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ANCIENT MYSTERIES.

Their History, Initiations and Ceremonies.

BY J. S. HARTZEL, OF TAU.

EIGHTH PAPER.

XV. ORPHIC MYSTERIES.

These rites were founded by Orpheus about forty years before the Trojan war. He had been initiated into the Egyptian mysteries, in which he found the model and type for these new mysteries, which was a modification of the mysteries of Dionysus, but differed from these and from all ancient secret orders in that it was not an organization confined to the priesthood, but obtained its members from the classes which possessed no priestly function. The Orphic are supposed to have been the parent of the Eleusian order. They were of a scientific and philosophic character. The religious principles and mystic doctrines and Esoteric knowledge were largely embraced in the Orphic poems. They were united with the Pythagorean system, and in this form diffused over Europe and Asia.

The ceremonies were conducted at night, and signified the murder of Bacchus by the Titans, and his final restoration in an exalted and victorious state of being to the supreme rulership of the world, under the name of Phanes. During the day the members were crowned with fennel and poplar, and serpents having been placed in their hands or twined round their necks, cried loudly, *enos, sabos*, and danced while the mystic words, *hyes, attes, attes, hyes*, were pronounced. At night he was washed with lustral water, smeared with clay and bran, and clothed in the skin of a fawn, after which he exclaimed, "I have departed from evil and have found the good."

On account of their freedom from priestly influence they were not so well known as the other mysteries, but still existed until Christianity was fairly established, when they, together with all pagan institutions, fell a prey to the high and holy influence of the economy of grace and redemption.

XVI. PYTHAGOREAN SYMBOLS.

It may perhaps seem absurd to call the philosophical school of Pythagoras a secret society, and treat it as such in a list of ancient fraternities. Nevertheless it was one of the most renowned of ancient mysteries, and taught all its secrets by means of symbols. It required an apprenticeship or novitiate of the school and disci-

ple of Pythagoras. If he succeeded in this he was prepared to enter the degrees, which were three in number, the Acousmatici, the Mathematici, and the Pythagoreans proper, which clothed him with a white garment and gave him a full knowledge of the mysteries of the school.

They dwelt largely on virtue and purity of doctrine, on piety and morality, on attainments, reverence for the Divine Being, whose name they never pronounced in their oaths, on love for fellow-men, and brotherly love which they expressed by the noble sentiment, "my friend is my other self." The first lesson taught in the school was on silence and secrecy, in which he learned to repress his curiosity and to which he pronounced an oath on the sacred tractys. Another lesson was implicit obedience, and the phrase "he, the master, has said it," a sufficient reason in all cases of dispute. They suffered many hardships and trials to alleviate the suffering of the brother disciples, crossing seas and lands and emptying their purse to the last penny to re-establish a fallen brother. They had signs by which they could become known to each other at first sight, and were as familiar at the first interview as if they had grown up from infancy together.

The symbols were taken from geometry. The most important were the following: The right angle signified justice and morality. The equilateral triangle was the symbol of Deity and the essence of light and truth. The square the union of the celestial and terrestrial elements of power, and referred to the divine mind. The tetractys, a figure of ten jods arranged, in the form of a triangle, with four jods on each side and one in the center, was a sacred emblem and the most expressive in the Pythagorean mysteries. On it the oath was taken, and the awful truth contained in it explained as follows: The one point represented the Monad, or active principle; the two points the Duad, or passive principle; the three points the Triad, or the world proceeding from their union; the four, the Quaternary, or the liberal sciences. The cube was the emblem of the human mind, after a preparation by piety and devotion, for a life among the pure and holy spirits. The point within a circle, and the *dodecahedron* were symbols of the universe; in the former, the circle represented the creation, and the point man, or the center of creation. The triple triangle—a combination of three deltas, making a nine pointed star, and considered a unity of perfection—represented health, and was called Hygeia. The forty seventh proposition of Euclid was also used as one of the mystic symbols of the school. The letter Y was a representation of the course of human life. Youth, arriving at manhood, sees two diverging roads before him, one of which he is to choose and follow. The one leads to virtue and happiness, the other, which appears broader and better, to vice and misery.

GENERAL REVIEW.

In reviewing the mysteries in a brief way, I wish to draw the contrast between secret societies as they now are and were thousands of years ago. This contrast, however, can result in nothing but the resemblance existing between them and handed down from one to another. For, whatever difference there may be grew out of a false idea and perverted use of secrets, secrecy,

and sacred ties of love and friendship. Such societies, which differ rather than resemble, have departed from the grand and noble, the true and only idea and sure basis of *fraternity*, and are really not entitled to the name fraternity, nor to respectful consideration.

1. The ancient fraternities were held in secret, at night, at regular intervals, and permanent places of meeting. Their secrets and lodge rooms, if they may be so called, were held in such high reverence and sacred regard that death was the penalty for uninitiates intruding or approaching too near the holy precincts. This was also the punishment inflicted on initiates who dared to breathe the slightest secret or information to the profane. The latter class of persons, however, on account of the force of the oaths taken, the powerful effect of the initiatory services, and the regard of the ancients for the sacredness of honor and character, was of exceedingly small numbers, and what they did say, strange as it is, was of no damaging character or importance.

2. They had signs, tokens, grips, knocks, passwords, symbols, mottos and mystic words, by which they approached and entered their places of meeting, taught their doctrines and recognized each other.

3. Greatest care was exercised in choosing members, and them only from the highest circles. Strict scrutiny into character and past life was made, and proofs of irreproachable conduct required.

4. The initiations always celebrated the death of a celebrated God or hero, and his subsequent resurrection and life of higher honor and greater exaltation. This symbolized the life of the neophyte, before initiation, as one of death compared with his life after initiation, which was his resurrection.

5. They taught the sublimest truths, religion, morality and virtue, brotherly love and regard for initiates and neighborly regard for all men.

In morality they taught, particularly, the beauties of virtue and truth, and the bitterness and darkness of vice and error; they enjoined, by the most binding obligations, charity, brotherly love, and inflexible honor as the greatest of all duties.

In religion they taught, particularly, the doctrine of one God in opposition to polytheism, and the unity of the First Cause, the immortality of the soul, and future rewards and punishments of everlasting duration.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this series of articles I wish to call the attention of the various chapters to several of these points just stated. Great care should always be taken in making selections for membership. The sacredness of the ballot-box should never be violated, and the ranks of the fraternity never be permitted to receive any who may not answer, in all respects, the standard of these greatest ancestral societies. Such procedure, select and confined as it would be, may lessen the number of members, but in all other respects, and these are the most important and proper considerations, it would redound greatly to the advantage, the good name and character of the order as a college fraternity moving in the front rank of her kind in the country. Following their example we would never call for *many men*, but *men of minds*; never desire

quantity, but *quality*. The moral tone, the intellectual character, the social standing of her membership would be greatly enriched and made a permanent factor in the fraternity. And are these not advantages to be desired? Would these not be her strength? The name and fame of all her members, bearing such records as these, would, after entering the battle of life, be carried through the country with praise and admiration, for such men cannot be found anywhere without good deeds, seemingly continually dropping from their hands. Such a body of men, such a state of affairs, supporting the fraternity, would make ours a second Eleusinia, a second Masonic order, a second Phi Beta Kappa, nay, the greatest and best and most highly honored college fraternity in the land.

But again. No hour in a man's life is more indelibly fixed upon his memory as that in which the deepest emotions are stirred up to their highest pitch; nothing is more indelibly fixed into a man's heart and woven into a man's character as the *effects* which these emotions produce upon them; no hour is less easily forgotten than that of his initiation; and the emotions are never more aroused and character molded, than when a solemn and impressive service initiates him into the secrets of a society upon which his heart has been fixed. The fraternity has long felt the want of such a service, but it is the intention of chapter Tau to present at the coming convention a service, the second used by her, and more elaborate and imposing than any others, which is calculated in every way to supply this want, and to produce lasting effects. Based upon the Masonic partly, and upon the ancient mysteries wholly, it attracts from the beginning to the end the closest attention, and by its impressive changes and maneuvers excites wonder and admiration, and fixes, by its arrangement, everything upon the mind. It begins with *mortality*, which has always been the first step, the first lecture, in all true mysteries, and advances to the three foundation stones mentioned in the constitution—intellectual, moral and social improvement, then to that which is *beautiful* and *good*, until virtue and truth have been depicted and taught. Every part has its own motto and symbols by which the instructions for which they stand may at a glance be recalled to memory and repeated. The accolade at the end of the service is based on that used in the days of chivalry to confer knighthoods, and is the best and most dignified manner of conferring knighthood in our fraternity. The whole service begets the truest and most lasting love for the fraternity and for her interests, for each member and his welfare.

The manuscript also contains a service, used by Tau, for the installation of officers, which is so arranged as to admit use in inducting into office those of the national convention. It is based upon the Masonic service, and of course will speak for itself.

HISTORY.

In a terse and appropriate preface to one of his works, Josephus says: "Those who undertake to write histories do not, I perceive, take that

trouble on one and the same account, but for many reasons, and those such are very different, one from another; for some of them apply themselves to this part of learning to show their skill in composition, and that they may therein acquire a reputation for speaking finely; others of them, there are who write histories, in order to gratify those that happened to be concerned in them, and on that account have spared no pains, but rather gone beyond their own abilities in the performance; but others there are who of necessity, and by force, are driven to write histories, because they are concerned in the fact, and so cannot excuse themselves from committing them to writing for the advantage of posterity." Now of these several the author tells us the two last were his reasons, and one at least of them is a glorious cause.

Who can express more appropriate language how history comes to be written, facts gathered, units collected, and the deeds of the governments and men preserved, than the above few lines of the great and revered Jewish historian.

Few men write history for pecuniary gain, for there is seldom any demand for such books until long years after the author has returned to dust.

As examples of this look at Gibbon, and Livy, and Hume, and Xenophon. Centuries in most cases come and go before the author's book reaches the people, except a few sample copies to associates of the writer.

Many books have been handed down to us that were impelled by some tender and lasting affection for men or events, party or country. It has been claimed, not without foundation, that Macauley wrote his English history for his regard for one particular political faction. And Josephus tells us, "for since I myself was in that war we Jews had with the Romans, and knew myself its particular actions and what conclusions it had, I was forced to give the history of it, because I saw that others perverted the truth of those actions in their writings," and from those motions we received the most complete and reliable history extant of the most ancient people. And there can be no doubt that Tacitus wrote most eloquently to preserve from oblivion his own people and his own kindred.

History, says some one, like "learning, conveyeth medicine into men's minds by the quickness and penetration of example." And it must have been in contemplation of some such thought as the above that led Lord Bacon to place among the highest branches of learning and culture, the historian. For as Napier has beautifully said, "history should be studied with somewhat of the same feeling that superior spirits are supposed to regard the endless progress of man; before them the present, past and future are simultaneously displayed; they at once perceive the motives, ambitions, and final views of humanity; they calmly behold those deeds that fill the earth with wonder, contemplate with steadfast eye the birth, progress and death of nations, and at a single glance penetrate the chaos of human passions, while successive generations rise, flourish and decay."

There is no language that we ever read so beautifully expresses the importance and the grandeur of history as that of Napier. After ten faithful years of study and writing, at the close of his great work on "Florentine History,"

he penned the above appropriate preface. It is even more beautiful and expressive than the touching dedication of John Stuart Mill of one of his most celebrated works to his wife, which has been pronounced one of the tenderest and most affectionate pieces in the English language.

History has done much for the world—the world of letters—poetry and song—the world of power, force, and government—the world of men's creative genius. It has been the source—the granary—the very purse of poet, philosopher, statesman and general, of journalist and economist. And what it has been is only slightly comparable to what it will be. The rich experience of years, of time and of centuries as they are collected, reviewed, rehearsed, recorded and transmitted are of inestimable value and importance. The importance, profit and advantage of a great historian are seldom properly measured or appreciated. At the moment in a cursory and hasty review of Macauley's history we feel that few, very few, such men ever wrote or spoke so eloquently, but this is forgotten almost before we have finished the chapter.

We look into Gibbons' Rome, and feel that the man has spared no pains, trouble, time or cost in making his collections, for we find there everything, and something on every subject. We take up Motley's *Netherland*—we are charmed, and at the same time amazed to think how a man not of that country or people could produce such a collection. We fall upon Prescott, and wisely we say, "This man must have spent his whole life in Mexico, and been assisted in his work by all the wise men thereof." And there by the side of Prescott we see the modest Bancroft's productions; his own country's events all collected with scrupulous care, left to his dear friend—the reader—with no ostentation and no pride. And away across the water is Hume—the forgotten Hume, and the erudite Hallam and Robertson—piled high on the shelves, covered with dust and stains, are the rich gatherings of those studious lives.

These great men have all left the mark which is, as Horace says, more lasting than brass, and against which the winds and the rain beat, but do not destroy. This and the last generation is insensible to their greatness, because they are of us. Time will preserve and perpetuate their labors, and pile up eulogiums to their names, their fame, and their memory.

The Englishman remembers with distinguished pride, and points with ecstasy to the names and fame of Shakespeare, Byron, Milton, Wordsworth, Southey and Coleridge, and Pope, Swift, Johnson, Pitt, Burke, Brougham, and all those. And their names and their lives are on every school boy's tongue. But, in my humble estimation, the men who have chronicled and collected and preserved the events of their time, their country, and other times, other people, and other countries, have done infinitely more for the profit of the human race, and are infinitely more entitled to veneration and esteem, than the poet, the novelist and the orator.

It is absolutely sad to think how poorly all these great historical writers have been recompensed or appreciated. The meanest words in creation always find sale, while the choicest histories go begging purchasers. The worst doggerel verse finds ready readers, while the most beautiful historical essays are actually thrown into the waste-basket. In every household you will find dozens of novels, mostly the very worst trash, while you can not find a history in one in ten. And then interview the general readers. I can find girls and boys of

sixteen that have read two and three hundred novels, and at the same time never read a page of history, and are actually ignorant of who the great historians are. In all my contact with persons who professed any knowledge of literature, I never met but one that had read all of Gibbons' *Rome*. And few, except those who have studied the classics, ever saw a copy of Xenophon, Tacitus, Livy, Josephus, and the like. But these are all noted; what shall we say of those that are not constantly before us? of Grote and Macchiavelli, of Robertson and Hallam, and of the great philosophic *Confucius*? The existence of some of them, I presume, is even doubted by the general novel reader; yet the greatest and most profound novels extant are based upon historical incidents, preserved from oblivion by writers like those mentioned.

The average reader is not aware that the world, that humanity, that literature, is indebted in the least to Herodotus; and even many of the present reading generation are ignorant of the name, and yet that modest old Greek is entitled to the distinguished title of the "Father of History." That alone is a monument more lasting than the Cheops of Egypt.

All the great historians come after him. His little books of travel, his modest opinions of people and countries, was the matrix of the great system of modern history.

How different are our respects paid to people of equal greatness! In our parks and in our by-ways are reared monuments in brass and bronze, in marble and stone, of Scott, and Shakespeare, and Wellington, Washington, Franklin and Lincoln; in your shops are sold every day pictures, photographs and statues of Milton and Goethe and Moore, and in our galleries of art and paintings are to be found the most magnificent pictures, life images and paintings of the poets and sculptors and warriors and generals, while I have never seen an image of Gibbon, Hume, Bancroft, Hallam, or Herodotus and such, much less a costly bronze or a painting.

But some may say this is a poor way to show our regard for such men or their writings. Granted. But if the great play of Hamlet had not been repeated from one to another, poor Hamlet, and Shakespeare, too, would no doubt be now worse off than poor Yorick or Cæsar's dust. If you will read the eloquent and touching trial of Warren Hastings, by Macauley, I wager a small fortune that your neighbor will be told to go and do likewise.

These symbols of great men set up in high places are like bread cast on the waters, or the golden calf.

The great labors of wise men, in the shape of history, that is placed before us, is not appreciated in a due and proper sense. The historian's task is mammoth. His is no poetic fancy, wild and weird and dreamy, left to wander at will and at ease over the real or the ideal, but he is chained, and caged, and confined, not to what he has made and performed, but to the destiny that others have worked out. A whole life is spent to give a faithful and unprejudiced account of one single epoch, occupying a decade of years. And his reward is, to close his volume, lay down his quill, fold his hands, shut his eyes and—die. And if he has written something superhuman—something almost inspiring, one, two or five centuries hence, some Judas Isacariot, discovering it, begins to add tributes and encomiums upon the name of the author.

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LOVE.

True love's the gift which God has given
To man alone beneath the heaven.

It is the sweet sympathy,
The silver link, the silken tie,
Which heart to heart, and mind to mind,
In body and in soul can bind.

—Walter Scott.

BROTHERHOOD.

Even now a radiant angel goeth forth,
A spirit that bath healing in its wings—
And flieth east and west, and north and south,
To do the bidding of the King of Kings;
Stirring men's hearts to compass better things,
And teaching brotherhood as that sweet source,
Which holdeth in itself all blessed springs;
And sheweth how to guide its silver course,
When it shall flood the world with deep, exulting force.

—Mrs. Norton.

DESPAIR.

BY EDWIN S. LISCOMB.

How vague and like a wilderness
That heart becomes with care oppressed;
With fearful storms of mental woe
It sadly rocks, like ships that go,
In hope, far from the smiling shore,
Alas, to greet its scenes no more!
Suff, swaying wildly 'mid the storm,
Upheaves its breast—then, then is gone;
The noble life that bore a charm
Through many a former tempest strife,
At last, when fate uplifts her arm
With powers of sad destruction rife,
Sinks wailing, shivering, 'neath the wave,
No more the storms of earth to brave.

SLEEP.

There is no fact more clearly established in the physiology of man than this: that the brain expends its energies and itself during the hours of wakefulness, and that these are recuperated during sleep; if the recuperation does not equal the expenditure, the brain withers—this is insanity. Thus it is, in early English history, persons who were condemned to death by being prevented from sleeping always died raving maniacs; thus it is, also, that those who are starved to death become insane; the brain is not nourished, and they cannot sleep. The practical inferences are these: 1, those that think most, who do most brain-work, require most sleep; 2, that

time saved from necessary sleep is infallibly destructive to mind, body and estate; 3, give yourself, your children, your servants—give all under you the fullest amount of sleep they will take, by compelling them to go to bed at some regular early hour, and to rise in the morning the moment they awake; and within a fortnight, nature, with almost the regularity of the rising sun will unloose the bonds of sleep the moment enough repose has been secured for the system. This is the only safe and sufficient rule; and as to the question how much sleep any one requires, each must be a rule for himself; great nature will never fail to write it out to the observer under the regulations just given.—*Dr. Spicer.*

Brothers and Sisters.

As fathers love their daughters better than sons, and mothers love their sons better than daughters, so do sisters feel towards brothers a more constant sentiment of attachment than towards each other. None of the little vanities, heart-burnings, and jealousies that, alas for poor human nature! are but too apt to spring up in female hearts, can (or, at all events should) arise between brother and sister; each is proud of the success of the other, because it cannot interfere with self. Hence, if there be a bond of family union more free from the selfish blots that interrupt all others, it is that which exists between an affectionate sister and her brother.

Lady Blessington.

Slurs on Women.

Of all the evils prevalent among young men, we know of none more blighting in its moral effects than to speak slightly of the virtue of woman. Nor is there anything in which young men are so thoroughly mistaken as the low estimate they learn of the integrity of women—not of their own mothers and sisters, but of others, who, they forget, are somebody else's mothers and sisters. As a rule, no person who surrenders to this debasing habit is to be trusted with an enterprise requiring integrity of character. Plain words should be spoken on this point, for the evil is a general one, and deep rooted. If young men are sometimes thrown into the society of thoughtless or rude women, they have no more right to measure all other women by what they see of these than they would have to estimate the character of honest and respectable citizens by the developments of crime in our police courts. Let our young men remember that their chief happiness in life depends upon their utter faith in women. No worldly wisdom, no misanthropic philosophy, no generalization, can cover or weaken truth. It stands like the record of God itself—for it is nothing less than this—and should put an everlasting seal upon lips that are wont to speak slightly of women.

Star of the West.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

As the present is the last issue of the CRESCENT before the annual Convention, we beg the privilege at this time of noting some of the principal objects and calls of the annual gathering.

The welcome and cheering notes of the slogan announce that on the 1st day of May, the brotherhood will be represented by its delegates in Convention assembled in the city of Akron, Ohio.

By all odds the annual gathering should be represented by its delegate from *every* chapter. To insure success, to transact business, to care for the welfare of the fraternity—to enlarge and extend its bounds and its influence a large representation is earnestly desired.

The coming convention is the most important of our fraternity that we ever had. At this we, the delegates, will be better posted on the general welfare of the fraternity. Through the "CRESCENT" each one has learned the situation of the fraternity East, West, North and South. The society is growing older, wiser and better—it is growing more extended and broader—it is fast increasing in numbers and strength; therefore we say this convention is important. Every member who can should attend. Equal advantages are bestowed upon and shared by all, so that no one need think that if he should go there he would be slighted or turned away. On the contrary, its halls and meetings have always been free to every member—all are welcome. Much important business will be performed in a more business-like manner than ever heretofore.

The fraternity now has a paper—its ward—that needs care, legislation, and attention. The society has important business in all its branches that must be looked to and cared for.

Akron is a beautiful and advantageous city for a convention. The writer had the extreme pleasure of attending the annual convention of 1873 in that place. The city is convenient and accessible to a large number of the alumni who should by all means attend.

Those persons in the vicinity of Cincinnati, Dayton, Jamestown, Meadville and the East, go on the Atlantic and Great Western or Erie Railroad. Those in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and Central or Southeastern Pennsylvania should take the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Road and change cars at Ravenna, Ohio. Those at Indianapolis, Chicago, and in the Western States should come to Dayton via Indianapolis, and change cars at Dayton or Cincinnati. Akron is distant from Cincinnati about 260 miles.

We feel at perfect liberty in saying all will find a most cordial welcome at Akron, and therefore urge all to attend who possibly can.

Among the most important duties of the Convention is the selection of a proper place for the succeeding gathering. A good many objects should be taken in view in making the selection. Principally a geographical location that will be most suitable to obtain the largest attendance is to be most desired.

The writer for two years past has been a warm advocate of a change of time of year for the meeting, and to change from our usual meetings at chapters to a suitable place where there are no chapters. He has therefore proposed Put-in-Bay, Lake Erie, Ohio, as one of the most proper and suitable in the above respect, and a change in time from May to the last part of July or August.

There are three or four reasons why I advocate Put-in-Bay, chiefly these: 1st, for its accessibility; 2d, the economy going, returning and while there; 3d, its adaptability for the purpose of our society, and, lastly, it combines business with pleasure so well that it necessarily will receive a better attendance than usual.

Put-in-Bay is exceedingly convenient to many chapters, most especially Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Theta, Sigma, Epsilon, Eta, Phi, Iota, Kappa, Psi and others. Within a radius of 200 miles of Put-in-Bay reside three-fifths of the alumni of the whole fraternity.

If the Convention in May should appoint the Convention for 1879 to be held at the above place we think our fraternity would never have cause to regret it.

CINO.

Reply to Fourth Division.

DEAR CRESCENT: The communication in your last issue from the Fourth Division prompts us to say a few words in behalf of the opposite side of the question.

Being at the last convention we know something of the feelings of the fraternity at large regarding the Fourth Division. While every one expressed the kindest feeling for every member of the order, yet it hardly seemed just that a part should be taxed, as the constitution requires, while others living under the same flag and enjoying the same privileges should escape this little inconvenience of taxation. While we advocate any measures of retrenchment that savors of true economy, we can not support any policy that has a tendency to cripple Alpha in her good work. After a careful consideration of all things, including the protest of the Fourth at the last convention, the convention felt that the tax could not be reduced. Now, if it can be done this year, reduce it by all means; but it can only be done by revising the constitution, and now let the Fourth Division see to having enough men at the coming convention to attend to her interests, if she thinks they have been slighted heretofore, and remember that, while the constitution remains as it now is, our honor, if nothing else, compels us to remit the little tax.

JUSTICE.

GLENDALE, OHIO, March 31, 1878.

Reply to Lambda.

In the last issue of THE CRESCENT there was a communication from the Grand Chapter of the Fourth Division which deserves more than a passing notice, both on account of matter contained of importance to the fraternity and to Alpha as business manager of the fraternity. It is true that a brief article will not permit the discussion that our brothers of the Fourth Division have invited, but it will admit of a statement in reply, and we hope to meet at least one delegate from our sister chapter at the convention, where the matter may be discussed fully, a careful investigation made, and all arranged satisfactorily to her, and beyond cavil in the future.

We hold it as an incontrovertible principle that our fraternity should exist as a unit—each chapter under strict obligation to the constitution and accepting it as the supreme law. The idea of chapter sovereignty works as sad havoc in the body fraternal as State sovereignty in the body politic, and it is certainly as high treason to rebel against the constitution in one case as the other. If any chapter, or numbers of chapters, feels that the constitution does not meet their wants or the best interests of the fraternity, the constitution provides a remedy—a rightful one—and a method of procedure to obtain it. To discuss these wants is the prime object of the convention, and it behooves each chapter, in her own interest and the interest of the fraternity, to send a delegate.

In answer to the first objection, we say: True, there was a balance of \$107.92, according to the annual report of the treasurer at the convention last May. This was truly a flattering showing of the finances, and to our knowledge the treasury department never was in a better condition, and considerably more agreeable to contemplate than if there had been a deficit. But the brothers must not forget that this balance must be held to meet the current expenses of the then coming year, in order that the fraternity might not go a begging for credit, which is an answer to the second objection that this balance in the extension fund should remain "at home."

To the third point, we reply that the propriety and right of a chapter to pay dues, as exacted by the constitution, can not but be admitted in the good sense and judgment of every chapter, and each chapter is in honor duty bound to pay such dues.

As to the reduction of dues one half, we say that it is advisable, and let the convention decide when she meets on the amendments which have been proposed to that effect. We come now to the gravest charge, and, if true, we class it where it belongs, viz., a misappropriation of the extension fund to uses that are open to severe criticism. The committee of Lambda, when they say that "we seriously question the right and justice of paying for presents, banquets, music, and candidates to convention from the extension fund," have been sadly misinformed, and are laboring under a serious mistake, for no money has ever been paid out of the extension fund "for presents, banquets, or candidates to convention," and if so ask for proof to be sent to convention.

As to "music," when the convention was held at Meadville, in 1875, the convention decided to have the literary performance public. The opera-house was procured, music obtained, and the exercises of the evening were a success, and raised this chapter

and the entire fraternity very high in the estimation of the citizens of Meadville.

In answer to the fifth point, we can say that Alpha Chapter alone has paid into the extension fund sixty-five dollars within the last three years, and has not received *one cent* in direct return. Yet, knowing that the money has been wisely expended in the interests of the fraternity, and that the fraternity is increasing in influence and numbers, we are satisfied, and see no cause for complaint.

Lastly, as to catalogues: In order to obtain funds for the publishing of the last catalogue, each chapter was assessed a tax in proportion to the number of active members. Most of the chapters responded promptly to the assessment, and a few did not respond at all. Those chapters paying the tax levied received their proportion of catalogues; those that did not received catalogues to just that amount. If any chapter paid the assessment and did not receive her complement of catalogues, such chapter is entitled to them yet; and, if this is the case with Lambda, or any other chapter, Alpha will gladly rectify the mistake.

As a member of the fraternity five years, *et. G. L. A.*, and a member of Alpha during the time she has been Alpha, and knowing the facts of the case presented in the last issue, this article is submitted for perusal.

L. L. DAVIS.

ALUMNI NEWS.

[Under this head both alumni and undergraduates who have left college are included.]

ALPHA.—Lieutenant R. G. Heiner, the founder of old Chapter Theta, now Alpha, is at Fort Randall, Dakota Territory.

GAMMA.—Hon. Jas. A. Rice, attorney, class '77, Washington and Jefferson College, is Mayor of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

THETA.—James Lane Allen, class of '67, Bethany College, is a member of the Chicago bar; office, 118 Randolph street.

KAPPA.—Wallace W. Hickman, class of '74, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., is also a member of the Chicago bar.

PHI.—Jas. J. Gilchrist, class of '77, Hanover College, is at Greenfield, Ind. He expects to enter the Presbyterian ministry.

[NOTE.—Information for this department is requested, and will be thankfully received.—Editors.]

DELTA PERSONALS.

President Hayes is a Delta Tau Delta. Financially and fraternally Rutherford B. Hayes is sound.

General T. F. Wildes, of Akron, O., is President of the Delta convention which convenes in that city in May. R. C. Lambe, of Hanover College, is Vice President.

Rev. M. C. Briggs, D. D., who delivered the oration before the convention of '73, is now located at Sacramento City, California.

O. E. Augstman, of Lansing, Michigan, is the

poet at the convention. J. N. Hunt, of Rock Island, Ill., is the orator.

Rev. Stephen Bowers, D. D., of Indianapolis, Indiana, is delivering a lecture on California. It is highly spoken of by the press where it has been delivered.

A. A. Pickrell, of Chapter Upsilon, is out of college this term. C. B. Taylor acts as editor of that chapter in his absence.

Will A. Cullop, Secretary of the National Convention, has been elected to represent Chapter Phi in the convention. A good selection.

Theodore F. Koezly has declined the editorship of Chapter Rho, and Henry T. Bruck has been elected to fill the vacancy.

Charles N. Dobyns has been elected to the editorship of the new chapter at Oskaloosa, Iowa. Glad to welcome him to THE CRESCENT staff.

The Hon. James Rice, Mayor of Oskaloosa, Iowa, is taking quite an active interest in the new chapter at that place. We hope other alumni will evince the same spirit.

Rev. James S. Eaton, our historian, will graduate from the Princeton Theological Seminary this month. Brother Eaton has been an active fraternity man, and we predict a successful life for him in the mini-try.

The majority for O. P. Sperra, Esq., the Republican candidate for Justice of the Peace, at Ravenna, was 211. This is a high personal compliment to a sterling young Republican, whose vigor and ability won for him so generous a support. Mr. Sperra is a coming, growing man, and one who will adorn the legal profession which he is just entering, and all his friends may justly congratulate him on the record made for him on Monday.—*Republican-Democrat*, April 3.

George B. Wright, of Alpha, class of '74, and first honor man, has been in Meadville for a few days.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Read "Slurs on Women."

Remember the Delta Tau Delta Convention meets at Akron, Ohio, May 1st, 1878.

A few articles and a part of our advertisements were crowded out of last issue for want of space.

In last issue, our printer made us say 7th instead of the 20th Annual Convention of the fraternity.

All parties indebted to the CRESCENT will please pay up at once. We need the money badly, VERY badly, INDEED.

Those that wish volume I. of the CRESCENT complete should subscribe now. We can furnish all back numbers yet. The complete volume will be interesting on account of the history of the fraternity that is being now published. It will be nice for binding.

We return thanks to Bro. W. M. Day, associate editor of the Akron (O.) Daily Beacon, for a copy of that paper of May 22, 1873. It contains a summary of the oration delivered by Rev. M. C. Briggs, D. D., and the poem, "Rifts in the Cloud," read by Will M. Carelton, before the Delta Convention, assembled at Akron.

It is with very great pleasure we announce to the fraternity the organization of two new chapters—one at Butler University, Irvington, Ind., and the other at Oskaloosa, Iowa, with ten members. The former has been named Zeta Beta Prime. We understand that both chapters start out under very favorable circumstances. The CRESCENT tenders them the warmest greetings of the fraternity, and welcomes them into our "mystic" circle. We firmly trust that the bands of brotherhood thus recently knit may never be severed.

The influence of the CRESCENT, we think, is beginning to be felt, and that to the interest of the fraternity. Light—fraternal light—such as the CRESCENT sheds over the way of Delta Tau Delta, is just what is needed to build up, and firmly cement, the interest of our noble Brotherhood.

But recently we have been apprized by Bro. Eaton that owing to professional duties he is unable to present the readers of the CRESCENT with a chapter on history, this issue. We regret this very much indeed. However, in our next we hope to be able to make up for this issue by giving twice as much history as usual.

We will give the minutes of the Convention in the May issue. The secretary will confer a favor by sending them in at once. He will please be cautious and give nothing that is strictly secret and should not be seen by the public.

Some of our exchanges complimented Jas. L. Allen by publishing extracts from his oration, delivered before the Delta Convention, at Ann Arbor, in '76.

We have received communications from some of the chapters written on stationery stamped with the cut of the new badge. It is elegant.

Alpha Locals.

MEADVILLE, PA., April 3, 1878.

Alpha begins the Spring term of college with twenty-five active members.

Of the captains of the four companies comprising the cadet corps of Allegheny College, three are Deltas—J. N. White, J. A. Bolard and L. L. Davis.

On the first of April Alpha moved from her old hall, corner of Chestnut and Water streets, to her new one in Huidekoper Block. Her new hall is large and nicely furnished, and has, besides the main room, three ante-rooms, giving fine facilities for initiation, and a place to keep the goat.

March the 26th the Ossoli, the ladies' society, held their recitation contest. Some of the ladies showed their colors by wearing Delta badges, and several bouquets, with Delta compliments, were given to the fair contestants.

The members of Alpha are discussing the idea of attending the convention banquet at Akron.

R. E. McKelvy, of Pittsburg, is playing in the Indianapolis base-ball club. Rus. is a full-blooded Delta, and would be glad to meet any of the "boys" on his trips this season.

Prof. T. D. Sensor is spending his vacation in

Meadville. The Professor looks very dignified in his quiet reserve.

Alpha will send two delegates to the convention. Would that each chapter would do likewise.

Owing to business pressure, the orator of the convention, J. N. Hunt, can not attend. The alternate, President McCollister, has been requested to deliver the oration.

The North-Western University, Illinois, has secured Will Carleton to lecture.

Quite a number of resolutions from different chapters have been sent in to Alpha, to be acted on by the convention. Chapter Tau leads, with some timely and important ones; and, from appearance, the next convention will have plenty of business to occupy its attention. S.

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

Notes from Tau.

Bro. Gibbons has been elected President of the Diagnothean Literary Society.

Bro. B. F. Biery, '75, now a senior in theology in New York, sends a handsome picture of himself to Bro. Hartzel here. The fraternity badge, clearly marked on his neck-scarf, is another proof of loyalty to Tau and Delta Tau Delta. Bro. B. expects to visit us in May.

The Goethean Literary Society has placed two members of our chapter on the programme for its forty-third anniversary, to be held in Fulton opera-house in May. Bro. Will Miller will deliver an oration, and your servant, the chapter editor, will be the poet of the occasion.

Three of "our boys" were patient sufferers in the month that is gone. Bros. Walt. Bausman and Will Miller were retired from active college work, owing to some ocular affection, and Bro. Rieser was taken home for a fortnight to suffer from a fever. The two last named are back at college now, however, ready for work, and we hope Bro. Bausman soon will be.

We swell the "Song of Tribute" every chance we get, in our down-town parlor.

Bro. Dreisbach, poet of the Goethean Society at the anniversary in '77, promises us something from his pen soon.

We of Tau will try our best to send a delegate to the Akron convention.

Since our last "notes" were forwarded to THE CRESCENT, two promising members have been enrolled by Chapter Tau. The first, Bro. Will Mayberry, is from Philadelphia, and the second, Bro. H. S. Coblentz, from Reading, Pa. Both young men stand well in their classes, and both belong to families which wield an influence at Franklin and Marshall. They are trophies, and we welcome them to our ranks.

Bro. Rheinsberg took passage at New York, on Saturday, February 23, for Germany. He goes out to visit his home in Berlin, and also expects to look in on the World's Fair of '78 in Paris. He has promised to write some letters on his trip

for THE CRESCENT. May he have a good time, and be returned safely to us again in September.

Our charter, neatly framed, has been given a place on the walls of Delta Hall.

Bro. John N. Lawfer now wields the yardstick in his father's store at Allentown, Pa. He expects to pay Mother Tau a visit in May.

Bro. D. H. Geissinger carried off the Keystone prize for declamation at Meadville, in '69.

Bro. Hartzel has assumed the duties of chapter chaplain.

Chapter Tau is winning laurels in Lancaster's social circles.

Chapter Tau wore the accustomed badge of mourning for ten days, in memory of our lately deceased brother Fleck.

Bro. George W. Geiser, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College in the class of '75, and one of Tau's charter members, has been admitted to the Northampton county bar. The Easton (Pa.) *Express* notices him very favorably: "He was before the examining committee last Thursday, and acquitted himself in a highly creditable manner. Possessed of genial, social qualities, a high moral tone, fine intellectual attainments, and speaking both German and English with equal facility, he will no doubt speedily build up a remunerative practice."

We were visited, in February, by Bros. Otis F. Hoffman, a graduate of Allegheny College in the class of '73, and David S. Kindig, of "the great unknown" silent Sigma. Bro. Hoffman was at college a member of Meadville's old Delta chapter, and is now engaged in the practice of law at Warren, Pa. We found him a genial, whole-souled frater. He could not tarry long with us, but he met a number of our chapter members, and was pleased with our magnitude. Bro. Kindig, who is working in the interest of phrenology, spent several days with us, and on Thursday evening, February 21, we gave him a reception in Delta Hall. A prominent feature of the evening was the initiation of Brother Mayberry, the chapter using Bro. Hartzel's improved service to induct him into the mysteries of our secret shrine. Bro. Kindig was welcomed among us by presiding officer Bausman and others, and Brother Rob. Bowling, one of Tau's members at the very outset of her career, recounted her history up to '78 for the benefit of our visitor and all. As a stranger from the undiscovered planet in our constellation, Bro. K. told us many things of interest concerning the noted "star." He expressed his approval of our initiatory service; was glad to find us fixed so firmly here, and thanked us heartily for the welcome tendered him. Chapter Tau will not soon forget Bros. Hoffman and Kindig. They are royal men, and we would like to see them soon again.

J. H. G.

LANCASTER, PA., March 2, 1878.

OBITUARY.

WHEREAS, Through the wise Providence of Almighty God, our brother and fellow townsman, Prof. John B. Fleck, has been called from

life to death, we unite with the bereaved and lonely widow, parents and relatives in this sorrow, and hereby tender our sympathy. We would say to the dear friends of the late departed one from the family and social circle, trouble no more for him who hath been borne from amongst you to the grave, for he has only gone to live, to enjoy the high felicity of his earthly labors.

Professor John B. Fleck was born at Shippensburg, Cumberland county, Pa., on the 11th day of May, 1818. He was an industrious student, and made his way to his eminent position in much shorter time than most students. He commenced his scholastic career in the year 1869, and taught his first school commencing that Fall and ending in the Spring of 1870. He taught in the Winter, and attended the best institutions of learning in the Summer. While teaching, unlike most young teachers, he had no leisure time, as he devoted all his spare time to the acquisition of knowledge, thus advancing and acquiring the most honorable position in the classes to which he advanced. He graduated with high honors at Mount Union College, Ohio, July 22, 1875. He successfully taught schools in Illinois, Missouri and his native State. His unceasing toil was too much for him, but his untiring energy led him on until sickness overtook him. Although exhausted and worn down, he, in company with a Mr. Kelley, commenced teaching a classical seminary in Pittsburg, in 1877, where he married the amiable Miss Lizzie Kay, of Nova Scotia, on the 26th day of August, 1877. He was a fond husband and a dutiful son. He was loved by all who knew him, and admired for his talent. He was an accomplished scholar, a useful and patriotic citizen, and one whose life was spent in honoring God and blessing mankind. He departed this life on the 24th of January, 1878, aged 29 years, 8 months and 13 days.

Resolved, That a copy of the above memorial be presented to his widow and parents, and that one also be sent to Mount Union College for publication by the writer. JOHN W. LYTLE.

SAXTON, PA., February, 1878.

The above is taken from the *Huntingdon Local News*, a paper published in the interior of Pennsylvania, near the home of its writer. It deserves a place in THE CRESCENT. Professor Fleck was formerly a member of Chapter Sigma, of our fraternity, and ranked high in scholarship at *Alma Mater*. We deplore his loss as that of a most worthy son of Delta Tau Delta. The memorial speaks for itself, however; we need only add, "Peace to his ashes."

J. H. GEISSINGER.

LANCASTER, PA., March 5, 1878.

CHAPTER GAMMA.

Personals from Gamma.

WASHINGTON, PA., April, 1878.

We have been very much pleased lately in receiving visits from several of our brothers from Theta. First came Bro. Stucky, and afterwards Bros. VanMeter, Will Shinn and Goff. They

are all ardent workers in the noble cause. The last three mentioned are of the class of '78, and therefore Theta will soon lose what can not be easily replaced. They seemed well pleased with our city, as all its places of interest were visited by them—such as the seminary, cremation hall, the college, etc., but especially the seminary. Call again.

The college frontrels will give another entertainment some time in April, provided Brother Beacom is not persuaded by a certain fair one to return to "Alpha."

Bro. Harry McKennan, '69, is at present practicing medicine in Washington.

For some time past Bro. Logan has been spending a great deal of his time "at home."

Bro. Will Taylor, who has been in business in New York, is home on a visit.

Bro. Joe Moore has turned granger, and is living in the country now. We feel satisfied that Joe will see that there is an abundance of fowls on the farm.

Bro. Olmstead is well pleased with New York, and says the only thing he has to complain of is the great scarcity of cows.

There will be trouble in Wheeling if Bro. Sam Workman continues to go so often to the place where he says "she is such an elegant cook."

G. P. M.

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

Theta Hall.

Perhaps it will not be amiss for us to give our readers who as yet have never seen, but who have heard so much about Theta Hall, a brief description of it, how it was built, &c. It was in the fall of '76, and although there was a small opening in the college, Theta lost no time in grasping within her outstretched arms the most choice of her members. Her ranks, though at first few, now number twenty of the most liberal, respectable and promising young men in College, and it was evident that our little bark, which had withstood the storms and been tossed on the waves for so long, had at last reached the still, calm water, and was fast gliding into the port of safety. Tired of meeting in some dark and gloomy back room in the hush of night, and creeping to our hiding places like wolves stealthily stealing upon their prey, and shuddering at every step lest we should meet up with some one who was not a Delta and thus reveal the secrecy of our meeting, it was concluded that we procure some more suitable hall, where we could hold our meetings in safety, as secretly, and at any time. So immediately a committee was appointed (of which the writer was a member), to wait upon the Masons and Grangers, and see upon what terms we could procure one of their halls, they being the only ones in town suitable for our purposes. But to our chagrin, just as we were in hopes of removing from our secluded dungeon to some comfortable and secure place, where we might unfurl our banner to the

breeze without fear or molestation, our lofty ambitions were checked by being refused the rental of either hall, and we crept to our secluded place to deliberate. Many now became discouraged, and gave up all hopes of ever procuring a better place, but others, who perhaps had more courage, held on with the tenacity of a bull dog, thinking that "if at first you don't succeed, try, try, again," until at last it was suggested by Bro. Geo. Byine that we build a hall, that although we were few in numbers we were backed up by a strong Alumni, and although it was a great undertaking for a party of mere boys, still with our energy and perseverance it could and would be done. This was the only way for us to show to the world our superiority to other fraternities, the liberality and pluck of our members, and to float the Delta colors far above all others. So immediately the committee was instructed to open books for contributions, and circulars soliciting aid were sent to many of our Alumni, some of whom responded quite liberally. But greater part of the means were raised among our own members. In the mean time the committee had drawn up the necessary plans, had selected a suitable site for building on Main street, and in the following spring the operations of building began in earnest, there having been enough money subscribed to justify some definite action, and the music of the hammers and saws of our busy members, some of whom were no second class carpenters, gave evidence that the time was not far distant when Theta Chapter would be the possessor of a neat and comfortable hall. In June the work was completed, and the dimensions of the hall, which is the second story of the building, with a nice balcony in front, are 40x16, with a 10 feet ceiling and an ante-room of 7 feet across one end. It is not yet furnished as it will be, but on the inside can be found plenty of chairs, an elegant chandelier, and one of the best of stoves. In one end is our lovely motto, "We labor for the beautiful and good," in glowing gilt letters, and from our window hang the most improved window shades, on which are painted the chapter and name of the fraternity. Several pictures adorn the walls, among which is a deed to the property. The building has just lately been painted, and now presents a handsome appearance.

Theta Locals and Personals.

Read our letter from Sigma.

Elect your delegates to the convention.

Every Delta should subscribe for THE CRESCENT. It is the light of the fraternity.

Every chapter in the Second Division will be represented at the convention.

Our efficient and worthy brother, N. P. Van Meter, is the delegate chosen to represent Theta at the coming convention.

The members of Theta have procured an insurance policy of \$500 on their new hall for three years.

Bro. George S. Walton, of '77, is back at Bethany on a visit, and appears to be happy. He is looking well, and reports everything lovely in

Louisiana; but at present West Virginia seems to have more attraction for him.

At a recent election of the Neotrophian Literary Society, Bro. G. W. Shinn was chosen to deliver the valedictory, in June, and Bro. W. C. Meaux as annivarsarian for next year.

Our esteemed young friend and brother Delta, Dr. W. K. Curtis, has just returned from Jefferson Medical College, where he graduated with distinction. He is now spending a few days at his home, and, we understand, will soon hang out his sign in Well-burg.

Bro. W. E. Kimberling, of Point Pleasant, made us a pleasant visit last week while on his way to Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He was, as usual, in fine spirits, and did not forget to call on the ladies.

Again we have had the pleasure of greeting within our hall three of Brooke county's choicest flowers. We refer to the Misses Mollie Buchanan, Ida Curtis and Mamie Campbell, who recently made us such a pleasant visit. Ladies, may it not be long ere we can again bask in the sunshine of thy smiles.

Ex-Bro. E. W. Brown, who was expelled from Theta Chapter in '73, has been re-instated, on the grounds that his expulsion was *unjust and uncalled for*. We gladly welcome him back into our order, and extend to him the right hand of fellowship.

In behalf of Theta Chapter, we desire to return thanks to Bro. H. K. Pendleton for the elegant and bountiful supper a short time since. Also to Mrs. Pendleton, that princess of housekeepers, who, as a hostess, is too well known to need any comment from our humble pen.

Bro. W. P. Mason, late Principal of the State Normal School of Ohio, spent a few days with us last week. He is still the same good, jovial fellow, and we had the pleasure of accompanying him to Steubenville, where he purchased a ticket to Arkansas. We wish him success wherever he may go, and bespeak for him much happiness in his new home.

J. H. S.

BETHANY, W. VA., April, 1878.

Chapter Sigma.

SIGMA, March 8, 1878.

DEAR CRESCENT: Very little indeed has Chapter Sigma had to say concerning herself, or any other subject, through your columns. An apology for our apparent neglect in taking part in the public matters of the fraternity must be a statement of the peculiar circumstances by which our little circle of brothers are surrounded. Our chapter was founded nearly five years ago, and its nature as an organization was in direct opposition to the rules of the college. Since the time of its first meeting, however, it has borne the palm of success, and has flourished in a satisfactory manner, even though placed beneath the very gaze of a hostile faculty. Beside this opposition, it is impossible to conceal the benefits of our chapter's mysterious workings from the great mass of students who are not of Delta blood; and

the resulting jealousy with them prevents our taking our merited place in the public ranks of the fraternity. But, in the face of these drawbacks, we have had the pleasure of seeing Sigma flourish, and we stand independent in all, save our surroundings, ready to consecrate mutual love with our sister chapters at the common shrine of our brotherhood.

Our chapter has been increased in numbers during the last term by six new members, and now, as usual, we number about twenty active workers. We consider that many benefits arise from our society to the college. New students entering school are treated with a more generous hospitality, and a knowledge of the secrets and sophistry of college life, so necessary to the student's welfare, is opened up to him almost immediately; the literary societies move successfully from this unseen cause; and old students, departing, have another tie to bind them to their *alma mater*.

We were glad to hail THE CRESCENT as a much-needed organ of the Delta Tau, although prevented by circumstances from sending a satisfactory list of subscribers. Its proper mission is to strengthen the fraternal bonds and add precision to the methodical operations of our network of chapters; and we trust it will prove equal to its task. Now that we are receiving its benefits, it would seem almost impossible to do well without it. It can not fail to virtually bind into a grand unit the chapters of the fraternity which before seemed to be merely so many abstracts of a great original.

We extend good wishes, particularly to Mother Theta and sister chapters of our division, and generally to the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

Fraternally yours,

G. R. W.

Chapter Eta.

ETA HALL, April 1, 1878.

EDITOR CRESCENT: We are rejoiced to report that the past Winter term has been one of the most successful, as regards fraternity and literary work, in the history of our chapter. There is nothing very encouraging to say of our financial condition, but that is of small consideration in comparison with the moral and intellectual standing. But, while mentioning the subject of finances, let me give this advice to young chapters: By no means run into debt, and do not levy heavy taxes upon your members for forcing improvements which should only come with time. Nothing will so embarrass you as these two hinderances—debt and discontent. Better wait until you have a large alumni, by whose aid you can make all the improvements without so severely taxing yourselves, both in pocket and patience. Chapter Eta thanks her alumni most heartily for the aid and encouragement which they have given her, and hopes that their favors may be extended at least a little while longer.

During the last term we have made three additions to our numbers—three as good men as ever joined a fraternity—and it is our sincere

wish that we may be as successful in securing such men in the future. Our regular attendance has been sixteen, including the alumni and resident Deltas.

The larger part of the Deltas are spending the Spring vacation in Akron.

Bro. F. M. Carter is visiting friends in Cuyahoga Falls and thereabouts.

W. B. King left for home before the term closed.

Bro. Sanford is visiting Kent.

Bro. S. C. Crafts, who left college last year, is now studying law in Chicago.

The Bryants recently gave an entertainment, consisting of well prepared and appropriate literary exercises, and concluded with an entertaining comedy, which, being very well played, proved one of the most interesting features of the entertainment.

The oldest Delta of Chapter Eta, Bro. L. K. Ranney, will be with us next term, and also B. W. Richardson, now in Chicago.

The following note of interest to the Deltas of Eta appeared in one of our city papers a week or two ago: "W. H. Whitmore, of the Sixth Ward, who has been reading medicine for the last year, departed for Chicago yesterday, where he will attend the Spring course of lectures at the Homœopathic Medical College of that city." Bro. Whitmore has the best wishes of all, and, judging from his college work, he will make a success of his undertaking.

We received a very encouraging letter from Bro. Beattie, of Chi, and in return Eta extends the hand of friendship, feeling honored to be associated with a wide-awake and energetic chapter of the stamp of Chi. Success to her.

Chapter Eta gives the last lecture of "The Delta Course" in a few weeks, and when this is off our hands, we will begin preparations for the convention. Let every chapter send as many delegates as possible; there will be room enough for them. Akron contains a goodly number of Deltas, who, with the members of Eta, can give a genuine fraternal greeting. D.

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

Chapter Phi.

The members of Phi will refurnish their hall during the Spring term.

A cozy hall adds much to the pleasures of the meetings.

Bros. Lambe and Arbuckle attended the State oratorical contest at Crawfordsville, Ind., the former as a delegate for the Hanover Association, and the latter is a member of the State executive committee. They will pay Psi a fraternal visit during their stay at Wabash.

Bros. Slaughter, Emison and Milroy did themselves, as well as Chapter Phi, great credit at the late exhibition given by the literary societies of Hanover College. All admitted that the Delta

Tau's carried off the honors of the evening.

Bro. Christy sports a "plug hat." It's the "boss."

Bro. Arbuckle is convinced that Crawfordsville surpasses Swanville.

Bro. Milroy will visit his father's family in Washington Territory during the coming vacation. Bruce has not been home for three years. It will not be necessary to say he *wants to go home* once more.

Bro. Shannon contemplates a good time during the senior vacation.

Bro. Allen thinks of visiting Glendale soon. He is interested in the female college at that place.

Bro. Slaughter was elected President of the State Oratorical Association at the contest held at Crawfordsville, for the coming year.

Bro. R. C. Lambe was elected as a delegate for Indiana to the Inter-State Contest, to be held at St. Louis in May.

Honors for Phi.

W. A. C.

HANOVER, IND., March 9, 1878.

The past week has been one of glory for Phi. Out of thirteen speakers in the societies' exhibitions, six of them were Delta Taus. The honor men in both exhibitions were Delta Taus. The like has never occurred here before, and will not soon again.

Bro. Lambe has been elected President of the Philal Society for the present term. This is the third Delta Tau President for the Philal Society this year. Delta Taus are popular in Hanover College.

Bro. Cullop has been elected to represent Phi in the Annual Convention, to be held at Akron, Ohio, on the 1st of May.

Phi has had an addition of one. Another soul made happy.

The chapter founded lately at Butler University sends cheering reports.

Bro. Christy is taking a rest at his home in Greensburg. We miss "Lengthy."

HANOVER, April 2.

DELTA TAU.

Chapter Iota.

LANSING, MICH., April, 1878.

BROTHERS: In the March number of THE CRESCENT no doubt all have read the report of the committee from Lambda—head chapter of the Fourth Division—in which it speaks the feelings of its own chapter, and its subordinates, with reference to the catalogue fund and annual dues of our fraternity. Doubtless ere this notice has been received by the Division Grand Chapters—as the constitution provides—of two amendments that will be proposed by Chapter Iota at the coming convention in May, viz.: To strike out section 2 of article 1, and to substitute the words — in article 1.

We do this, as we believe, in the best interests

of the fraternity. We think the reputation of Chapter Iota will warrant us in saying that it never has been, and we fervently hope never may be, inclined to shirk reasonable duty or responsibility; we do not wish to now, but we do ask the attention of every chapter to the report of the last convention, to the extension and catalogue funds, and to the sales of catalogues.

Brothers, give your earnest attention to this matter, and, in fraternal love, we remain

EUGENE DAVENPORT, }
GEORGE E. BRECK, } Com.
R. B. NORTON, }

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

Letter from Upsilon.

Our fraternity, though very secret in its workings and doings about the university, has good times occasionally.

Our noted Bro. Will Carleton, who has a world wide reputation as a poet and lecturer, favored the people of Champaign, (and the Delta boys) on Saturday evening, February 15th, with his poem-lecture, "Science of Home." He spent Sunday with us, and, of course, we got pretty well acquainted with him. During his stay with us we had a little banquet—it might be called a students' banquet, as it consisted of oysters fried, oysters stewed, oysters raw, cakes, nuts, oranges, candies, &c., after which there were a few toasts made, as it would be out of order to do otherwise; then adjourned to the Doane House parlors, where the rest of the evening was spent in society talk and cracking jokes, and before separating we all decided that Bro. Carleton was the liveliest fellow we had met. On Monday morning we rushed him through the university, giving him time enough to make the boys a spicy speech in the chapel, which pleased all present, after which he hurried to the 11:20 train, going west on the I. B. and W., leaving many friends to remember him with pleasure.

CHAMPAIGN, March 1, '78.

A. A. P.

Chapter Chi.

Dear Crescent: It might interest some of the older sisters to learn how their younger sister Chi prospers. We were organized by the author of this communication on the 15th of January. We now have fifteen active members, including some of the old members of the defunct chapter "Nu" which was situated here previous, and all of our members are true, genuine Deltas. We have everything in perfect working order. We have gotten up a very beautiful initiation ceremony, besides we have procured a cut of the new style badge, which is very handsome. We have some opposition, but we are recognized as the best Fraternity in the institution. I would say if any of our sisters would like an electrotype of the new badge we can furnish them very

cheap. We will have a nice hall next term. We have one graduate this year, Mr. N. C. Carpenter, who stands first in his class. We are all hearty supporters of the CRESCENT, and will be pleased to welcome any brother to share our hospitality when it may please any of them to give us a call.

Bro. J. T. Brooks, of old "Nu," is a successful attorney at Sigourna, Ia. He calls on us frequently, and is a true Delta.

Bro. C. L. Haskel, of Nu, has gone East to practice Law. Bro. W. F. Burket, of Nu, holds forth in Valley Falls, Kansas. Bro. J. W. Love was principal of a high school out West some place, and he is a true Delta.

Your humble servant has gone into the law, and sits in his office waiting for a customer and writes this anon.

My Brothers, I am fraternally yours,
C. M. MEEKER.

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