, Σ, '76.
“Class of '76,”	J. N. Boucher, Σ, '76.

Nothing occurred to mar the harmony of the occasion, and the event will long be remembered with pleasure by those who were present.

With the class of '82 went forth twelve Deltas good and true,—Brothers that we greatly miss around our council fires,—Brothers that have gone forth to show the world what Delta men can do. May they ever prosper.

Deltaism at the Mount is, as ever, on the ascendancy, and we all are earnestly laboring for the Beautiful and good.

Sigma extends her heart and hand to all royal Deltas, as they strive with us in a common cause.

## THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

### PHI.

HANOVER, IND., Sept. 27th, 1882.

DEAR CRESCENT:—Phi booms, and once more the Delta Tau Delta banner stands at the head of the fraternities of our institution.

Phi begins the present year with nine earnest, loyal Deltas who are willing to labor for the “beautiful and true.” Three brothers, Ramsay, Ryker and C. A. Smith having taken their “sheepskins” last commencement, have gone out into the busy world. Bro. Smith occupies the position of recorder of freights in the E. & T. H. R. R. freight office, Terre Haute, Ind. Bros. Ramsay and Ryker are in the U. S. Signal Service at Washington.

Phi takes great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large our new brother, J. H. Edwards, '85, of Warsaw, Ill., who has all the higher qualities of true Deltaism.

We welcome Bro. C. P. Smith, '83 back to Phi, who has during the vacation filled the responsible position of overseering clerk of the U. S. Engineers, Terre Haute, Ind.

Phi was represented at our XXIV Annual Convention by two delegates, Bro. Hamilton and yours fraternally.”

Bros. McEnery and Kingsbury have returned from the sunny south, and once more answer to their names at Phi’s roll call.

Bro. Friedley, '85, having left Hanover for Greencastle, Ind., now meets with the Beta Beta boys.

Bros. Smith and Hamilton pride themselves very highly on the mustaches they have just succeeded in raising. Hamilton broke one of his off.

Bro. Melcher, '85, was the first Delta on the old stamping ground and before the fraternities here knew that he was about, he had laid his “mighty hand” on the head of a trembling “Freshie” and done good work for the Royal Purple and Silver Gray.

All the boys of Phi will take the CRESCENT this year,

I would like all the chapters of the Third Grand Division to report to headquarters as soon as possible.

Yours fraternally, R. H. OLMSTEAD,  
G. S. A. of Phi.

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BETA BETA.

DEAR CRESCENT:

Beta Beta is "booming." Never was there more enthusiasm exhibited on the part of the chapter than at the present time. Our future, truly, seems bright.

We have had our new hall elegantly prepared and carpeted with the finest of Brussels, and of course we feel proud of it.

Brother Will Friedly, of Phi, has entered the Sophomore Class, and his name has been added to Beta Beta's roll.

Brother Mann is one of the editors of the *Asbury Monthly*.

Brother Cose is our "defender of science."

Brother Wimmer is our "guitarist."

Brother Friedly "takes the cake" as a base-ball pitcher.

We have the Recording Secretary in both societies,—Brother Krider in Philo, and Brother Mann in Plato.

Brother Throop, '77, is setting up an electrical apparatus for a house in Cincinnati.

Your humble servant has been selected by the Platonean Literary Society as her declaimer in the contest performance with Philo to be held on the evening of Garfield's birthday.

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DELTA.

DEAR CRESCENT:

Our boys have most of them returned, and Delta is now prepared for another year of fraternity work.

We have been fortunate this fall in securing through Brother Gelston, '82, a home for the chapter. A pleasant house on N. State St., No. 25, is now known as the Delta Tau Delta house, where we shall be pleased to see any of the brothers who may be passing through A. A., and feel able to spare the time for a visit to us. We are not old in the art of entertaining but think we could give them an enjoyable time.

A new publication, *The Michigan Argonaut*, made its appearance Saturday, which "does great credit to the board of editors," so every one says. Delta takes her share in the glory, in the fact that Brother Willard, '83, is managing editor.

We begin the year with twelve Deltas in the Literary department.

Brother Fitzsimmons has returned to finish his work with '83, having been out of college a year.

Brother Callard, of Kappa, '80, is with us taking a course in engineering.

Brother Hughes, of Alpha, entered with '86 to take some special work in the Literary department. He is as enthusiastic as ever I should judge, for he is well gone with Deltaism now. The X Ψ's "rushed" him hard when he came here before he made himself known as a Δ T Δ.

Brother Bishop, of '85, did not return to us this fall, but preferred teaching the Choctaws of Dakota to being a Choctaw taught.

Our professional brothers are again with us. Enche, Marsh, Palmer, and DeCamp, who were here last year to whom is to be added Brother Moss, of Kappa, who is attending the law lectures. He was admitted to the bar before coming here.

IOTA.

DEAR CRESCENT: In the last graduating class we sent out six sterling men to carry the principles of Delta Tau into active life. Already we find these brothers of '82 widely scattered.

Bro. C. W. McCurdy, '81, has resigned his position at the State Reform school and is now assistant superintendent in the Michigan School for the Blind, Lansing Mich.

Our decennial reunion which occurred at the Lansing House, Lansing, Aug. 14th, although not so fully attended by our alumni as we had expected it to be, was an occasion of much rejoicing, and one long to be remembered, not only by Iota's sons, but by her fair daughters, so to speak. It brought colaborers for the good, the true, and the beautiful together; those who watched over her struggling infancy and those who have enjoyed the influences of her more mature years, all under Iota's banner of purple and gray. After listening to an entertaining programme consisting of an oration by Bro. B. A. Nevins, '75; poem by Bro. H. W. Collingwood, '83; History by Bro. L. W. Hoyt, '82, and Prophecy by Bro. Eugene Davenport, '78, we sat down to a sumptuous repast where Bro. H. A. Haigh, '74, presided with his customary pleasantry as toast master.

Our fall campaign has resulted thus far in the initiation of two men of genuine Delta metal; Bro. L. Bonham who recently entered the class of '84 and Bro. Guy Osborn, '86. Both are already prodigies of enthusiasm.

Preparations are already being made for a meeting of the Michigan chapters, some time in March; the place is not yet known; we hope to derive much benefit from this convention. Then fraters, let us set up the war whoop now, and keep it up long and loud so every brother will hear it and be present when we gather around the council fire in March.

Fraternally Yours, L. A. BUELL.

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

OMICRON.

Our number is somewhat decreased by the graduation of our seniors and the non-return of several undergraduates brothers. We will miss their familiar faces very much, but hope to fill their places in a few days with some new members, who will do honor to the "purple and gray."

Omicron had elected delegates to the Cleveland convention, but owing to unavoidable circumstances they were not able to be present. We regret this very much, as we desired to be represented, but are glad to say that it was not caused by lack of interest.

Two of our three Seniors were among the few chosen to represent the university at the last commencement.

Bro. Hysham leaves a place vacant in our hall which no one else can fill; he will be with us next year. Bro. Russell is also among the absent ones.

Bro. Seidlitz visited with us a few days before commencing his studies at Hannemann Medical College, Chicago.

The prospects are that this will be a very prosperous and interesting year for Omicron.

Yours, T.

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