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Of our good old Delta Tau."*

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VIGILANCE.

BY CHARLES M. SNYDER, OF ALPHA.

Awake, thou sluggard! look and understand
The signs of toil and strife on every hand!
Mark the advancing sweep of intellect,
Sure to its goal—zeal that will not deflect.
Contrast achievements of a cultured mind
To things by happy circumstance combined.
Judge of the vigor of an earnest soul
That will not rest until on honor's roll.

There is a record of a race well run,
Where Might with Right was e'er in unison.
Each to his calling then himself applies,
To reach that point where work's conclusion lies—
A task not easy, nor from toil exempt,
Attempted oft, and often but attempt.
Would you perform the things your mind conceives?
Wait not until anon—that time deceives.
Procrastination is a thief, indeed,
And filches all in its insatiate greed.

Then drain your draught, and find among the lees
Time unimproved, lost opportunities,
Talents unknown, and genius hid beneath,
Until the whole is swallowed up in death.
Out from the world that doth the world comprise,
A few distinct are always sure to rise,
And in the sphere of some high earthly state,
With vigor and result they gravitate.

Then hist'ry chronicles a life well spent;
Of energy that realized intent.
The rest, just like a sullen wave, go by,
Known only by the space they occupy;
A living sea, whose billows rise or fall,
As cunning minds the right incentives call;
Whose surface calms, whose tide will ebb or flow,
Where zephyr gales or wintry blasts will blow,
According to the bent of one or more
Whose wills have made ambition conqueror;
Whose minds will see, with but a single glance,
The points of use in every circumstance.

'Tis well to act, 'tis also well to wait;
The best will fail when too precipitate.
First little steps, and then the manly stride;
A noble plan, the one Napoleon tried.
Thus, when a nation on the earth appears,
'Tis not at once, but is the work of years;
Our own acquired not sudden dignity,
But is the growth of one whole century.

A few migrate; a colony appears;
Then towns and cities, soon a State uprears.
These multiply; ere long appears to sight,
A country strong in its collective might,

Where men of brain and sons of enterprise
Augment its force and saving laws devise.
Then art and wealth their dignity bestow;
Progress grows on, and will forever grow;
Genius triumphant holds its noble sway,
And great designs are heralded each day.
The age is brisk, mankind is struggling hard.
Repeated effort gains its own reward.

Then launch your craft out on the sea of life;
Expect to toil—prepare yourself for strife—
Oh! be alert, and let your glance descry
What may be done by work and energy.
Success achieved on sudden impulse, dies;
Toil, unremitting, gains the lasting prize.
All noble deeds that challenge our respect,
All signs of greatness or of intellect,
All plans whose issues have been a success,
Which on all minds have left their great impress,
Should e'er encourage every struggling soul
With emulation for some noble goal.

Then up, each frater! Let your motto be
Ambition, vigilance and energy.
Learn what will help you on your struggling way,
That mind prevails when all things else decay.
A thorough knowledge of the world possessed
By those who otherwise would love it best,
Shows worldly pleasure blooming for a day,
Which soon surfeits, then quickly fades away.

Then, Brother Delta, let your aim be high,
And realize that aim with energy.
Make up your mind and then perform your will;
Not only think, but also act with skill.
Before you there's been many a noble thought,
With intellect and learned research fraught,
Yet they have melted out of human sight
And vanished into dark, oblivious night;
Because they lacked the one essential need,
The thoughts were never evidenced in deed.

Wherever, then, your course in life may be,
In paths remote, or of celebrity,
Success depends on the one simple fact—
You must not only theorize, but act.
Dreaming by night and idling through the day,
What wonder that the time steals swift away;
Yet not so slyly does it pass one by,
But that each moment's freighted with a sigh.
Yet sighing, yearning, will but naught avail,
Until your manhood does at last prevail.

Ah! 'tis a task at which all pale beside,
To throw the cursed lethargy aside.
And if the darkening of your manly brain
Has left of manhood but a single grain,
By watchful care, oh! bring it back to health,
And guard it well against all future stealth.

THE DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY.

BY JAMES S. EATON.

X PAPER.—CHAPTERS.

In the same month, Feb. 19th, 1872, Chapter Tau was established at Pennsylvania Agricultural College, at Bellefonte, Pa., by B. L. Hunting, whose name I cannot find anywhere else, except under Kappa, at Hillsdale, Mich., as from Byron, Ill. It occurs there, however, with "S" as the second initial letter of his name; but this might easily happen from the similarity in which those two letters (L and S) are sometimes made. This chapter is now regarded as defunct; that is about all I can say in regard to it. The next is Chapter Iota, one of those with which we had so much trouble a few years ago, but mentioned last as chapter at Jamestown, N. Y. It was established May 3d, 1872, at Michigan Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich., by Geo. W. Smith, of Commerce, Mich., and a member of Kappa, at Hillsdale. Here it still retains its title, and is worthy of praise for the substantial foundation it has built for itself. It is not by any means to be regarded as a mere fragment now as it exists in that institution, but rather a chapter composed of such members as think what is worth doing at all is worth doing right. In the order of date, the Convention would properly claim a place here, as an event not to be passed over. This was held May 15th, 1872, at Bloomington, Ind. The return of the delegate from this Convention afforded to me my first opportunity of listening to a report from such an assembly. Another one belongs to this year, but it must have been somewhere near the latter part of it, from the fact that old records show that the charter of Chapter Sigma, at the same institution, was withdrawn Feb. 5th, 1872. This was Chapter Chi, mentioned before as chapter at New Wilmington, Pa., but now stands as founded in 1872 at Franklin College, Franklin, Ind. Passing on, we come next to Eta, formerly at Bethany in 1864, but now established again in 1873 at Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio, by C. R. Knight, editor of the *Times* of that place. This chapter has since held its position firmly, and has all prospects of being a distinguished chapter. Sometime during this same year (1873) Chapter Psi was founded at Lexington, Ky., by whom I do not know, but it evidently did not prosper, and last year the charter was withdrawn. The chapter not long ago mentioned as being founded at Ann Arbor, Mich., we now find as Chapter Xi, at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, founded May 8th, 1873, by H. E. Allen, of Berwick, Ill., whose name is recorded as a member of Chapter Lambda at Galesburg, Ill. The charter members were formerly members of a local society, which disbanded when Delta Tau Delta found its way there. That this chapter is on a good basis, I have only to mention its sending a delegate a distance of some 1,200 to 1,500

miles to attend our last Convention at Meadville, Pa., in 1875. If there is not enthusiasm in that chapter, I would like to know what prompted its members to such an act when it is not compulsory. There is an item of interest connected with the Convention of this year which was held May 21st, at Akron, Ohio, that might probably be of some value to notice here, for the information of those who were not then active members. If any have forgotten who were present at that Convention, or the one following, it may serve a second purpose. It perhaps can readily be recalled to mind by many that Chapter Kappa, at Hillsdale, Mich., was constituted a committee at this Convention to revise the old Constitution. This was done in due time and copies sent to the different chapters for their sanction or rejection as thought best. On the whole it gave them a good opportunity to prepare for the action to be taken at the succeeding Convention. Here it was taken up, article by article, and thoroughly investigated before its adoption. After all revisions had been made that were deemed necessary, it was given to C. R. Knight, of Akron, Ohio, to be printed. This placed in our possession a constitution the most concise and adequate that could be desired by any organization of this character. In further investigation there was found Chapter Nu established at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, which must have been done near the latter part of the year 1873, or former part of 1874, on account of a flourishing chapter under that title being still in existence at Bloomington, Ind., about that time, and I take it for granted that after it disbanded the charter was given for this chapter Nu at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Only a few days after the Convention, held May 6th, 1874, at Pittsburgh, Pa., Chapter Rho was established at Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J., May 9th, 1874, by J. B. Pierce, of Sharpsville, Pa., who was a member of Chapter Eta, Akron, Ohio, but at that time a student at Stevens Institute. Why it was established under this name is perhaps owing to negligence on the part of Alpha, as there was one at North East, Pa., of the same title at the same time. Ten days after this an event took place long to be remembered by the writer. It was the establishment of Chapter Omicron, May 19th, 1874, at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., by Jas. S. Eaton, of Delta, Meadville, Pa. The charter members of this chapter formerly constituted a chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, but gave up that and sought refuge with us. While there arrangements were made for a chapter under similar circumstances at South Bethlehem, Pa. After my return to Meadville a charter was procured, and on May 29th, 1874, Chapter Pi was established at Lehigh University, of the above mentioned place, by G. M. Zacarias and G. W. Geiser—the former a member of Chapter Gamma, at Washington, Pa., and the latter of the lately established Omicron. It will be remembered that Chapter Omicron, noticed heretofore as a chapter at Greencastle, Ind., had disbanded about this time.

A TRIP THROUGH THE FIRST DIVISION.

BY W. L. MCCLURG.

In making the concluding arrangements with the new manufacturer of our badges, and in getting up her coat-of-arms, Alpha found that she could perfect the business more satisfactorily by sending a delegate on to New York who could attend to that business and also visit the chapters of the First Division, thus bringing Alpha into closer connection with some of her sisters. None of the expenses incident to the trip were paid from the Extension Fund, Alpha drawing on her own treasury for the supplies needed. I was the fortunate man chosen, and the following is the substance of my report as rendered to Alpha Chapter on my return:

Leaving Meadville on the morning of Nov. 4th, I arrived at Lancaster at noon the following day, having spent a few hours at Harrisburg. Here is where Tau, Grand Chapter of the First Division is situated. She stands peer to any chapter in the fraternity for activity and push, every member taking a most zealous interest in all that goes on. I was received with the cordiality peculiar to Deltas, and I regret exceedingly that want of space will not permit me to enter into details. I spent two most pleasant days among her members. On Tuesday evening the boys showed their cordiality and love of good things by having an oyster supper in the best appointed restaurant in the city. Here we spent two most pleasant hours, parting about half past eleven, after listening to responses to numerous toasts, and the interesting history of Tau's former struggles. On the morning of the 7th I took a reluctant leave of the brothers of Tau, and departed for Bethlehem, where Pi Chapter is situated. Here, with a smaller membership than there are Deltas at Michigan University, an active chapter is maintained which is doing an excellent work, and should cause the brothers at the former institution to blush; but the members of Pi are loyal and true blooded Deltas, which explains matters. The boys exhibited the buildings of the University, and seemed to take great pride in the reputation which Lehigh enjoys. The buildings are certainly beautiful.

Making but a short stop in Bethlehem, I went on to Easton, where Chapter Nu is valiantly fighting for the interests of Deltaism. At the end of last year this chapter was left quite weak, and the other fraternities in Lafayette proved themselves so intolerant that it was thought best to continue the workings of the chapter secretly, so that at present our rivals in Lafayette are exulting over the supposed death of our Nu Chapter. Here again Delta blood crops out, and we see a chapter not merely existing in the midst of numerous and intolerant enemies, but actually advancing, and capturing men coveted by the other fraternities. One of the members taken in has been asked by the Delta Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Psi, and Delta Beta Phi fraternities; another was wanted in the Zeta Psi and Phi Kappa Psi;

which are evidences of the style of work done by Nu. May she prosper in her determination to strike for the right.

My next departure was for Rho Chapter, at Stevens Institute, which place I reached on the evening of the 8th. Rho is our most eastern chapter, and her members see very little of the brethren of other chapters, but, though this is discouraging, still she is blest with a most active list of alumni, who keep a jealous eye on her welfare. Rho occupies a very important position in the territory of the fraternity. Being situated on the extreme eastern boundary, she has it in her power to exert a most potent influence over its interests. Hoboken is just across the Hudson River from New York city, and the boys of Stevens Institute come in contact with the students of Yale and Harvard, New York University, Columbia and Rutgers, thus giving them a chance to do something for the Crescent fraternity in those institutions. Her members are awaking more fully to the privileges of her position; and in the future we may expect to hear more from Rho than we have in the past. Though the station filled by her has been very high, still she has not lived up to her opportunities. She is now giving decided evidence that she is becoming fully alive to her importance, and before the year is out we hope to be able to announce the founding of more than one chapter through her influence. Her membership includes within it some of the very best and most trustworthy students in the college, which assertion is borne out by the positions they hold in the institution—one temporarily taking the place of a professor who has become broken down in health through overwork. Three days were spent with the members of Rho, and in perfecting the business in New York. Then, taking the six o'clock train on the evening of the 10th, I made a bee-line for Pittsburgh, arriving there at half past eight next morning. Here I had a short talk with John B. Gibson, the S. A. of Eta Beta Prime. This being a new chapter it has not much of a history, but it occupies a commanding position among the chapters, as many of the Pittsburgh boys go through the Western University, and then to some one of the Eastern colleges, thus making it a sort of feeder, for the purpose of retaining our hold on those colleges. Pittsburgh is the home of many Deltas, and our chapter there has a future of great promise before her if she proves true to her trust. She has a most active man at her head in the person of Brother Gibson, and will become one of the strong chapters of the First Division. After spending but a short time in Pittsburgh, I came on home to Alpha, after having had a most enjoyable trip of ten days. If any brother is desirous of taking a pleasure trip, and at a loss as to the direction in which to go, let him take it among the chapters of the Delta Fraternity, and a good time is assured him before he starts. Cordiality is a quality prominent among Deltas.

Alpha feels encouraged over the report of the condition of the First Division, the health of which has a great influence on the rest of our Fraternity. Here is where excessive pressure is brought to bear on our chapters by the older organizations, which pretend to look down with contempt on the pigmy thrusting itself in among them; but which inadvertently confess its power in their fear of it, and their attempts to trample it under foot. Here, also, we find a corresponding love for the cause of Deltaism, and hardy fighters for its advancement. Their enthusiasm seems common to all parts of the Fraternity this year, and if the brothers but keep it up until it is possible to gather fruit from it, we will have planted the Crescent mounted Purple banner upon a height far above its present position, a height we are amply capable of scaling if we but determine to do so, and hang on with that sort of tenacity which returns to the attack, even though beaten back many times.

Let our weak chapters take heart, and our strong and hardy ones put forth still more strenuous exertions, and we will have no need to be ashamed of the result.

AN OPINION.

DANIEL GIBBONS.

Some time during the past summer vacation the writer had the fortune to get possession of a catalogue of Franklin College, Franklin, Ind., where our Chapter Chi was formerly located.

He can safely say that during a two year's connection with the fraternity, he has never become acquainted with any circumstance relating to it that so utterly discouraged him. The fact that any Alpha, whether located at Delaware, Ohio, or Meadville, Pa., would be guilty of such an act as granting a chapter to an institution which could scarcely bear the name of *High School* deservedly, is hard to believe or comprehend.

The institution in question had 113 *pupils*. I do not grant them the dignity of the term *students*, for that appertains to *colleges*. This number includes several counted twice. Of these, over forty were *music pupils exclusively*. Of the rest, about fifteen or twenty were ladies, leaving a remainder of about forty in academic and classical, as they were pleased to call it, *collegiate* departments from which to choose a chapter of our good old Delta Tau.

Now, I come out plainly, and say that this is an *outrage*. That part of the fraternity located in the East has met with more opposition, possibly twice over, than any other. It has fought hard and won little. Imagine then their feelings when they see chapters granted to every institution in the West, and indeed elsewhere, that applies for them, or that presents *any kind of an*

opening at all. This matter has created the greatest dissatisfaction among us, as it tends just to handicap us in the race for deserved supremacy in the most desirable quarter. And again, with what possible benefit can the practice be credited? Such chapters, on account of the character of the students (I beg pardon, *pupils*) attending the institutions, can never enter into the true spirit of a *college* fraternity. And experience has proven that they almost invariably expire, leaving nothing but ruin and disgrace upon the cause which their ill-timed existence has attempted to strengthen. Our chapter then, it appears, had no men at its command to step forward and hold their ground against the absurd and bigoted opposition of a faculty (some, if not *half* of whom were *women*), but merged into an *open* literary society, where probably a *secret* one had existed before.

Again, what character is it to be supposed, the order bears in the neighborhood of Franklin, Indiana? Students attending colleges from there will have conceived and helped to spread about them, a most unfavorable opinion of the fraternity. They may go to colleges where a fraternity is located, which, like the Psi Upsilon, has refused a charter to the University of California and its like, or like the Delta Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Delta Phi, the latter of which has but sixteen chapters, the former thirty, but all located in the first institutions of the country.

The first grand division, or at least a part of it, has protested against a continuance of the evil. It flatters itself that its hearty co-operation is of the greatest moment, and that its strength and stability will add most materially to the dignity of the fraternity at large. *Let it not be estranged*.

THE FRATERNITY IDEA.

[The first of Tau's chapter lectures, delivered on the evening of November 16th, by J. H. Geissinger.]

X Q, and Brother Deltas of Chapter Tau:

Pursuant to an appointment to address the chapter on some subject relating to Fraternity, I come to offer a few thoughts upon what I have been pleased to term "The Fraternity Idea."

First of all, what constitutes fraternity? The lexicographer tells us that a fraternity is "a body of men associated for their common interest, business or pleasure." We may define the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, then, to be a body of college students banded together in the *interest* of cultivated friendships, whose *business* it is to extend and strengthen these by founding and fostering chapters at various institutions of learning, and whose *pleasure* continually lies in the benefits which result from such superior intimacies spread abroad throughout the land.

Friendship is the basis of fraternity; more, it is fraternity, beginning, middle and end. That friendships

are valuable and the soul of society, is conceded by every one, except, perhaps, the cringing, scowling miser of a man who hates the world because it does not pander to all his tastes, and who cannot, by reason of his mean and selfish nature, have, or enjoy the companionship of men. The great and good recognize the value of the virtue, and delight to extol its praises in prose and verse. One sings:

"There are a thousand nameless ties,
Which only such as feel them know;
Of kindred thoughts, deep sympathies,
And untold fancy spells, which throw
O'er ardent minds and faithful hearts
A chain whose charmed links so blend
That the light circlelet but imparts
Its force in these fond words—*my friend*."

Cicero, in purest Latin, said: "Friendship improves happiness, and abates misery, by the doubling of our joy, and the dividing of our grief;" and again, "Friendship is the only thing in the world concerning the usefulness of which all mankind are agreed." Goldsmith writes on friendship, but I cannot concur with him when he sings:

"And what is friendship but a name,
A charm that lulls to sleep;
A shade that follows wealth and fame,
And leaves the wretch to weep."

Friendship is not "a name;" it is a verity. It is not "a charm that lulls to sleep;" it is a charm that wakes to aid and action. It is not a shade in the wake of wealth and fame that leaves the wretch to weep, but a light that counts not gold nor reputation, and which, instead of bringing tears, sheds a blaze of light upon the pathway.

The Delta Tau Delta Fraternity is built upon this foundation. Her sons are to each other emphatically *friends*. And it does not need personal intimacy, or even personal contact, to cement the friendships of the loyal lovers of "the Beautiful and the Good." Whoever extends the hand to grasp that of another with the grip imparted at our shrine, is welcomed at once to the heart and home of the new-found frater, whether his name, his home, or his station be known or not. We need but revert to the visit of Bro. McClurg, of Alpha, to find proof for our words. Unknown, personally, to our chapter, he was met on arrival with a grip that gave him perfect confidence in our willingness to welcome and to entertain him, and, although we had never before seen him, we in turn were conscious that we were not dealing with a stranger, but a true frater of the blood. He was one with us in fraternal bonds, identified with us in interest, and anxious with us for the prosperity of a common brotherhood. We were filled with "the Fraternity Idea," and that made us one in feeling and in work. I might tell the story of

my late mission to Bethlehem and Easton, and carry along the same idea. At the first named place I was entirely strange, until my eyes fell upon badges bearing the legend "Delta Tau Delta," and my hand felt the warm pressure of the Delta grip. Then I was entirely at home. My tongue was loosed, and so were the tongues of those who entertained me, and they ran along as if lubricated, upon the fraternity theme. We were strangers in a moment warmed heart to heart, and possessing a community of interest. We were permeated with the fraternity idea of friendship systematized and dispersed for its strengthening, and we helped to build the faith of each other in the noble principles underlying the fabric of our work. At Easton I knew the moving spirit of our work, but by the rest of the fraters there, whom I was privileged to induct into our mysteries, I was unknown. But a change was quickly wrought. From "barbarians" they were converted into Greeks, and, imbued with the true spirit of the Greeks, they became in the instant, most interested and earnest friends. "The Fraternity Idea" had found lodgment in their minds, and they were united to me, to you, to the Delta world in earnest and in heart.

The Fraternity's aim is to widen these college friendships, by the institution of chapters in first class schools of learning. *Cultivated* friendship is the *disideratum* of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, and hence it is a fraternity aim to select not only the best institutions of learning in which to work, but the best and most worthy candidates in these institutions upon whom to work. I rejoice, and you will rejoice with me, that the standard of our fraternity is being raised upon this question, and Chapter Tau has had no small share in bringing about this advance in our Brotherhood's principles and policy. She does not make the boast standing alone; but Alpha has said it, and it has gone on record for all eyes in the pages of THE CRESCENT. The aim of the fraternity should be—I believe the aim of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity is—to intrench itself so strongly in the affections of stalwart sons, that they will delight in nothing more than honoring their head, and uniting their endeavors to place it far above the reach of envy or antagonism. Enemies should be treated courteously but their ends should be defeated, nevertheless, if the fangs of their ill-will are thrust out to striking. We should be so healthy in fraternity life that inimical poison would fail of its effect, and so persistent in our progress, that those who assail would gladly allow their wrath to wane and cool. Founded upon undying principles, as in our fraternity, we need have no fears of ultimate success. This is assured as long as we maintain our birthright and hold to our goodly heritage. We have but to hold steadily to the love of the Beautiful and the Good, and to the regal qualities of mind and heart shadowed forth in the imperial purple, to be crowned victors in the race for greatness and dominion

where we choose to plant ourselves. It is hardly necessary for me to speak upon the resultant benefits of fraternity. They are patent to us all. But these benefits are often imperfect. They are what we make them, and scarcely ever, I fear, in the light of our opportunities, do we come up to the full measure of the stature of men in the fraternity. Oft-times we do not have the interests of the fraternity enough at heart—I mean the interests of fraternity at large, for we may be very strongly attached to, and interested in, our chapter, and yet fail of our duty to the Delta world about us. Chapter Tau is justly proud of the record of her four years' life. She well merits the praise of the whole fraternity, as it is bestowed upon her, for well-known and well-done work. But has not a minority of her membership almost always done the burden of the work assigned her? She is now the proud mistress of the most important Division of her fraternity, having, as it were, a boundless field for labor, and in view of these facts she needs to be wide awake. Let us all to work! Let "No Sluggards" be the watchword to lead us on. Let us throw our souls into the cause of Deltaism as never before, and from X. Q. to P., and the youngest of us holding no official station, so inform ourselves upon fraternity topics, and so think upon the fraternity's welfare, that we may become a mightier power for fraternal good to all Deltas, made and to be made. At old Franklin and Marshall let our fraternity life be marked with dignity, but with polite bearing toward all, whether of us or not, and let us guard our chapter's interests so jealously as to continue what we are, the *ne plus ultra* band of Greeks.

Imbued with "The Fraternity Idea"—namely, friendship, strong, extended and lasting—our work will seem light, our college course over-run with pleasure, and our characters well moulded for the successful battling with the world, when once we come to separate ourselves from the active companionship of Chapter Tau, and the grand and noble fraternity in which she stands a shining star.

THE GREEK WORLD.

In December will be published the new catalogue of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, which has been in progress of completion for two years past, under the general editorial supervision of Charles W. Smiley, Wesleyan, '74, of Madison, N. J., Secretary and Treasurer of the society's Executive Council. The book will contain 5,000 names, and eighteen engravings, including a steel plate frontispiece costing \$300, and in addition to the usual alphabetical index of members' names, will have an ingeniously devised index of residences, showing the exact geographical distribution of the society. The work promises, in short, to be the most complete and elaborate affair of the kind that has ever been issued, and it appears by the editor's final circular, which has just

been sent out, that the members whose whereabouts remain to be discovered, number only twenty-seven.

The Dekes have initiated eight men at Colby.

Sigma Phi published a catalogue in December last.

Six members of '78 received the *Φ. B. K.* key at Bowdoin.

The *Δ. K. E.* convention was held in New York City, October 18th and 19th.

The *Z. Ψ.*'s held a State reunion at Brunswick, Me., last month.

The *Θ. Δ. X.*'s held their convention at the Revere House, Boston, Oct. 22 and 23.

The convention of the *Φ. Γ. Δ.* was held at Indianapolis on the 17th and 18th of October.

The *Φ. K. Ψ.* convention was held at the Grand Hotel, Indianapolis, August 21, 22 and 23.

The *Σ. X.* Fraternity will meet in convention at the Grand Hotel, Indianapolis, November 19, 20 and 21.

The *X. Φ.* convention was held at Springfield, Mass. this year; that of the *Δ. Γ.* at Montpelier, Vt.

Δ. K. E. held its last convention at Middletown, Conn., in May, 1878. Its next will be held at Hartford, in May, 1879.

The convention of the *B. Θ. Π.* met at Indianapolis on September 5th. From their account twenty-five out of thirty chapters were represented by one hundred and fifty delegates.

Φ. B. K. is the oldest Greek letter society, being founded at William and Mary College, in 1776; but *K. Α.* is the oldest Greek fraternity, founded at Union, in 1823. The youngest is *Δ. B. Φ.*, organized at Cornell in 1878.

We understand from several exchanges that Monmouth has been offered \$20.00, the condition being the abolition of secret societies. This is a small inducement—perhaps, however, \$20,000 is meant.

The *Z. Ψ.* is having trouble with her governing chapter. It has been at N. Y. U. for some years past, but the affairs of the University being at a low ebb, on the 15th of last January it was transferred to Columbia College. However, the fraternities already in position there seem to have banded together against *Z. Ψ.* and succeeded in preventing her from getting a foothold, so that she has had to come back to N. Y. U., where she has a very inferior class of men, principally of the lower classes.

MARRIAGES.

MARRIED.—October 18th, 1878, at Franklin Grove, Ill., Miss Carrie Black, of that place, to Ozro P. Bostwick, of Galesburg, Ill.

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EDITORIALS.

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SOME young ladies, Deltas by proxy, have subscribed for the CRESCENT.

BRO. C. E. LOCKE was appointed by ALPHA as a delegate to visit SIGMA, and give a report of her condition.

ALPHA's poet, Bro. Chas. M. Snyder, kindly furnished the excellent poem found on the first page of this number.

ALPHA has "rented a hall," and can furnish storage for all the Christmas presents the brethren may wish to forward.

TAU and IOTA are preparing their chapter histories. Do not delay in this matter, but send in your articles immediately.

EVERY chapter should have a coat-of-arms. The expense of obtaining a neat cut will be small, and will add greatly to the appearance of the Catalogue.

THE nineteenth year of our existence as a Fraternity is rapidly drawing to a close. Our next number will appear on our twentieth birth-day.

MOST of the Grand Chapters are doing nobly in furnishing reports of their several Divisions. We would like to hear more frequently from the Second Division.

WE were pleased to hear from our old friend and brother, P. J. Lamar. Phil. was an active member of THETA, and had much to do with her prosperity during '76 and '77.

BETA has appointed a man to write her history, and we hope to welcome it to the columns of the CRESCENT at an early day. BETA has a history, and we hope soon to place it before our readers.

SIX of the fourteen members of the Faculty of Michigan Agricultural College are Deltas. IOTA has need to be proud of her excellent standing in that college, and the Fraternity at large are much pleased with her untiring zeal.

BETA and IOTA have been the first to comply with the request to send in catalogues of their institutions with the different fraternity men marked. These two chapters are evidently not ashamed of their colleges, and they certainly have no reason to be.

THE different chapters are doing nobly in regard to sending in their lists of members for the new Catalogue. Don't fail to have the list arranged according to classes. The committee has not time to re-copy lists sent in without this proper arrangement.

WE are very anxious to see SIGMA take a more active part than she has of late. Three of her former members are now active members of ALPHA, and are desirous of seeing their old chapter prosper. She should by all means secure a coat-of-arms for the new Catalogue.

BY a mistake on our part, for which we are sorry, we are compelled to leave out the remainder of Bro. Hartzel's article. It will certainly appear next number. We hope also to publish a portion of his contribution on "Membership" in the January number. Bro. Hartzel is doing noble work for the CRESCENT.

WE are sorry to announce the resignation of W. C. Buchanan from the staff of Corresponding Editors. Bro. Buchanan is a wide-awake, loyal Delta, and has done more for the CRESCENT than any other man. We shall miss his excellent assistance. Alpha greatly regrets that she has lost so worthy a man from our Editorial Staff.

BRO. W. L. McCLURG was appointed by ALPHA to visit the different chapters in the First Grand Division, and make a report of their condition. An account of his trip appears in another column, and will be read with interest. Bro. McClurg is an enthusiastic Delta, and is the right man in the right place.

THE following chapters are having coats-of-arms made for the new Catalogue: PHI, TAU, LAMBDA, IOTA, OMICRON, PI, RHO, PSI, ZETA BETA PRIME, BETA and ALPHA. The Grand Chapter of the Second Division is the only one that is not taking steps in this direction. The Second Division portion of the Catalogue will look badly with some of the lists of her subordinate chapters headed by beautiful coats-of-arms, and the Grand Chapter laking in this regard. We still hope that Grand Chapter will attend to this matter.

THE present number contains a column devoted to Fraternity news. We intend to make this department interesting, and will be pleased to receive any news concerning other Greek societies. Bro. Phil. J. Lamar, formerly of THETA, now a student of the University of Virginia, will give the fraternities of that college an *airing* in our next number.

WE do not have any fears concerning the success of our paper on account of material for publication, for the brethren of the different chapters are nobly rallying to our support and giving us valuable assistance. But we have reason to fear that unless some of the chapters send us more subscribers, our finances will be much in arrears. We *must* have one hundred more subscribers, or we shall fail financially. Our cry is still for more subscribers. If some of our largest chapters will do as well as some of those having half their membership, success will follow.

THERE are several chapters having a membership of from fifteen to twenty, and only *one* subscriber to the CRESCENT. We are not surprised that some of these chapters are not doing their duty in this regard, for from their founding they have been dilatory in all their Fraternity duties; but that some of our best chapters, who have heretofore been in the front ranks of Deltaism, should be so culpable in this matter is a mystery to some of us who have known them for a long time, and have always regarded them as enthusiastic in all Fraternity matters. Some chapters having large memberships are allowing others, comparatively small, to send in more subscribers than they. Let each chapter do its *duty*.

WE publish this month a short article from the pen of Bro. Daniel Gibbons, of Wilmington, Del. We think the brother has struck the key-note, and we heartily agree with him in his opinion concerning the founding of chapters. OLD ALPHA, at Delaware, O., was very much at fault in granting chapters to students of third-class colleges. Many of these chapters have become defunct, and only a few are still in existence. We predict that in another year all the charters of inactive chapters will be withdrawn. ALPHA is doing all it can to raise the standard of the Fraternity, and the brother can rest assured that no charter will be granted in the future to other than a *first-class college*.

SEVERAL days ago we received a letter from Bro. R. Stansbury Sutton, of Pittsburgh, who informs us that in 1861, when the war clouds were gathering over the land, and when the chapter at Bethany (Alpha at that time) was dying, he was solicited to provide for its safety at Canonsburg. Taking with him his room mate, Mr. Sam Brown, now one of the largest coal merchants of Pittsburgh, he went to Bethany and procured

the documents of Alpha. After that time they established several chapters, and thereby saved the Fraternity from an early death. He furnished us the charter members of old Chapter Gamma, some of whose names did not appear in the last Catalogue, but will in the new one. Bro. Sutton deserves great credit for the good work done in those dark and trying hours of our history. We are under obligations for other facts which will be of use to the Catalogue committee.

NOTICES TO CHAPTERS.

—Each chapter should have some report for the CRESCENT every month.

—Let every chapter in the fraternity have some kind of a report in the next number of the CRESCENT.

—Four or five chapters have the same number of subscribers for the CRESCENT. Iota is one ahead at the present writing.

—The Corresponding Secretaries should not carry on correspondences with the G. S. A. on postal cards. The brothers will see the importance of this, and no doubt will gladly change their form of correspondence.

—All contributions for publication in the January number should be sent in earlier than usual next month, as all copy must be in the hands of our publishers before the holidays.

—We are pleased to inform the chapters that the fraternity is in a better condition at present than ever before in its history. Let the good work go on. Let each chapter take some pride in making that chapter the best one.

—In ordering fraternity paper the brothers should not forget that "Uncle Sam" requires some remuneration for transferring such articles from one postoffice to another, and they should send a sufficient amount to pay postage.

—The badge which Alpha has offered to the chapter that sends in the largest number of subscribers for the CRESCENT, is a square pin with a border of fine pearls. The work on the badge is beautifully executed, and is a specimen of the work of our New York manufacturer.

—If the brothers will manifest the same zeal in fraternity matters that characterizes their personal affairs, their own interest will be strengthened and the general welfare of the fraternity enhanced. Alpha is very desirous of having communication with all the subordinate chapters, and if you do not reach us through your Grand Chapter, write *directly* to Alpha. All letters of inquiry will be attended to promptly.

—All articles for the CRESCENT should be sent to the Editor-in-Chief. It is neither business-like nor fair to burden the G. S. A. with these matters. Bro. McClurg

is a small man in stature, but a giant worker; yet he can not carry on the laborious duties of his important position, and at the same time attend to editorial duties on the CRESCENT.

—We have visited Theta several times, and always found an intelligent, social, and hospitable set of boys, and wide-awake to all the interests of the fraternity. We can not understand why that chapter, a very "hot-bed" of Deltaism, does not send us more than two subscribers. "Brace up," boys, and sustain your past reputation.

CHAPTER NEWS.

ALPHA LOCALS.

—Subscribe for the CRESCENT.

—College closes for the holidays—Dec. 19.

—"Labor for the Beautiful the Good and the" CRESCENT.

—There are sixteen Choctaws boarding at Culver Hall.

—Bro. Chryst made a short visit, last month, to his home in Warren, O.

—Hovis is still ahead in the mustache race, but his room-mates, Bolard and Decker, are giving him a close rub.

—Just after going to press, last month, we were happily disappointed to see Bro. Park Kimmel trudging up College Hill.

—It didn't take Bruce's vote to decide the election, but he went home just the same, and voted the wrong way, viz: the Republican ticket.

—At the recent Senior election for class-day exercises, Bro. Bruce was elected Valedictorian, and Bro. Mitchell Class Orator.

—Our fraters attended, in a body, the funeral of Bro. Chas. R. Faber, a former member of Alpha. We are wearing our badges reversed in honor of his memory.

—At one of our recent meetings we were honored with the presence of Prof. Tom Senser, Dr. John Bolard and Will C. Bear, all of whom are alumni of Alpha.

—Bro. L. L. Davis, '78. has made us two visits this term. Although now out of college, "Dave's" old love for the Fraternity has not in the least diminished. He will always be heartily welcomed by the boys of Alpha.

—Owing to illness, Bro. Decker was obliged to leave his college duties and go to his home in Franklin for a few days. He has now fully recovered, and is in his usual good spirits.

—We are sorry to lose Bro. Ned Locke, who has returned to his home in Youngstown, O., intending to

teach during the winter. During his short stay in Meadville, Ned has made many friends. He will return to college at the opening of the Spring Term.

—Alpha extends her heartfelt sympathies to Bro. Art. Gill, who has been so deeply bereaved by the death of his brother, Mr. W. R. Gill. The deceased was a prominent and respected citizen of Meadville, and his death is mourned by many friends.

Last month Alpha sent Bro. W. L. McClurg as a visiting delegate to the Eastern chapters of the Fraternity. He was absent on his trip ten days, and visited Chapters Tau, Rho, Nu, Pi, and Eta Beta'. He was received with the greatest cordiality by every chapter, and gives us a very favorable report of their condition.

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

NOTES FROM CHAPTER TAU.

—The newest Delta at Chapter Tau is Bro. Harvey Bartholomew, of Bath, Pa., and the class of '81. He fills out a trio initiated this term.

—Bros. Friese, Coblentz, Snyder and Hottenstein, all of '82, have returned to college and their chapter after a resting-spell of a few weeks.

—On invitation from Rev. Bro. D. H. Geissinger, Chapter Tau turned out in force to attend his church, on Sunday evening, November 10th.

—To the chapters of the First Division: Please bear in mind, and act promptly on, Art. IX, Sec. 2, of the constitution. Orders for badges of the fraternity as made by Newman, can now be secured through the Grand Chapter of the Division. Let all chapters act at once, if possible, on the question of chapter coat-of-arms for the new catalogue.

—Tau has instituted a series of chapter lectures, the first of which, on "The Fraternity Idea," was delivered by the Sigma Alpha on the evening of the 16th inst. The next talk of "the course" will be given by Bro. E. S. Elliott, on Saturday evening, November 30th. It was resolved by the Chapter to file a manuscript copy of the first lecture, and to forward also a copy for publication in the CRESCENT.

—On the 5th and 6th insts., Tau had the pleasure of entertaining Bros. W. L. McClurg, Gamma Sigma Alpha of the fraternity, and W. A. Miller, of York, Pa. On the evening of the 5th an oyster lunch was given in honor of the guests, this proving a most enjoyable affair. Bro. A. B. Rieser presided for the fourteen hungry, good-humored fellows who ate at the table, and Bros. W. J. Bausman, Bartholomew, F. S. Elliott and Levan enlivened the occasion with choice selections of vocal and instrumental music. The after-supper feast was as follows: Toast, "Alpha, and Her Official Po-

sition," responded to by Bro. W. L. McClurg; "Our Clergy," responded to by Rev. D. H. Geisinger, of Grace Lutheran Church, Lancaster; "Ancient Mysteries," J. S. Hartzell; "The Absent Ones," W. A. Miller, and "The Suspended Freshmen," by O. R. Snyder, just returned. The history of Chapter Tau, as prepared for pamphlet publication by Rev. R. C. Bowling, of '76, was read by the chapter editor. To our visiting brothers we would say, "come again." Tau's doors, and her heart, are always ajar for the sons of Delta Tau Delta.

—Reports have been received from Gamma, Thi, Pi, Rho and Eta Beta Prime. Bro. J. S. Beacom, writing from Gamma, says: "Our chapter is about *in statu quo*. We graduated one man last year, and have initiated three this term. We have no members in the present Senior class, so that our chance for life is good for some time to come. We have 9 active members; 3 Juniors; 3 Freshmen; 1 Preparitorian, and 1 Irregular, besides we have a good loyal squad of resident alumni. Our hope is bright and our faith is strong. We take 10 CRESCENTS, and are able to read the djqifs." Bro. W. A. Seibert, of Nu, writes: "We were unable for a long time to hold a meeting, and, in consequence, nothing of special interest took place at Nu. We did, however, at our last meeting, settle upon a fixed evening (Friday) for regular weekly meetings. We have initiated two new members into the fraternity; hence a quintette is formed, with all very well pleased. There are several other good men whom I think we can get to join us. The Deltas of Lehigh University run down to Easton occasionally, when we always manage to have a good time. We expect to pay them a visit shortly." Bro. F. H. Hardcastle, of Pi, writes: "I think it very probable that Pi will have a chapter 'cut.' We all heartily approve of the coat-of-arms idea, and if we do not have one, it will be because it is not in our power. Things are going along very well with us at Pi; in fact, they go along so smoothly that we have little or nothing to report." Bro. J. B. Gibson, of Eta Beta Prime, reports: "We lost four good men in June, and three others have been absent during all of the present term. A brother from Geneva, O. is with us this year, and other than him we have no new members. Will have two or three next term. Have submitted the suggestion as to the coat-of-arms to the chapter, and think the members will act favorably upon it; Brothers Anderson and Boyle are at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. In all probability a chapter could be established there. On the 16th of November we added another member to our list, in the person of C. Dewitt, '82. Bro. Dewitt is a good man and will be an honor to the general fraternity, as well as to Chapter Pi. The Chi Phi's feel very much chagrined over the fact that we have obtained a man for whom they have been working very hard. Pi also has the prospect of adding other members before long."

J. H. G.

Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 1874.

THIRD DIVISION.

HANOVER, Ind., Nov. 1878.

EPSILON. Since the opening of this college year, Albert DeCamp has been elected S. A. of this chapter in place of G. L. Jocelyn. The chapter has eighteen members with good prospects for more. Bro. C. A. French, S. A. of last year, is not in college this year, on account of ill health.

IOTA is in excellent condition, having twenty-eight enrolled, six of whom are members of the Faculty. "This is one of the few chapters Bro. Hartzel speaks of, that have literary exercises a regular part of the Fraternity work; and other exercises, when well conducted, as Iota's always are, form a very interesting part of the meeting." A new initiatory service is in use by Iota, and is pronounced a beautiful ceremony.

But little can be learned of Omicron and Zeta Beta'. Both are new chapters, but the latter seems especially dilatory in its correspondence. Asbury University presents a fine field for effective work, and no doubt the revived Omicron will tend it well.

PSI Chapter is as active as ever in its support of Deltaism. Encouraging reports as to its prosperity are received. A new hall has lately been secured and well furnished. Of course Kendall was not satisfied until he had the *dictum* of some of the fair sex as to its appearance, and some of the young ladies of Crawfordsville were shown through the rooms. They thought it "just perfectly splendid." A son of Major Gordon, of Indianapolis, has lately become a member. Wilson, of '79, is local editor of "The Wabash," the college paper. A glance at the columns under his charge will attest as to his success.

CHAPTER PHI.

"Elliott" was with us a few weeks since.

Scott Emison, '81, is not in college this term.

Our Thursday evening meetings are fully attended.

Horr, '81, is in business with his father in Jeffersonville.

John Collins. *alias* "Tom," wears his new pin with dignity.

J. R. Ramy, since his return from Tenn., has settled down quietly at Eminence, Ky.

H. S. Slaughter will deliver the fourth oration on Junior exhibition of the 17th.

W. Y. McFarland, formerly of '80, is in college at Lebanon, Tenn., and will graduate this year.

Messrs. Chase, Saxton, and Bruce Milroy, will represent the Fraternity on the Sophomore exhibition the 16th of this month.

C. A. Allen, '78, and F. L. Christy, '81, are out West. They left Cincinnati a few weeks since, bound on a roving expedition, their objective point being the ranch of a friend in northern New Mexico. The last heard from them was at Kansas City, Mo. Both were in splendid health and spirits, and enjoying themselves hugely.

The Fraternity Band is organized and is "soothing the savage breasts" of the natives of Hanover. Smith, 1st violinist; Saxton, flute; W. J. Milroy, guitar; R. B. Milroy, 2d violin; G. L. Cline, base viol. The fraters of '76-'77 will regret that this band was not in existence at that time, when those enjoyable "hops" were held—though not intending to disparage the efforts of "Texas" and "Lengthy," of imperishable memory.

FOURTH DIVISION.

GALESBURG, Ill., Nov. 13th, 1878.

DEAR CRESCENT.—As a report of the present condition of the Fourth Grand Division may be interesting to your readers and the Fraternity at large, I submit the following:

Xi has not been heard from this year as yet, but as she was doing better than ever last year, she must be in good condition now.

Eta Beta Prime was only assigned to this Division at the last Convention. I learn that the new year has opened with very good prospects.

Omega, at Ames, Iowa, is still in fine condition. The college year has just closed there, with the chapter consisting of sixteen members, having initiated eight this year. This is a solid chapter.

Chi, at Iowa Wesleyan University, probably has more fraternities to contend with than any other chapter in the Division. She begins the year with a small membership, but, if I am not mistaken, the boys of Chi have a pluck that defies defeat.

Chapter Upsilon, through her Secretary, writes that never before has the outlook for a year of earnest endeavor and good, solid work been so fine as now. Although this chapter has much to contend against, the present term has opened quite favorably. We anticipate something unusually good in Upsilon's report before the close of the term.

Grand Chapter Lambda is alive to her duty and interests, and if the faithfulness of her members is of any avail, she will continue to occupy the high position she has so long maintained here. We meet every other Saturday evening, have a good attendance, and before the term is out our number will receive a respectable augmentation.

Fraternally,
HENRY S. LIVINGSTON,
Cor. Sec.

ALUMNI NEWS.

Chapter Iota has six Deltas in the Faculty.

W. M. Tugman, B class '77, is in Aberdeen, O.

Wm. Sutton is practicing law in Utica, N. Y.

Sam Brown is the coal prince of Pittsburgh, Pa.

J. O. Parmlee is one of the leading spirits in the Warren militia.

G. A. Morehead, A class '72, is in the banking business at Oil City, Pa.

O. F. Nodine, of Alpha, is attending medical lectures at Cleveland.

Wm. Kirk, of old Alpha, at Canonsburg, is a practicing physician at Doylestown, Pa.

Jack Blair still hangs out at Columbus, Pa. Jack, the Meadville girls still sigh for you.

C. E. Montooth is a lawyer on the corner of Diamond and Grant streets, Pittsburgh, Pa.

James Doughty is teaching school at Townville, Pa., instead of Frenchtown, as mentioned in our last.

R. Stansbury Sutton, of the same chapter, is a physician in Pittsburgh, Pa., No. 144, Penn. Avenue.

Rus. E. McKelvey is engaged to play with the Milwaukee B. B. C., in the position of left field, for the coming year.

The Pittsburgh *Post* of Nov. 4th, gives Bro. John B. Gibson, of Eta Beta', a very flattering notice as a young political speaker.

Bros. Otto Fowler and F. H. Stone, of Kappa, have been elected as Commissioners of the Circuit Court of Hillsdale county, Mich.

W. H. Crow, of the law firm of Crow & Crow, at Greencastle, Ind., has been the presiding genius of Chapter Omicron for several years past.

The Mt. Pleasant *Free Press* has the following of a public performance by Bro. Wycoff: "'Under the Foam,' by H. E. Wycoff, was vivacious in thought and style, and eloquent in delivery."

Phil. J. Lamar, formerly of Chapter Theta, is attending the University of Virginia. He says that "Fraternity interests are at a low ebb" there; consequently we will not honor it with a chapter of our brotherhood.

A leading attorney of Meadville was heard to remark that our deceased brother, C. R. Faber, "knew more law than nine-tenths of the lawyers at the Crawford county bar."

Bro. Clarence Knight, editor of the Akron *Times*, who has always taken an active part in fraternity matters, and has shown his smiling countenance at nearly every Convention, became a few weeks ago the father of a "bouncing" boy. The *Times* has our congratulations.

Dr. Jas. E. Silliman, Alpha, class of '71, was married Nov. 4th, to Miss Hattie J. Mehaffey, of Erie. Jim has built himself up a large practice in Erie, and deserves it all, with as good a wife as Erie county can produce.

Mr. Will Foltz, of Alpha, '72, and a member of the banking house of Foltz & Sons, of New Castle, Pa., has been appointed President of the First National Bank of New Castle, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, who was accidentally killed a few weeks since by being thrown from a carriage.

Just before going to press we received a letter from an old friend and brother, John C. Talcoott. For two years Johnnie was the back-bone of Chapter Sigma, and graduated from Mt. Union College with honors. He was also a graduate of Eastman's Business College, and of Yale law school. We are glad to learn that he has been admitted to the bar at his home in Jefferson, O., and will soon open up an office in that place. Johnnie is only twenty-one, now, and if he is not a shining star in the legal constellation by the time he is thirty, it will be because the whole moral universe is out of joint.

PHI ALUMNI.

O. E. Arbuckle is teaching school at Saluda, Ind.

'76. J. P. L. Weems and wife are settled in Vincennes.

'77. J. J. Gilchrist is traveling agent for a patent school desk.

R. C. Lambe intends entering a Chicago law school this winter.

Bro. C. Ned Locke, '80, is teaching near his old home, Canton, O.

'78. J. M. Shannon is engaged in the lumber business in northern Indiana.

W. A. Cullop is principal of Sanborn public schools, and studying law betimes.

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LAKE SHORE SEMINARY.

The Lake Shore Seminary was recently sold under the Sheriff's hammer to the People's Savings Bank, of North East, Pa.

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which they accordingly did. The members have all retained their loyalty to the fraternity, and all are making a high mark in the world. The prospects are that the institution will eventually become a preparatory school to Allegheny College. At any rate, it is now in the hands of owners who purpose keeping it, and will take steps to make it a successful school.

OBITUARY.

CHARLES R. FABER.

The death of Brother Charles R. Faber, from typhoid fever, which occurred Wednesday, Nov. 6th, in Cambridge, Pa., caused a deep feeling of sadness to pass over this entire community. He was taken suddenly sick while attending to some business in the *Reporter* office in this city scarcely a week before his death, but recovered sufficiently to be able to go to his father's in Cambridge the next day.

His funeral was largely attended. Many members of the Crawford county bar and many business men of Meadville attended.

At the time of his death he was 24 years old. He read law with Hon. M. Park Davis, and was admitted to the bar Oct. 30th, 1877. During his brief practice he had, by his frankness of manner, generous disposition, honesty and ability, gained a remarkable practice. At a meeting of the members of the bar Friday morning, most complimentary remarks were made by Hon. H. L. Richmond, Hon. M. P. Davis, and nearly all the other leading members of the bar. His honor, Judge Church, eulogized Mr. Faber for his honesty and integrity, and lengthy resolutions were passed testifying to his ability, industry and integrity. In touching sympathy to the bereaved parents they said, "We can assure them that their dearly beloved son has left behind him an untarnished reputation, the crowning glory of true and perfect manhood;"

Chapter Alpha adopted similar resolutions and will wear the badge inverted for sixty days. Those who best knew Charlie respected him the most. In common with the human family he had his failings, but his honest intentions were plainly visible in his every-day life, and his cheerfulness, originality and honesty were proverbial.

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