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## THE DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY—ITS ORIGIN AND HISTORY.

BY J. S. EATON.

## VIII. PAPER.

## CHAPTERS.

Whatever is due the former Alpha during this year (1868), let it have the credit for all it did, and deprive it of not a single claim. This change resulted in the location of Alpha at Delaware, Ohio, where Omicron was formerly established. This may not have taken place until the convention of that year, and if so, then Alpha, at Canonsburg, Pa., must receive the credit of two more chapters being founded under its control. But this may be considered in another way. Omicron, at Delaware, O., might have received temporary authority earlier in the year, and acted as Alpha until the convention assembled, when it could be invested with full power, and the title, Omicron, be withdrawn, as in a similar circumstance more recent. Making all allowance possible for this change, and giving to each its proper dues, we will enter upon the administration of Alpha as established at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O. Thus far we have said but little about this chapter, although it has been in existence about three years. But in proof of its being a number one chapter at that time, we need notice only the selection made for Alpha. For some time it was spoken of as *the* chapter, yet with all the pride that was held concerning it, there were other chapters not to be unnoticed. It is evident that this chapter held a high position, both in the institution at which it was established and in the estimation of the fraternity at large. It had a most elegant hall on the principal street of the city, and it was most excellently furnished, which no doubt excited attention as well as being much cherished by all who gained admittance to it. But like others, it rose, flourished and passed away, though we trust not to be forever lost. A delegate from chapter Delta at Meadville, Pa., was sent there shortly after its disorganization to investigate affairs, and instead of finding a grand jubilee among the several other organizations over its fall, a sad disappointment seemed to pervade the entire company of students. Several of its members held high ranks in the University, and it was recognized by other fraternities as *the* one of their number. I myself have heard high eulogies from the lips of members of other fraternities concerning it, that you might think only vain and boasting for me to recount. I have also been



asked by those members if I could not re-establish it, and so I might go on in presenting to you many of these compliments to it, but I forbear. As to the cause of its trouble, the principal thing was a division between its members and want of congeniality among them. Without further elucidating this we will proceed at once to notice what was done before this happened.

The first incident we meet with this year is the reorganizing of chapter Lambda, at Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 4th, 1869, by four gentlemen whose names are as follows: E. K. Walldridge, James O'Donnell, W. H. Woods and J. L. McCormick. The first two names can be found in the catalogue under this same chapter, but the last two do not appear anywhere that I can discover, except in a letter received from that place. I also give them as information received from this chapter on this point and mention their names, both for the satisfaction to all who wish to investigate the matter, and because they were formerly the founders, or perhaps the charter members of the Delta Theta Society of that institution, but afterwards abandoned it and formed the present chapter there of our fraternity. This chapter has stood well since its re-establishment as Lambda, and has done good work in its course. To say this is saying but little of what it deserves, and at present it is well worthy of the position it occupied as another corner stone in our brotherhood. As the re-establishment occurred near the first of the month, I take it that the next follow it, though no specified day is given. From old letters, and later from other records, was found chapter Chi established February, 1869, at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., by Jas. Hammond, of Monmouth, Ill. Of this name also no trace could be found, as it occurs here, and the nearest similar name that I can cite to you for your reference, you will find under Zeta in the catalogue. Why there is such a skip made in the alphabet here is something for which I cannot account. Neither are there any reasons to suppose that this chapter existed long. We now come to the first convention of which there is any existing records in the hands of present Alpha. Where the conventions preceded this one, held April 14th, 1869, at Meadville, Pa., were held is what we want to know, and the minutes, or whatever can be obtained with reference to them, would be gratefully received, if such could be sent to Alpha. At this convention an entire revision was made concerning chapters, and probably some of the chapters that I have already mentioned were made then. Especially among such chapters as have no distinct evidence of their failing. Owing no doubt to the new administration, we will have occasion to notice a filling up of blanks, apparently among the chapters.

The first one to which your attention may be called is chapter Mu, Union, O. Now it presents itself as established Dec. 26th, 1870, at Indiana State University, Bloomington, Ind., by J. A. Grier, of chapter Zeta, Monmouth, Ill. Hence the existence of chapter Zeta, as before mentioned, at least it still retained its position as such. Mu flourished finely, and good prospects were entertained for its future, but in 1874 it ceased to take that active part which characterized it, for reasons that I will mention with another chapter. The convention this year was

held March 30th, 1870, at Cleveland O., which is the last event we find necessary to record here. Subsequent to this occurs the founding of chapter Upsilon, Nov. 29th, 1871, at Champaign, Ill. Nothing more is said of this chapter except a communication received by myself from chapter Lambda in 1875, stating that this chapter was compelled to work in the "dark" since its organization, but that bright prospects were in its favor. It had then secured a hall, which was being fitted up in an elegant style. Whether it is yet in existence I am unprepared to answer, but doubt seems evident in the case. Since I left college, however, the indications are that it has been revived, as the last catalogue has it in regular order, but dates it from 1872, and the CRESCENT has it represented on its editorial staff. Not long after this comes chapter Sigma, founded Dec. 19th, 1871, by R. L. Organ, of Fairfield, Ill., and a member of chapter Mu at Bloomington, Ind. Sigma was once before given as a chapter at Hillsdale, Mich., but you will remember it as being supplanted by Kappa, and we may again have an opportunity to notice a change of this chapter.

Closely following this was chapter Rho, organized Dec. 30th, 1871, at Lake Shore Seminary, Northeast Pennsylvania, by Jas. E. Silliman, of Erie, Pa., and others, all members of Delta, at Meadville, Pa. This chapter was in splendid condition until 1875, when good reasons were manifest that it would be better to withdraw the charter, which was done by the chapter at Meadville, and sanctioned by the convention of the same year. It was only done, however, on the condition that it should be allowed to retain its name with the rest as a chapter.

The next that occurs is chapter Xi, to which reference was made as a chapter at Galesburg, Ill., in 1865. It was now established about the latter part of February or first of March, 1871, at Michigan State University, Ann Arbor, Mich., by W. D. Bishopp, of Chicago, Ill., and a member of Kappa. This chapter did not prosper long, from the fact, that about one year later were found accounts of it disbanding. The last chapter organized this year was Omicron, March 18th, 1871, at Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind., by Alex. Kilpatrick, of Morning Sun, Ind., and a member of chapter Mu. This chapter, together with Mu, grew rapidly, and I might safely say that they stood equal, or perhaps above any other chapters of the West until 1874, when they became discouraged with some bad management, and perhaps neglect on the part of Alpha, which caused them to disorganize. Omicron, however, has again taken up the banner, and new zeal is manifested in the work. It is only hoped that Mu will do the same. This year the convention was held at the same place that it was the year before, on May 3d, 1871, at Cleveland, O. With this the year closes, which was surely a good season of work.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

#### UTOPIA. (A Shaving).

There is an isle in the midst of the Atlantic, and Utopia is its name; far away from the frail-



ties and infirmities of humanity—away from the vices and depravities of mankind. An isle undefiled by intrigues and schisms; where primitive simplicity and innocence are uncorrupted; where virtue and sanctity are pure and spotless as the polished diamond; where justice and mercy, charity and chastity hold high honor. On it peace and plenty reign supreme; and desires are not known. The inhabitants are fairies, who live without labor upon the spontaneous fruits of the soil. Fertile villages and green hills are bedecked with nature's choicest flowers, and her richest perfumes float upon the air.

Its mountain brooklets sing sweetest songs of praises to the listening shrubbery on their banks, as they rippled along over their jeweled beds. War and strife are unknown among its people, and sickness and disease never invade their dwellings. So peaceful and innocent do they live that the Gods come down from heaven and mingle freely in familiar intercourse with them. Society is free from indolence and avarice, luxury and want, oppression and intolerance. The customs of the people are simple, their laws derived from nature, and their religion one of charity and love.

Here we see piety and devotion, not indicated as morose singularities, but holding high seats in the tabernacle of holiness. The faith and confidence of the people in each other make their intercourse seem an inborn relationship of trust and hope. Here the cries of distress and misfortune rend not the midnight air; and the earnest prayer of misery burst not in upon the lonely hours of the night. The dark mantle of night hides not within its folds bands of pillage and plunder. All life is in its purity. Here nature, in all her glory sits enthroned upon the treasures of earth, surrounded by grandeur and magnificence, surpassed not even by the gorgeous splendor of heaven itself. Nature's laboratory is not hidden from the gaze of the curious, but she works her grand miracles in the sight of all. Here the rosy blush of morn, as it mantles in the east, brings with it life and activity, and, as it lightly breaks away from its gray cloak, reveals the rising sun, that glorious orb, sire of the seasons and monarch of all climes, which, as it emerges from amidst golden and purple clouds, sheds its blithesome rays upon the laughing isle beneath, causing the dewdrops and fairies to dance beautiful dances to the heaven-like music of the little, curling waves upon the passing streams. Here also the sunset, in all its most gorgeous array, is most beautiful and picturesque; and here twilight, the grandest of nature's miracles, is most sublime, as it resigns itself into the lap of night, and melts away beneath the gaze of the moon.

J. S. H.

## A LEAF.

I send you love, no fragrant rose,  
No lily fair, no tulip gay;  
Only a leaf plucked from the tree  
'Neath which I stood that summer day  
I kissed you first—the old oak tree  
Midway the grassy, shady lane.  
An ivy spray for belt you wore,  
And round your throat a daisy chain,  
And in your hair some honey blooms  
Invited butterfly and bee;  
And from a bough a bird looked down  
When you give my kiss to me;  
And straight it ceased its pretty song  
The name I called you to repeat.  
Do you remember? With small head  
Held on one side it said, "sweet—sweet."

*Harper's Weekly.*

## THE DELTA BAND.

C. W. BEATTIE, CHAPTER CHIEF.

## I.

As we sit around the altar,  
In our sacred hall to-night,  
We are pledged to stand united,  
For each other work and fight.  
May our vows remain unbroken  
May our pledges ever be  
As a bright and shining beacon,  
Guiding o'er life's troubled sea.

## II.

When we pass those sacred portals,  
And shall enter them no more;  
When the brothers here assembled  
Shall be vexed by trouble sore!  
Oh, be then our vows and tokens  
True and strong as they are now!  
May we still in thought and spirit  
Round our sacred altar bow.

## III.

Though the cares of earth beset us,  
And temptations throng our way!  
Though the clouds around us gather  
And obscure the light of day!  
Yet we know that ever, always,  
There are brothers brave and true,  
That are ever working for us,  
That will gently guide us through.

## IV.

So with kindling hopes to cheer us  
The future seems more bright,  
We will join our hands together,  
Pledge ourselves anew to-night  
To stand firmly by each brother,  
To protect by love and law,  
And in coming years he'll bless  
The good old Delta Tau.

May 10, 1878.



## WHERE SHALL OUR CHAPTERS BE LOCATED?

J. S. HARTZEL.

Our Grand Chapter, and those who are active in the work of enlarging the number of chapters, and extending the limits of the fraternity, do not take the care they ought in making selections for locating chapters. We claim, and justly, too, to be one of the leading fraternities in the front rank of college secret societies, and it is not at all to our credit to be too careless and indiscriminate in selecting institutions, whatever their age, history or character, for the simple and uncommendable reason that it presents an *opening*. We do not mean to reflect upon any chapter now on our list. We hail all with joy as sister chapters, and extend our grip, the clasped hands of eternal friendship, to all members of our "mystic circle." But for the future of our fraternity, and the work of her extension, are these words directed, and they apply as well to existing chapters in low condition as to the founding of chapters yet to be.

To consider the former class first. We wish to encourage every chapter which has the misfortune of seeing itself shorn of its members, or of finding itself in financial embarrassments, or by external strife, or external pressure, are well nigh disabled and powerless to flourish. One cry is, "Hold the fort." Deltaism is a cause worth struggling for, and the "grit" of the fraternity—the life and spirit which are her own, and which are engrafted into all her members, will certainly assert themselves if allowed fair play from within. The "grit" of Deltaism is *not* to be conquered from without; her chapters are *not* to be smothered in their infancy by *any* forces other than her own; much less can this be when years have rolled by. No other fraternity, no effort of college faculties (we speak from experience), no earthly power ever can produce *any* effect upon their upward and onward course. The Delta Tau Delta Fraternity has laurels which no man need be ashamed of; a history has she which bears examination before the world without a blush; principles and doctrines does she teach which would reflect credit upon any organization, and elicit praise from the lips of all men. Therefore to all worthy chapters which are sorely pressed—and there are two in the First Division—we say, "Hold that fast which thou hast." Stick if you possibly can, "and if you can't, stick anyhow." We mean all *worthy* chapters. We do not suppose there are any on our list which do not honor the name of the fraternity. But if, unhappily there be such, we say out with them. Whether they are old or young, founded at whatever institution they may be, (we especially refer to academies, seminaries, normal schools and the like), well established or tottering, if they do not add to the credit of our order, if they do not add strength and glory to her name—and they certainly can do neither—down with them; and the sooner the better.

But now to the second class—the future growth of the fraternity—the chapters that are to be. We are decidedly opposed to founding chapters at institutions of a day's growth; at such as have no record, such as have barely a local reputation,

or no reputation at all; such as do not bear the name and character of college or university deservedly—such as possess this honor illegitimately. The chapter which we call our own is unanimously and strenuously opposed to this very same thing. Of course we mean such institutions as we named before, as well as agricultural colleges, and institutions of questionable reputation, character or standard. We make exception of Stevens Institute (chapter Rho), which is the highest of its kind in this country, and whose Professors are authority, not only here, but also in Europe.

The class of institutions which we do advocate as proper places for chapters of our order—of our "mysteries"—are such as do honor to the brotherhood, such as have a national reputation, such as have an honorable and glorious history, such as are of long standing, of solid and liberal endowment, of noted scholarship. Let the chapters that have once existed at such places as Ohio Wesleyan University and University of Kentucky be resuscitated. But by all means extend our borders south and east. Break in upon Southern aristocracy—upon Eastern scholarship. Institutions are to be found here which have histories of hundreds of years growth; which have furnished the statesmen and scholars so much boasted of by America; which have wealth and influence, and are honored by Europe. Select these for your fortresses, and make her scions your standard-bearers. We refer to Washington and Lee, William and Mary, University of Virginia, (this last should have been mentioned above), University of Pennsylvania, University of California, University of Michigan (this is also a lost sheep—reclaim it), the New England seats of learning, and others of more recent date, which also have taken their stand in the front rank of colleges, as the Johns Hopkins University.

Too much cannot be done to advance the interests of the fraternity, and enough in this direction will bear wonderful fruit. Let those who have the power, the means, the opportunity, be prompt in obeying the voice of our motto; be prompt in planting the standard of the fraternity upon the walls of every institution of great prominence; be prompt in unfurling her banner, in carrying her colors, North, South, East, and West, to such places which answer well, in all particulars the high calling, the great professions of our fraternity, and let none such be passed by. We not merely demand men of *quality* for our chapters, but institutions of quality; not merely men of sterling worth, but institutions of which the same may be said.

## DELTA TAU.

The mariner who in 1859 started on his voyage with every prospect of shipwreck and disaster, a clouded sky overhead, and scarce a star visible whereby to take his bearings, correctly remembering, however, that the aid of Providence is to those whose strongest efforts are in their own behalf, has held firmly to the wheel all these years, and now no longer fears disaster. To give place to the uncertain light of a star, a *Crescent* has risen; and though her sky is not yet



cloudless, yet nothing can conceal her splendor from her worshippers, and from those who are determined that she *shall* wax and not wane. A thing that seems almost inexplicable is, how the gallant ship of which we have just spoken could hold her own so long, when her crew, brave and determined though they were, had no communication with each other, and hence could not act in proper unison.

Delta Tau's sons may well congratulate themselves that her most flourishing period thus far is coeval with the time in the history of other fraternities when they are stepping from the sphere of their former activity into the grave. This is a time to try the metal of which organization are made. Those which possess the elements of success will, and those which do not will not, survive. This, as far as we have heard, is the case with the Phi Delta Theta and Phi Delta Sigma fraternities. The former of these orders seems to have stranded on a shoal, against which I take for granted it is unnecessary to warn our pilots. That is *quantity, not quality*. The rule of quality will, however, apply to the institutions which we choose as locations for our chapters, as well as the members whom we select to compose said chapters, when founded.

It is unnecessary for me to say that chapters in normal schools, collegiate institutes, academies, and the like, are utterly at variance with the spirit of our noble order. It is a practice which was more prevalent in the earlier days of the fraternity, when it was more an experiment than an accomplished fact, and I believe since the experiment "aforesaid" has resulted so happily that the practice is being gradually discontinued, and it is to be hoped will soon disappear altogether. We might of course respect every individual brother composing such a chapter, but at the same time the existence of that chapter as a chapter is decidedly adverse to our principles. Alpha and the grand chapters should be strict in this matter, never to grant charters to establish chapters in any institutions other than those which are or bid fair to become first-class.

A question of which I spoke in another paper is the necessity of chapters in the East. What a grand field there is. Just think of it! Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Dartmouth, Amherst, Bowdoin, Connecticut Wesleyan, Trinity at New Haven, University of Pennsylvania, University of New York, and numerous others. It sometimes makes a man wish he could spend a life at college. One's thoughts on surveying this splendid field are like what we can imagine the great Carthaginian's to have been as he stood on the Alps and looked down on the smiling plains of Italy, lying at his feet, seeming to invite the conqueror. And this field is none the less inviting to the royal purple conqueror than was Italy to the Carthaginian.

A word to our recently organized chapters. Should any of them ever become disheartened by the odds against them, a little of Tau's history might probably restore their courage. Tau was founded in 1874 by Bro. Tacharias, under the most adverse auspices. There were already three other orders at the college, each large and powerful. Add to this the most bigoted opposition of a faculty, and a few other circumstances, and you will have some idea of the outlook for Deltaism at F. and M. Shortly afterward three of her five members withdrew, leaving the

charter in the hands of two (?) men. But these were equal to the occasion, and to-day the best wish I can have, and which I of course do have for every chapter of our beloved fraternity, is that they may be as successful in our glorious common cause as Tau has been.

Fraternally, D. G.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE, LANCASTER, PA., April 23d, 1878.

#### GENERAL T. F. WILDE'S ADDRESS TO THE DELEGATES OF THE 20TH CONVENTION.

*Brethren of the D. T. D. Fraternity:* In calling the convention to order I wish to express my sincere thanks to the fraternity for the many times its members have remembered me and conferred their highest favors upon me. Twice you have chosen me as your orator, and twice as your presiding officer. Such an expression of your esteem and confidence. I assure you, has made me feel exceedingly grateful to you, and my only fears are that I have fallen so far short of your expectations, that feelings of disappointment would be entertained by many of you.

However this may have been in the past, with the kind aid of our Chapter Eta, we propose to treat you all so cheerfully and to greet you all so warmly while with us in this convention, that you will wholly forget all our past failings and remember us only for what you shall know of us now.

Those of us who reside here, at this place of your meeting, bid you a most hearty welcome to our young city. We will do our best to make your stay with us both pleasant and profitable in every fraternal and kindly sense. Be assured, first of all, that you will find a most agreeable company of young gentlemen in the members of chapter Eta. They will neglect nothing to make this the crowning convention yet held by the fraternity. This is the second time some of you have come to Akron to exchange fraternal greetings and to consider the welfare of our noble brotherhood. Your first visit induced us to seek your return.

We have with us at this convention Prof. J. S. Lowe, one of the few who originated our fraternity, and before its close hope to welcome others who, since they last met with their respective chapters as active members, have seen many years of the actualities of business and professional life. Time has silvered the hair and furrowed the brow of many of them, but their hearts beat as warm as ever for old Delta Tau. Perhaps no recollections of college life retain their freshness so long as those of hours spent in the fraternity hall. Nothing will cause books, briefs, and all business to be dropped so suddenly or the office to be closed so unceremoniously, as the coming in upon you of some long, long ago friend, whom you were wont to meet two or three nights a week within the sacred portals of some Delta Tau Delta hall. The reason of this is plain to a fraternity man, but it has no meaning to one who knows nothing of the ties of friendship which bind fraternity men together. Your coming together here from



many different States of the Union, many of you living hundreds of miles from this point, evince the strength of these ties, and the power of their influence over you.

The holy influence which the highest, purest and truest friendship has upon the minds and hearts of men can never be more beautifully illustrated or pictured in a stronger or clearer light. Objection is often made to fraternities in colleges, and I am sorry to say that it is sometimes well founded, but every Delta must feel proud of the prominent fact which is a part of the history of his fraternity: that no one can point to a single instance where any mischief has been done, or any wrong committed by it, or any chapter of it, nor has any bad conduct been even attributed to it or its influence thus far in its existence, in a solitary institution of learning in this country. The reason for this is also plain—it has been the fundamental and organic law of this fraternity to admit none to membership but the better class of students. The wild, the reckless and the indolent have always been discarded.

Brothers, so long as you observe this organic law, your fraternity will prosper, the moment you forget and disregard it the fraternity will go down, and it ought to go down.

And now, that the true spirit of our noble brotherhood may be acted, as well as felt, by those who have gathered here, let us proceed to the dispatch of business with as little delay as possible, observing in all we do the decorum and amenities, and discarding the rancor and asperities of deliberative bodies.

Allow me, too, before taking up the order of business, to suggest that, inasmuch as the delegates here are the representatives of active chapters, and are fresh from their respective halls, they take the burden upon themselves of discussing all questions brought before us, freely and without reserve, and that those of us who have passed from the college to the more active duties of life, simply assume the relation of advisory members and conservators of peace and harmony.

We will now proceed with the order of business.

#### DELTA TAU DELTA.

##### Assembling of the General Convention—List of Delegates—Opening Business.

The twentieth annual convention of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity met in the hall of Eta Chapter, Howard street, this city, at 11 o'clock, Gen. T. F. Wildes, Pres't, in the chair; W. A. Cullop, Sec'y. Gen. Wildes, in opening the convention, welcomed the delegates in a few well chosen words which were heartily applauded. Prayer was offered by Prof. J. S. Lowe, of Shelby, Ohio. W. W. Shilling, of Alpha, Meadville, was chosen Assistant Secretary.

Committee on Credentials, consisting of L. L. Davis, Chapter Alpha, Pennsylvania, G. Breck, Chapter Iota, Iowa, and F. N. Carter, Eta, Ohio, and on Order of Business, composed of W. A. Cullop, of Chapter Phi, Indiana, W. C. Buchanan, of Cincinnati Alumni Chapter, and Day-

tor A. Doyle, of Chapter Eta, Ohio, were appointed.

The roll of Chapters was called and the following responded:

Alpha, Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.—W. W. Shilling and L. L. Davis.

Beta, Ohio University, Athens, O.—R. S. Hooper.

Gamma, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa.—G. P. Miller.

Epsilon, Albion College, Albion, Mich.—F. E. Clark and J. C. Jocelyn.

Eta, Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio—F. N. Carter and D. A. Doyle.

Theta, Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va.—A. P. Van Meter.

Iota, Michigan, Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich.—E. Davenport and G. Breck.

Kappa, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich.—H. T. Smith.

Lambda, Asbury University, Galesburg, Ill.—O. r. Bostwick.

Sigma, name not given.

Tau, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.—A. B. Rieser.

Phi, Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.; by proxy Epsilon Beta, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill.—W. A. Cullop.

Xi, Simpson Centenary College, Indianapolis, Ind.—O. P. Bostwick.

Psi, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.—D. F. Kendall.

Cincinnati Alumni Chapter—W. C. Buchanan.

Besides the regular delegates, a large number of visiting members from Meadville, Warren and Akron were present, and other representatives are still expected.

Prof. J. S. Lowe, of Shelby, ex-President of Farmer's College, College Hill, O., and the orator of the evening, was called out and gave an interesting account of the formation of the order at Bethany College, W. Va., in 1849, he being one of the founders.

The hours for assembling were fixed for 8 A. M. and 2 P. M., and for adjournment for 12 M. and 6 P. M., after which the convention adjourned.—Akron, O., *Daily Beacon*, May 1st.

#### MODERN GREEKS.

##### Delta Tau Delta Open Exercises—Convention Proceedings.

A select and appreciative audience, quite filling the spacious hall of the Knights of Pythias, assembled last evening to listen to the open literary exercises in connection with the Twentieth General Convention of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Atwood's Orchestra having rendered "Bundestreiben" in its usual excellent manner, Gen. T. F. Wildes, President, in a few words explained the objects of the evening's gathering, after which Rev. E. L. Rexford, D. D., of this city, late of San Francisco, invoked the Divine blessing. Another selection of music followed, when the orator of the evening, Prof. J. S. Lowe, of Shelby, Ohio, ex-President of Farmers College, was introduced, and spoke on "Mental Culture." \* \* \* \* \*



At the close of his address, Prof. Lowe was rewarded by a generous round of applause.

#### THE POEM.

After another selection by the orchestra, O. E. Angisman, Esq., of Monroe, Mich., read the very able and scholarly poem which is printed in full elsewhere. The reading, though lacking somewhat in force, was listened to with close attention throughout.

This closed the regular exercises, and after another piece of music, and a few words of thanks by Gen. Wildes, the audience was dismissed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. S. H. McCollester, D. D.

#### The Convention—Wednesday Afternoon.

A condensed report of the afternoon proceedings of the convention appeared in last evening's Beacon. The proceedings in full, so far as available for the public, appear below:

The convention met at 2 P. M. In the absence of Gen. Wildes, President, W. C. Buchanan, of Cincinnati, was elected to fill the office *pro tem*.

The report of the Committee on Order of Business was received and adopted. A large amount of business is before the convention to be transacted.

The Committee on Credentials reported a very much larger number of delegates than at any convention heretofore. More than 20 colleges are represented and half as many States.

L. L. Davis reported from Alpha Chapter on the general condition of the fraternity. She reports additional strength in the founding of four new chapters, all doing well. Only two chapters have suspended during the past year.

Messrs. Rieser and Miller reported the First Grand Division in a very fair condition, indications of good prosperity.

A. P. Van Meter read the report of the Second Division, showing a largely increased membership, financially good and growing, with one or two new halls.

W. A. Cullop, for the Third Division, composed of the States of Indiana and Michigan, reported eight chapters, all in a flourishing condition.

O. R. Bostwick reported the Fourth Division as consisting of seven good chapters, averaging from 9 to 20 members; all in fine working order.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

The Convention re-assembled at 9 o'clock, Pres't Wildes in the chair.

Chapter Alpha made its annual financial report, showing a very comfortable condition of the general treasury. Messrs. Breck, of Michigan Agricultural College, Miller, of Washington and Jefferson College, Pa., and Jocelyn, of Albion College, Mich., were appointed a committee to audit the accounts.

By vote two styles of the fraternity badge, the star and the square, were authorized.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the orator and poet of last evening for their efforts, and directing that upon publication the productions be filed in the archives of the fraternity.

Three important amendments to the Constitu-

tion were submitted and discussed, without action.

Eta Beta Chapter, of Western University, Pittsburg, was added to the first Grand Division.

The remainder of the morning session was taken up with an explanation of the secret work of the order.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The report of the Auditing Committee, approving the books of the Grand Treasurer, was agreed to.

The Committee on Place of Next Meeting reported in favor of Put-in-Bay; the time, first Wednesday and Thursday in August, 1879. Adopted.

A Committee of Arrangements therefor, consisting of Charles A. Richmond, Meadville, Pa.; Hon. A. M. Brown, Julesburg, Ill.; A. A. Richardson, Detroit, Mich.; J. J. Reed, Ann Arbor, Mich., and H. F. Miller, Akron, was appointed.

The election of grand officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, W. C. Buchanan, Cincinnati, O.; Vice President, James S. Eaton, Princeton, N. J.; Corresponding Secretary, W. L. McClurg, Meadville, Pa.; Recording Secretary, J. C. Jocelyn, Albion, Mich.

Hon. Godlove S. Orth, of Lafayette, Indiana, ex-U. S. Minister to Austria, was elected orator for the next convention; Prof. J. S. Copp, of Hillsdale, Michigan, alternate; Prof. J. R. Scott, St. Louis, Missouri, poet.

The members will enjoy their annual banquet this evening, and separate to-morrow.

*Daily Beacon, Akron, O., May 2d.*

#### THE DELTA CONVENTION.

On the first day of May, 1878, in the beautiful little city of Akron, Ohio, the Twentieth Annual Convention of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity was called together. The President, Gen. T. F. Wildes, addressed the delegates at some length on the importance of their mission and the duties of the convention. The day was auspicious. Brother met brother from East and West, from North and South, grasping the right hand of fellowship, feeling that whatever troubles there might be between State and Church—between sections and parties—there are none between the members of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. It was harmonious and sociable. Its high and exalted character brought together many friends, loving its teachings, and forgetting for a while the strife with others, having in view one grand aim—the advancement of the order, and the perpetuation of its purposes.

After the address of welcome, a feeling prayer was offered by Prof. J. S. Lowe, one of our fathers, who must have felt that he had not lived in vain when such crowds of the children of his order were gathered about him.

W. A. Cullop, the Secretary, was in his chair. W. W. Shilling, of Alpha, Allegheny College, was chosen Assistant Secretary, when the business of the convention began. A committee of three on credentials was then appointed, consisting of Bros. L. L. Davis, Chapter Alpha, Meadville, Pa., G. A. Breck, Chapter Iota, Michigan Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich., and F. N.



Carter, Chapter Eta, Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio.

A Committee on Order of Business was then appointed, consisting of Bros. W. A. Cullop, Phi, Hanover College, Indiana, W. C. Buchanan, Alumni Chapter, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Dayton A. Doyle Chapter Eta, Buchtel College, Akron, O.

The convention, after hearing from Prof. J. S. Lowe an interesting account of the formation of the order at Bethany College, Bethany, Va., in the winter of 1857-58, he being one of the founders; and the transaction of some miscellaneous business, adjourned till 2 P. M.

At 2 P. M. convention assembled. In the absence of the President, W. C. Buchanan was elected Chairman *pro tem*. The Committee on Credentials then made their report.

After the report of the Grand Divisions was read, the chapters were taken up in Alphabetical order, and gave most encouraging reports from all sections. Large increase in membership was reported in nearly all chapters. Two chapters reported 31 active members each.

Committees were appointed to consider the various forms of initiatory service—the secret work—the time and place for holding the next convention, and to prepare forms, according to which the annual reports may be made. Also a form for credentials and one for proxy.

As considerable time was occupied in examining the various credentials offered, it was thought advisable to have a certain form adopted to obviate all trouble, and accordingly a form both for delegates and for proxies was adopted, which will be found in the printed minutes.

The Committee adjourned at 5 P. M. to attend the literary exercises.

May 2d, 1878—Convention assembled at 9 A. M., Gen. Wildes in the chair. Minutes read and adopted. Chapter Alpha then reported the condition of the Treasury, showing a balance on hand of about \$250. A committee of three, Messrs. Brech, Jocelyn and Miller, of Akron, are appointed to audit the books.

The fraternity badge was then taken up, on motion, and fully discussed, but no change was made, leaving as authorized two forms—the square and the star badge.

Amendments to the Constitution were then taken up and fully discussed, but were tabled, it not being thought advisable to make the various changes proposed. The initiatory service was also fully discussed, but no action taken. [We feel like saying to those proposing various changes that they should not abandon them, but preserve them, as a demand may be found for them before the next convention convenes.—Ed.]

The amendments offered from Tau Chapter are interesting and instructive, showing great study and insight into secret work. But the time was so limited that it was even impossible to consider them well. They are comprehensive, and even grand, and we would like to see the fraternity enriched by them, but in our poverty, at this time, it was impossible to adopt them, while within a year some generous brother might be found who would donate enough to secure them. We beg Tau chapter to hold them till a future time. In fact, the changes provided for seals and such like, would be of great advantage.

A good many resolutions were passed which we do not recall in the absence of the minutes,

and can only comment on those of importance that we remember.

Before the hour of noon adjournment, the convention took up the secret service, and had the same rehearsed and discussed, and heard with interest the remarks, explanation and comments from Prof. J. S. Lowe and Dr. H. J. Hugus, on the "ancient handwriting on the wall."

At the afternoon session arrangements were made for the banquet at the Sumner House.

The committee on time and place for next convention reported in favor of Put-in-Bay, Lake Erie, Ohio, first Wednesday of August, 1879. A Committee of Arrangements was then appointed to make all proper changes for that time.

The report of the CRESCENT was then read. While the CRESCENT is not a financial success, every one expressed their thoughts freely that it was a great success in the fraternity, and had done more to instruct and acquaint members with the condition and workings of the fraternity than any other power. All are unanimous for its continuance, and no doubt it will be kept up. The whole matter was referred to Alpha chapter to take such action as she deemed best.

The election of officers then took place.

Resolutions of thanks then became the order of the evening. The orator, the poet, the press, Bro. W. M. Day; Eta Chapter, Gen. Wildes; in the classic manner of the Meadville boys, one and all bounced. A short night session was held in which some miscellaneous business was transacted. After which the convention adjourned *sine die*.

It is the most useless words to say that our convention was harmonious. It was full of profit, pleasure and delight. A great deal of work was done, and much was left for want of time. The men present are splendid representative students from many colleges, the best of their chapters, and they made their standing show.

It was a splendid working body, and little useless time was spent. We never saw committeemen work better. All were prepared.

*Literary Exercises, Wednesday Evening.*—At eight in the evening the literary exercises of the convention took place in the charming hall of the Knights of Pythias. Quite an audience assembled in honor of the occasion—in fact, the hall was crowded. A feeling prayer was offered by the Rev. E. L. Rexford, D. D., and after music Prof. J. S. Lowe delivered the annual oration. While Prof. Low had only a little time in which to prepare, his effort could not have been surpassed, we think, if the able professor could have had months for preparation. His selection was charming, and every one felt charmed at the easy, graceful and well rounded examples he put to his audience. Everything spoken beautifully fitted such a cultured and interesting subject. We refer all to the printed address for the best criticism.

Bro. Angtsman, of Michigan, delivered the annual poem. While Bro. Angtsman properly belongs to that class of poets called "machine poets," his effort was worthy of the very best examples from that extensive class. Poets are undoubtedly born, not made, which will very properly apply to the author of "The Crescent Knight," yet the repast was so admirably prepared, and placed before us in such an agreeable manner, we could not but sit silent and enjoy it.



Mr Angtsman is not the best reader, yet the attention he received from an audience, the majority of whom were strangers to him, was surely flattering. The effort shows great merit and hard study, and the mind is so kept wandering with the events and the "Knight" that it does not grow monotonous, as is sometimes the case with long poems and recitations. All praise needed is in the make up of the poem itself, which will be laid before the reader.

Let us say here, on behalf of the CRESCENT and for its friends, and to them all, that too much stress cannot be put on a good literary performance at each of our annual feasts. Through them; and that is the only channel, we introduce ourselves to the world—to the people—to humanity. To them we invite all—every class—every people—and spread before them a public exhibition of ourselves. If that exposition is weak we are condemned, if strong we receive admiration and strength. The performance at Akron was worthy of the convention. It was pleasing, instructive and charming. The evening was interspersed with pleasant and exhaling music.

*The Banquet.*—The liveliest recollection of the whole convention, no doubt, comes from the memories of the banquet hall, and to day, two weeks after the melodies, the smuds, the hilarity, the speeches have all died away—crowding joyous, happy memories come back. The Sumner House offered a splendid retreat to wax loose and give free vent to soul and stomach. Our sixty seats at the many tables were filled by royal Greeks of modern birth. Gen. T. F. Wildes, as toast master, occupied a central position at the head of the room. Music and meats, coffee and ices, were dispensed freely, then the tables were cleared, and that "Good Old Delta Tau" song waked the memories of college days that had been forgotten for a decade or more.

The first toast of the evening was "Delta Tau Delta;" response by Dr. Hugus, of Ravenna, Ohio. A word for Dr. Hugus is proper here. He is an old Delta. For years, no doubt, he thought our order like a lost ship; "but hope crushed to earth shall rise again." And we feel that we are right when we say that the Doctor was actually embarrassed, yea, dumbfounded, when he came down to Akron and found delegates from twenty or more different colleges, representing the fraternity which he had taken an actual part in nearly twenty years ago. The Doctor, in all his speeches—in his toast, spoke most feelingly, yea touchingly of the order. While he does not profess to be an orator, his feelings were so deep—so full that they actually overflowed time and again. We want you to come again, Doctor; bring your wife and all the little Deltas. He is a graduate of that good old Presbyterian College, Washington and Jefferson, and one of the first members of our fraternity. He wears the same old pin he did nineteen years ago. Such is the love of one "true frater."

The following is the programme of toasts offered and responded to:

Delta Tau Delta—The beau ideal of college fraternities. Response by Dr. Hugus, of Ravenna, Ohio, graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, Pa.

Chapter Alpha—May she ever prove worthy

of her high trust. Response by L. L. Davis, Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

Chapter Eta—May neither her shadow nor her hospitality ever grow lest. Response by C. R. Knight, Akron, Ohio.

Welcome—Which refers particularly to those who are with us here to-night. Response by O. P. Sperra, Esq., Ravenna, Ohio, graduate of Law Department, Michigan University.

The Motto—"Labor for the beautiful and the good." Response by E. F. Voris, Esq., Akron, Ohio.

The Press—May it always be honest and independent. Response by W. M. Day, Akron, Ohio.

The CRESCENT—May it grow, and grow, and grow. Response by W. C. Buchanan, Esq., Cincinnati, Ohio.

This Convention—The merriest and happiest of the twenty. Response by J. C. Joclyn, Albion College, Albion, Mich.

The Toasters—Now are the toasters toasted. Response by C. J. Robinson, Esq., Akron, Ohio, graduate of Buchtel College.

The Bar—May no Delta ever dishonor it. Response by Charles Baird, Esq., Akron, Ohio.

The Alumni of the Fraternity. Response by Rev. G. A. Peckham, of Granger, Ohio.

The Delta Tau Delta Poets—Like old wines, may their rhymes grow better and better with age. Response by O. E. Angtsman, Esq., Monroe, Mich.

The Future Orators of the Fraternity. Response by W. A. Cullop, Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.

The absent Deltas—By Gen. Wildes.

Let us drop a few marks by the wayside simply to preserve some idea of the good things said and done. Bro. L. L. Davis set forth the powers and strength of Alpha. We are all satisfied with Alpha—we say she is proud and noble in her work and in standing. Glory be with her. And then those Meadville boys with their blue suits and brass buttons—their soldier clothes—they take the ladies and are ever so popular. Davis' broad shoulders are capable of standing up under a big load. So send in your orders to Alpha; they will be filled.

Knight—Knight of the Quill—The Crescent Knight—Knight of the "Times," grew light and airy, pithy and witty, for dear Eta's sake. He was in his element; song after song; dear, sedate old Knight let out that evening. It was a sight to see and hear, and what a glorious climax to the toast he presented, after all the good treatment of other days and of these, to end it all by music and speech and song and smoke and happy beings. Welcome was too exuberating for Sperra—he grasped it and spread it all about us, and then he sat down and sang, "There was three crows sat on a tree." And after while he got up and admonished us with sketches from Shakespeare, and Byron, and Sperra.

A beautiful and poetical response was made by Bro. Voris to "The Motto." We are sorry he did not give us more of the same dish.

Then came Day, with his "Beacon's" in one hand and his quill in the other, and then he slurred at the poor lawyers and poked fun at the rest of mankind, and got up jokes on the CRESCENT which near emptied the hall—of ladies.

After Day had roused the house, Buchanan



was asked to show up the CRESCENT. We don't like to say much about Buchanan, but candidly we think he made an ass of himself—a real Dun-dreary ass.

Then came the accomplished and finished Joclyn, of Albion College, to reply to the toast, "This Convention—The merriest and happiest of all." And he did it in that matchless and elegant manner in which he did everything.

The wittiest and pithiest speech of the evening came from C. J. Robinson. He was actually overflowing with poems and neatly fitting phrases.

From Bro. Baird we were anxious to hear a speech, but no doubt the lateness of the hour intimidated him.

But then we were compensated by a real scholarly effort from our Rev. Bro. Peckham. And he in turn gave over the paten to Bro. Angtman, who dropped a few musings by the wayside for his successor.

We entertained high hopes that Cullop would echo the notes of Indiana's gifted son, but he, too, was overcome with the "wee sma' hours."

The absent ones were well remembered by Gen. Wildes. This closed the orgies in Sumner Hall for the 20th Convention. The good Deltas who were not there can imagine the good time when we tell them that over four hours were passed at that sitting. Joyous, happy hours they were. And what shall we say of the songs? They were all sung. Ye college days and campus lays were all told in song on that night. "Bingo Farm," "Sweet Bye and Bye," "The Little Brown Jug," "The Man who Sat Down on a Bumble Bee," "Old Lang Syne," "Good Night, Ladies," and a hundred others made the banquet hall ring. Our host, our friends, the press, Akron hospitality were not forgotten; but appropriate resolutions of thanks were passed for each and all.

Many Deltas from a distance besides the delegates attended, and though taking little part in the proceedings, expressed great interest. We noticed among others: F. M. Reitzel, the classical cuss of the Warren County Democrat; Pres't S. H. McCallister, of Butchtel College; Prof. J. S. Lowe, Bro. Fuller, Warren; Dr. Geo. H. Briscoe and wife, Warren; Wm C. Bear and Chas. N. Faber, the musical brothers of Meadville, C. A. Richmond and Bro. Waunn, Meadville; Chas. Baird, C. J. Robinson, C. R. Knight, W. M. Day, E. F. Voris, H. F. Miller, all of Akron; Bro. King, Ravenna, Dr. H. J. Hugus, O. P. Sperra, Ravenna; Prof. G. A. Peckham, Akron, and many others.

There is no Delta who has ever attended one convention that does not want to go again. The next one is admirably situated to attract a large attendance, and let us have a rousing meeting. They are happy hours—instructive and interesting.

Cincinnati, May 18th, 1878.

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#### TOO MUCH THEORY.

So much has been said and written about "Theory and Practice" that it might seem, on first sight, as though all the material had been used up long before this. Such, however, is not

the case. The ideas advanced have usually been devoted, and with propriety, to a discussion of the *relation existing between them*, and one point of this relation has been neglected entirely too much. The terms *theory* and *practice* have been coupled together so closely, and at times with so little judgment and discrimination, that we are in constant danger of viewing them as "twin sisters," just as closely related to each other as "supply and demand," or "capital and labor," are under normal conditions: each mutually balancing and ruling the other; whereas, a casual glance convinces us that just the opposite is most generally the case. Theory, for the most part, has been the means of reducing practice, nearly in proportion to its own development.

Man, in this particular, as in others, may be considered a dualism, composed of two forces, which may be called the *theoretical* and *practical*. Should these two forces be equal? A brief train of arguments, founded upon an observation of the lives and conduct of students in many of our colleges, may answer this question.

The average college student spends four years in trying to learn to think pointedly, and systematize his thoughts properly. He is then questioned by his instructors or an examining committee, and if the examination prove satisfactory he is dismissed from the institution, properly equipped for the work of life. He leaves his *alma mater* with *theory* in abundance; but just so soon as the active duties of practical manhood confront him his theories begin to be a dead weight to him. He ascertains that college life and training has only reared "air castles" for him, and the sooner these are overthrown the better would he succeed at all in the active duties of life.

Now, this article does not mean to take issue with college education, nor yet to discourage thought, or properly arranged systematic thought; but it does mean to discourage theory when theory would militate against practice. If the world were not so much in need of men with willing, energetic hearts and hands, theory might lay claim to a right of preponderance. As it is, practice is the mainspring of all the world's movements of interest and importance. It seems hardly necessary to cite any example to illustrate the truth of this last assertion. Several very familiar examples, however, and examples, too, that have come within the experience of almost every student who has earned his education "by the sweat of his brow," may not be out of place. All the plans and theories a student may have laid out and prepared ever so carefully, with regard to the success of a summer's teaching or canvassing are overthrown the very first day he enters the school room, or upon the first attempt to secure a subscription to the book he is acting as agent for. Let him but cling to the pet theory, to the preparation of which he has devoted so much time and labor, and he'll fail hopelessly. But let him throw aside his theory, "and take things as they are," upon *that* basis he can construct a theory that will enable him to succeed, with the aid, of course, of good judgment and sound mind. It demands no multitude of examples to establish our argument. The world wants practiced men—men who can accommodate themselves to the circumstances which surround them—men who can throw aside the mantle of theoretic formality, and clad in the more



common garments of practiced earnestness, can demand the respect and support of their fellow men. Do our colleges furnish such men? If so, does the college deserve any of the credit, or does the man himself deserve it all? Is the practical side of a student's life ever made prominent during his four years' course? If it does appear, it is only when our own needs and demands compel him to look at life as real. College only makes a dreamer out of him. The dry "stuff" of text-books and lectures is administered in such doses that no time is found left for practical application. The hours allotted to the study of botany, during a whole summer term, are taken up with the memorizing of names of plants and flowers and their several organs. Two or three visits into the woods, to study plant life properly, constitute the whole practical side of botany. Astronomy is studied from the text-book and blackboard instead of the expansive chart that the heavens display. Physiology and zoology are completed without even the assistance of a skeleton of a spider or a grasshopper. And we have known a recitation room 25x18 to present surface enough to keep a professor, with his class of sixteen, surveying a whole winter. Now this is a *practical* deficiency in many of our colleges. True, the time is too limited to take up the many branches that are studied and make thorough work out of them. Colleges can only at best give a man the foundation for future work. But the deficiency still remains. Why, if college gives the foundation does she not make that foundation practical? A plant is the first lesson in botany, the starry heavens the first lesson in astronomy; the *campus* a good first lesson for juvenile surveyors; the turnpike a better first lesson than a text-book for geology.

Is it any wonder, then, that students, after a four years' course in nothing but *books*, go out into the world, time and again, but poorly, if at all, prepared for the work of life? They usually have theories, good ones, too, as well they may be, but they cannot reduce them to practice. Thus it follows, that very often, when the same position is sought for by the unlearned and the graduate, chances are in favor of the former, for he is practical. The graduate is looked upon as being either too lazy, too proud, or too intelligent to work, and this view has become so prevalent, and the demand for more practical men so great, that in many sections of our country the *practical weakness* of a man is supposed to be in proportion to the amount of *knowledge* he possesses. As students, we feel that the world is doing us an injustice by such treatment. We are not lazy; we are not proud; we are willing to work; we want to work. What then is wrong? *We have too much theory.* The broad and beautiful field of practical life and activity has been shut out from us for four or five years; and we are drying up in our shells. Too much dead capital has been stored away in the head; it should have been drawing a little interest long before this. All the practical work we have been doing thus far has only been the product of distempered slumber, or the creations of wandering, waking fancy. Our "air castles" must be overthrown. We are not quite ready to write treatises on any of the sciences; we don't want to be philosophers just yet; we don't presume to step from the rostrum, on our graduation day, right into the position of professor in the institution. No; we

want to go to work at something that is within our ability to perform; we want to see whether we can *do* anything or not; and that we can ascertain pretty quickly. Nor do we want to reduce our theories to practice. They won't meet the demand; for they were fashioned too early, and out of very flimsy material. We want experience—and we'll be likely to get it. Then, upon that experience, with the aid of our education, we can construct theories, and theorize until we arrive at the ideal of our lives and ambition, whatever that may be. R. C. B., of Tau.

**The Realm of the Muses—The Home of Harmony—  
The World Invited to Partake!**

In our midst has been erected a temple to Euterpe and Terpsichore that surpasses anything of the same description on the American Continent, and the equal in many respects of any in the world.

Cincinnati invited the world to witness the dedication of this grand structure on the evening of May 14th, A. D. 1878, and was honored by an assemblage of over seven thousand, numbering representatives from every class and clime, every vernacular and nationality.

The language of man fails to convey any idea of the grandness and beauty of the structure. So that the most we can say is to give its dimensions and allow the mind to frame the various parts into harmony and method.

Moreover, it is impossible to convey a suitable representation of the music and harmony, the song and chorus with which the visitors were greeted.

The main hall is 192 feet long, 112 feet wide, and 70 feet high. It has a stage large enough to seat 700 singers and an orchestra of over 100, in spite of the very large space occupied by the organ. The shape of the hall is that of an ellipse, its corners are curved and its roof dome-shaped; there are two galleries, or rather a balcony that extends all round the hall except across one end, and the gallery extends across the end. The hall is lined from floor to dome with poplar wood of the finest quality, which is a great relief and change from the conventional plaster and fresco working; and the poplar lining is indicative of the products of the West. A word for the organ. It is the largest in America, and is the fourth largest in the world. It cost nearly \$30,000; it has 6,287 pipes, and 94 stops, and has a carillon of 30 bells—a feature no other American organ possesses. The hall cost over \$306,000, without taking into consideration the ground or the organ.

The people of Cincinnati music, lovers everywhere, are indebted for this hall to the generosity of Reuben Springer, who donated more than \$180,000 to its erection, and is now sorry, he says, that he did build it all himself. The balance was raised by private subscription. The hall is free from debt and \$30,000 in the treasury. In addition to the main hall there are commodious corridors and lobbies and several small halls for committees and reception rooms.

The concerts just closed were the greatest music treats ever heard on the Western Continent. Theodore Thomas, with his matchless or-



chestra of 106 pieces, was conductor, and performed the instrumental music. A chorus of 700 voices, under the management of Otto Singer, was the greatest feature of the occasion. While such soloists as Annie Louise Cary, Emma Cranch Pappenheim, Mrs. Osgood, Louise Rollwagen, Mr. Whitney, Chas. Adams, Mr. Fritch, Sig. Tagliapietra, and Mr. Remsen, sang the greatest airs. These distinguished musicians are honored each day and night with an audience of 7,000. All music critics pronounce the chorus the most perfect ever collected. We must not pass unnoticed the welcome that Cincinnati gave to the occasion. The sight was dazzling. All her streets are ornamented with flags, evergreens, bunting, mottoes and pictures—everywhere thousands of graceful flags floated from patriotic windows and swung gracefully over the streets. Never has the city put on such a royal dress. Visitors are amazed, and well they might be. The sight was interesting and exciting. None the less great and beautiful are the people—visitors and natives. Beautiful, accomplished and elegant looking ladies were met everywhere. Never was there such an array of beautiful women in our city. That was one of the chiefest features of her attractions. The heart of the gallant beau fluttered at the sight. In the hotels, on the streets, in the stores, in the promenades, at the hall, all was rosy smiles and flashing eyes, from beautiful beings. It was beauty's bower.

But this is not the end. We bid them farewell, but only for a season. Our music hall is permanent—as lasting as the States. Year after year we will invite the great, grand crowds to return. We will welcome them again on a fine May morning of '79, fresh with the encouragement of the past.

The effect is grand—it is ennobling and cultivated, and we are thankful for it. We still honor our great singer and our grand chorus, and we shall keep them. What a glorious monument to Liszt, Mozart, Beethoven and Wagner, and what a receptacle of their touching melodies! Do we progress? Is opportunity and genius dead? Are there no longer any appreciation of invention and merit? Behold Springer Hall and you have the answer!

CINO.

Cincinnati, May 22d, 1878.

#### VALEDICTORY.

*Brother Deltas and Friends:* Our editorial management of the *Crescent*, with this issue, will cease. We regret that it is imperative for us to have to sever our connection from an organ we so dearly love, as we surely do the *Crescent*. But such is fate; it has been deemed that we sever our relation as editor-in-chief of the *Crescent*.

Our affairs are such that we cannot devote that time to the *Crescent* that it demands. But we resign our position with the kindest of feelings for the success of the enterprise, as the fraternity has assured us that our management has been perfectly satisfactory. Thus we feel doubly repaid for all the time we have devoted to its publication; besides, it has been a pleas-

ant and an agreeable task, by which we have held sweet communion with the brothers of Deltaism.

The *Crescent* is now an established fact. It is an institution of our beloved fraternity, whose permanency is, we trust, beyond all doubt. It has long been needed, and now that we have it let us hope that its life may cease only with the noble order that gave it birth; and that that may be only when truth and honor shall die. It is the light of our fraternity. As that light increases, our brotherhood will also increase in power and usefulness. As it waxes bright and effulgent, the fraternity will grow strong and powerful; but as it wanes our order will grow feeble and inefficient. Then let each and every true Delta do all in his power to make the *Crescent* shine with an ever-increasing splendor, knowing that it shall be to the honor and for the good of our Delta Tau Delta.

Hereafter the *Crescent* will be published in Meadville, Pa., by Chapter Alpha. We feel assured that Chapter Alpha will evince her usual zeal, as she does in all matters pertaining to the good of the fraternity, in the management of the *Crescent*. Nor will we desert the standard of the *Crescent*; but we shall remain among its firm friends, and do all in our power to insure its final success.

We return thanks to all who have aided us in our management of the *Crescent*. To friends and brothers we return our warmest gratitude. But especially do we return thanks to the members of "the editorial staff," for the prompt and brotherly part they have borne in the editing and management of our dear *Crescent*. But the "staff" is now broken, and volume I. is ended. To volume II., and the new staff, we dedicate our love and good will. May that volume, under the editorial management of the new staff, shine with greater splendor, far eclipsing the volume that is now ENDED.

And last, but not least, we return thanks to our printer. We assure him we shall not soon forget him for the interest he has evinced in the publication of the *Crescent*.

And now, brother Deltas, as we commit to your keeping our beloved *Crescent*, that we so dearly love, we beseech you, by the bonds and the sacred vows of our noble fraternity, that you watch it with a vigilant eye, love it, cherish it, be true to it. Remember our Constitution; let no part of it appear on the pages of the *Crescent*. It is ours, ours only, and must not be seen by any save Deltas. But above all, and in the name of "The beautiful and the good," keep a thousand times sacred and inviolable, and invade not the boundaries of our UNWRITTEN LAW.

"May justice, mercy, love and truth defend,  
Its sacred honor until time shall end."

Yours, fraternally, J. P. L. WEEMS.



## ALUMNI NEWS.

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

ETA.—C. R. Knight, '71, Buchtel College, Akron, O., is editor of the Times of that city.

—Hon. J. R. Buchtel, manufacturer, and founder of Buchtel College, Akron, O., resides in that city.

—C. F. McCallister, D. D., is President of Buchtel College, Akron, O., a position he has filled since the opening of the college.

IOTA.—O. E. Angtsman, B. S., L. L. B., of the class of '75, Michigan Agricultural College, and '76, Michigan Law School, is located at Monroe, Mich.

LAMBDA.—Samuel Harrington, C. E., '78, Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill., is located at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and in the employment of the C. B. and G. R. R.

CHI.—W. R. Sullivan is a member of the firm of the Mt. Pleasant Sales Company.

Wilson M. Day, "of old Alpha," is associate editor of the Akron (Ohio) Daily Beacon. He is married.

## DELTA PERSONALS.

Frederick Hiner, Indianapolis, is Librarian of the Supreme Court of Indiana.

L. L. & H. M. Richmond, have gotten up, in addition to the Delta cuff buttons, a beautiful watch charm for Deltas.

W. L. McClurg, of Chapter Alpha, has been elected Grand Corresponding Secretary of the Fraternity. Address box 696, Meadville, Pa.

Hon. Godlove S. Orth, of Lafayette, Ind., was elected orator of the next convention; and Prof. John R. Scott, 1,500 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo., poet.

W. W. Remington has been elected editor of Chapter Iota, to succeed Eugene Davenport. The editorial staff was printed before we were informed of his election.

Rev. Jas. S. Eaton, our historian, graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary, on the 23d of April, and is now located at Christiana, New Castle county, N. J.

Wallace W. Heckman (not Hickman, as in last number of the CRESCENT), is a member of the bar, and located at No. 90 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

We had the pleasure of meeting Dr. J. W. Trueblood, of Bicknell, Ind., who was in attendance upon court in this city, on the 13th of May.

C. W. Beattie, of Chapter Chi, is going to take a trip to Colorado; during his absence, C. W. Meeker will attend to the correspondence of the chapter.

E. M. Vasconcellos, of Jacksonville, Ill., who left Hanover College in December, 1875, on account of sickness, will return to college next fall and graduate with the class of '79.

Miss Mattie Tibballs was married to Wilson M. Day, on the evening of May the 15th, at Akron, O.; both of that city. The CRESCENT congratulates Bro. Day and wishes him and his happy bride a pleasant voyage through life.

CLASS OF '54.—The decision of Hon. R. A. Johnson, Judge of the Common Pleas Court of Hamilton county, O., in the matter of the Bodman bequest, was luminous and profound, and will stand the test of a Supreme Court trial.

*Hanover College Monthly for April.*

H. B. Fatout, of Indianapolis, is the Republican candidate for Surveyor of Marion county. He has been a successful engineer, and will render general satisfaction.

Will. A. Cullop, Secretary of the late Delta Convention, and delegate from his chapter, will graduate June 13, from Hanover College. Phi also graduates four other true and loyal Deltas—C. A. Allen, O. E. Arbuckle, R. C. Lambe and James Shannon.

D. A. Doyle, of Eta, was President, and D. W. Parks, of Beta, Treasurer, of the Ohio Oratorical Contest, held at Tiffin, O., April 10, 1878. Several other Deltas were present and took part in the proceedings.

McKelvy is showing up beautiful as a base-runner. So says the Indianapolis Journal.

The Indianapolis Club have beaten the Milwaukee club in two games. The closest game stood 1 to 0 in favor of the former, Russ. McKelvy, formerly of Alpha, scoring the run.

Prof. John W. Milam did a *good* thing last Sunday in this: That he was married to Miss Ida Gude, a charming young lady of Bruceville, daughter of Capt. A. Gude. The bride and groom are both worthy, and have hosts of friends. The Sun wishes them a pleasant journey through life on the matrimonial highway of happiness.

*Vincennes (Ind.) Sun, May 3d.*

Theo. F. Koezly, of Chapter Rho, after serving temporarily, nearly three years as assistant to R. H. Thurton, of the engineering department, at Stevens' Institute, at the same time also a Keeper of the Records and Accounts of the Mechanical Testing Laboratory, has been compelled to decline, regretfully, these honorable offices, in addition to that of editor of his chapter, in consequence of his having entered the steam heating and ventilating business, in New York City, which we understand he intends to pursue, theoretically and practically, a combination hitherto unknown in that business. He has our best wishes for his success in this extensive field, open to scientific research, and we hope he will keep the fraternity and his chapter informed of his whereabouts.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

This issue contains 20 instead of 16 pages, the usual size of the CRESCENT.

The CRESCENT wishes all a happy vacation; may it be one of pleasure, profit and joy.

The next Convention will be held at Put-in-Bay, during the first week of August, '79.

It is with pleasure that we announce the organ-



ization of Chapter Eta Beta, at Western University, Pittsburg, Pa.

We were unable to attend the late convention at Akron, but it is highly spoken of as being the best of the twenty.

Chapter Tau, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., at the late Delta convention, was elected Grand Chapter of Division First.

The corner-stone of the new building of the Vincennes University was laid May 14th by the Masonic order of this city. Among the articles enclosed in the casket was a copy of the CRESCENT.

Since a part of the minutes, as published in the Beacon, were in print, we have received from Cino an interesting account of the convention, which we subjoin.

Any chapter failing to receive a copy of the minutes of the late convention of the fraternity, will be supplied by addressing Chapter Alpha. *Only* chapters, not individual members, are entitled to the minutes.

We present our readers with the minutes of the convention as published in the Akron (O.) Daily Beacon. It is to be regretted that a lack of space forbids our giving the abstract of the oration and the poem as published in the Beacon, delivered on that occasion.

We have received a copy of "The Diamond," a paper edited and published by Charles Putman Bacon, lock box 11, Ithica, N. Y., in the interest of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. The CRESCENT bids it welcome, and wishes it much success in its noble mission.

Until the last three conventions, it has been customary to hold the convention three days instead of two, as now. Two days are not sufficient in which to dispatch all business. The convention might convene at Tuesday noon and adjourn Friday noon—making three days.

In last issue we stated President Hayes is a Delta, and we were so assured. Since, however, a brother has informed us that such is not true, but that a son of the President is a Delta. But as we once had a good chapter in the college where President Hayes graduated, it is not improbable that he, too, is a Delta. Those curious enough to find out can investigate the matter.

At the forty-third anniversary of the Goethan Literary Society of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., held on the evening of the 10th of May, three of Tau's sons took part in the proceedings—B. F. Bausman, W. A. Miller and J. H. Geissinger. The latter read a poem, "The Maid of Augsburg," of which the Daily New Era of that city has to say:

"A beautiful romance told in exquisite verse. It was regarded the best poem ever read at a literary anniversary in this city, and was unquestionably the event of the evening."

We have received a printed copy of the minutes of the convention, and are pleased with them indeed. Bro. Cullop, Secretary, and Alpha deserved great credit in getting them up so tastefully. We are pleased with the Treasurer's report, Bro. Bruce, of Alpha. The amount of money on hand is greater than that published in this number of the CRESCENT; besides, the catalogue fund makes quite an encouraging show. By proper management from now on, we will

soon have sufficient funds to publish a fine new catalogue, that will reflect greatly to the credit of our fraternity.

This number of the CRESCENT will complete volume I. It was our intention to have issued ten numbers; but we have been delayed by the action of the convention, and Chapter Alpha, beyond the usual time of beginning the publication, so as to have it out by May 15, besides, No. 10 should be published the first of June, in order that the chapters might receive their papers before vacation; and as this would bring Nos 9 and 10 so near together, we have decided to do as we have indicated, viz: publish but one more number of vol. I., and that the 1st of June. However, in this issue we give our readers 20 instead of 16 pages, as heretofore.

As elsewhere announced, the editorial management will also be changed after this issue. The next number will be published from Meadville, Pa., under the management of Chapter Alpha. It will be remembered that the CRESCENT is only published during the time the colleges are in session; therefore it will not be issued during vacation; the next will be published in September.

Hereafter all communications should be directed to W. L. McClurg, box 696, Meadville, Pa.

Those indebted to the CRESCENT will please forward their indebtedness to Bro. McClurg *at once*, as it is greatly needed. He is authorized to settle all outstanding accounts. We hope those indebted will please see that their accounts are settled, and save the time and expense of having him to write for their indebtedness.

Let each chapter, and everybody else who wants to subscribe for vol. II., send in their subscription *immediately* to Bro. McClurg. Those that cannot pay now, or do not wish to, can pay next fall. Each chapter should get up its list of subscribers, and send it in before going home for vacation.

#### ALPHA.

The convention which has just adjourned at Akron, Ohio, has been admitted by all to have been a most successful one; the older delegates and alumni present, of the fraternity claiming it to have been the best held since the founding of the order. It was successful, not only in the amount of work performed, but also in the unanimity of feeling that was exhibited throughout the session among the delegates assembled. Whatever slight difference of opinion there may have been in the past, they have been removed, a better acquaintance among the chapters has caused increased confidence in each other, and every delegate departed from Akron with a more ardent and enthusiastic love for the tie which binds each to all. No small part of this success was due to the excellent way in which Chapter Eta entertained her guests. The brothers of that chapter have learned the art of entertaining to perfection, and it would be difficult to surpass them in it. Before he left the town each delegate and visitor had the opportunity, if he desired to avail himself of it, to be driven around the city



and to view the many fine residences which ornament Akron. The buildings of Buchtel College are particularly handsome, and we heard many of the boys envying the brothers of Eta for the advantages they enjoy above many of themselves.

The large amount of business transacted in the two days allotted surprised many, and the presiding officer, Gen. Wilders, is to be complimented for the business way in which he disposed of so many important matters. No business of importance was neglected, and a very small part even of minor subjects was left unfinished.

There was one thing which was left in a somewhat unfinished state, and that is in regard to the cut or coat of arms which each chapter was to prepare for the catalogue about to be issued; it was not fully decided whether that plan should be adopted or not, but it was left in such an advanced state that it can be taken up by the chapters, and a decision arrived at as to whether it is advisable to follow that course. It should be decided as soon as possible, as there is an immense amount of work connected with the issuing of the catalogue, and all arrangements must be perfected at once.

Let each chapter take this matter up and decide immediately whether it wants a coat of arms or not; if it decides to have one, let it set about having it designed.

Each Grand Chapter can get the opinion of those in its division, and kept them at work until such an opinion is given.

If a majority of chapters, or number sufficient to make the catalogue look well, decides to do this, in all likelihood it will be adopted, but no chapter must feel bound to do it against its will; it must be understood to be entirely optional.

W. McC.

Meadville, Pa., May 5, 1878.

#### ETA.

Bro. A. B. Tinker, of Eta, class of '76, is a "Pater filix."

Bro. S. R. Ladd, of Victor, N. Y., will pass the summer visiting Kansas.

Bro. Wm. M. Day, of former Chapter Alpha, at Delaware, was married on the evening of May 15, to Miss Mattie Tibballs, daughter of Judge Tibballs, of Akron.

Bro. Carlton A. Grier, of Chapter Eta, is mail agent on the "Geo. S. Dunlap," running from Bay City, Mich., to Alpena. The Geo. S. Dunlap is a popular boat with Deltas. D. A. D.  
Akron, O., May, 1878.

#### LAMBDA.

Either the typo or our chirography made sad havoc with some places in the Fourth Division's communication in the March number of the CRESCENT. "*Per capita*" is better Latin than "*per capitum*," the word "if," in third line, second paragraph, should be omitted; also in fifth

line, last paragraph, read "complaints" for "compliments." The other mistakes are easily detected and corrected by the reader.

Lambda's lawyers are a success. Samuel Kerr, class of '69, and Madison R. Harris, '71, are prominent members of the Chicago bar.

Hon. A. M. Brown, Galesburg, is having all the practice he can attend to.

M. I. Brown, '71, practices at Pontiac, Ill.

Parke W. Jackson, of Whitehall, Ill., teaches school and corresponds with the Whitehall Republican. Parke is a lively pencil-pusher. We hope to see him back to Lombard soon.

The Erosophian Lieterary Society, which always selects a senior for its President the spring term, confers the honor upon Bro. Eben H. Chapin and G. P. Bostwick, both Deltas of sterling worth depart with the class of '78.

The Deltas who participate in the Junior Exhibition this year are J. W. Grubb, Douglas Myers, J. E. Webster and C. P. Hale.

This is the time of year  
When all things green appear;  
When Seniors scan the fashion-plate,  
And tumble o'er the clothing store  
For clothes in which to graduate!

Galesburg, the "College City," the "Beautiful Athens of Illinois," was visited by a destructive hail-storm, April 20th, which demolished some two hundred and fifty lights of glass in Lombard College building.

All whilom Deltas of Lombard are earnestly solicited to send us any and all items they can concerning themselves and their brothers of yore.

For the first time since her foundation Lambda sent a delegate to the convention this year. Bostwick was the lucky fellow who was sent to represent the beauty and wit of the chapter.

C. C. Maynard of last year's class, is reading law in San Jose, Cal.

"STYLUS."

Galesburg, Ill., May, 1878.

#### TAU.

Bro. Will. Miller's eyes are better. He will be present at the anniversary of the Goethean Literary Society, on the evening of the 9th inst., to pronounce one of the orations.

Will. Carlton's "Farm Ballads" seem to be favorites with readers in our city literary circles.

As a philosopher "Judge" Elliott is second only to Dr. Apple, the respected head of our school.

Bro. Bob Bowling, now residing at Larimer's, Pa., has completed our chapter history, to be published during the summer. It is a racy, easy-flowing narrative of our doings since the spring of '74, and will prove, when printed, of interest to all the boys of Tau.

Our holiday at Easter-tide was very short, but most of us were away, and all seemed to have enjoyed the brief play time.

Bro. Gibbons now presides at our meetings. He discusses an important item in the present number of the CRESCENT.

Bro. D. H. Geissinger has been out lecturing on "Delusions." He was at Huntington, Pa., March 15, and in Philadelphia on the evening of April 1.



When last heard from Bro. C. I. Baker, of Maryland, was enjoying himself with friends in the Monumental City.

Bro. Walt. Bausman has been off on a visit to Reading, Pa.

With the last number of the CRESCENT, Bro. "Jake" Hartzel completed his series of papers on "Ancient Mysteries."

A letter from Patroliia, Pa., bearing date of April 12, informs us that Bro. W. M. Bemus, lately graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, has settled there to practice in his profession. Bro. Bemus writes: "I am now out of the influence of my old college life, forever, but as long as I live I shall never forget, nor never regret, becoming a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Long may she wave!"

Bro. Ben. Bausman has been elected to preside at the anniversary of the Goetheans next week, and Ben. is abundantly able to do it, too.

We had a very pleasing and profitable visit from Bro. J. S. Eaton, Delta Tau's historian and Tau's founder, last month. While here he was licensed to preach by the Lancaster Presbytery, and filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church. His meeting with us in our hall, too, will be remembered. Pull the latch-string soon again, brother.

We are glad indeed to note the interest taken by our new chapter, Chi, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. In a recent letter to Tau they say: "We were organized seven weeks ago with five members; to-day we number twelve active and true Deltas. We have worked hard and have been well rewarded. Success has been so firmly planted upon our banner that it can never be taken off. We outrank all other fraternities in our college. Our future, too, promises to be as bright as the brief past." We extend Tau's right hand of fellowship to Chi, and verily wish her the success she so justly deserves.

The last thing Bro. Rieser heard on starting for the convention, was three cheers from Tau at the depot.

Bros. Hartzel and Driesbach will leave us next week to return in September. They rest from their theological labors.

Lancaster, Pa., May 2, 1878.

Tau, Grand Chapter of the First Division, gives greeting to the CRESCENT, and her sister chapters of D. T. D. everywhere.

Among the Pennsylvanians registered with Drexel, Harjes & Co., Paris, for the month, ending April 30, was Mrs. P. E. Gibbons, mother of Bro. Daniel Gibbons, of Tau.

Bro. "Jake" Hartzel has gone home. His address is Allentown, Pa.

Bro. Bob Bowling, valedictorian, of '76, is teaching and preaching at Larimer's station, in Western Pennsylvania. His "History of Chapter Tau," just completed, will be published during the summer.

The trio—Bros. Gibbons, Hartzel and Bowling—furnish articles for the present number of our paper.

Bro. D. H. Geissinger has been selected to de-

liver the annual address before the literary societies of Kutztown State Normal School, on Tuesday evening, June 18. Col. A. K. McClure, of the Philadelphia Times, addressed the societies a year ago.

Every active member of our chapter has subscribed for the CRESCENT for '78-79, vol. 11.

Ben. Rieser gives a glowing account of the Akron convention.

Bro. George M. Zacharias, of Harrisburg, and John N. Lawler, of Allentown, Pa., were with us in Delta Hall on the evening of May 12. Both are staunch Deltas, and their presence recalled the active interest taken by them in Tau's welfare while students of the institution here. Bro. B. F. Biery, lately graduated from Union Theological Seminary, New York City, was welcomed by us, in chapter assembled, on May 18, just one week later. Bro. Biery helped to foster Tau in her babyhood, and is held in high esteem by the sons of the infant grown. May he come often, and in his ministerial work may he be signally successful.

Bro. Lou Cort, class of '78, is somewhere in Nevada.

Our college year ends June 20. From then until September the chapter editor can be addressed at Huntington, Pa.

Lancaster, Pa., May 25, 1878.

#### UPSILON.

John L. Pierce, of Champaign, Ill., a graduate of the I. I. U. in 1878, and a Delta, was admitted to the Illinois bar last week.

Mr. A. W. Porter, a staunch Delta, and member of our chapter, has accepted a position as local editor of the Rockford (Illinois) Gazette.

Our chapter numbers about 17 members at present. The class of '78 will decrease it to the number of 10. These 10 graduates comprise the best portion of the class.

Urbana, Ill., May 7, 1878. C. B. TAYLOR.

#### PHI.

Miss Bessie Rowland, who has been absent from Hanover for some time, has returned. She is a good friend of the Delta Taus.

Miss Juliet Ferguson, a belle of Hanover, is wearing the Delta Tau badge.

Bro. Lambe attended the Inter-State contest at St. Louis as a delegate from the Indiana State Association.

It becomes our painful duty to announce the death of Bro. H. F. Gault, of Greensburg, who died April 30th. Bro. Gault was a young man of great promise, and was loved by all who knew him. Bro. Gault is the first man death has taken from Phi.

Bro. Henry, of New Albany, paid Phi a friendly visit a short time ago. Bro. Henry founded Chapter Phi, and of course we were glad to see him. He seemed to be well pleased with



Phi. He presented the chapter with a picture which ornaments their hall. Many thanks.

Bro. Cullop attended the Delta Tau Convention at Akron, Ohio. He brought back a good report of Delta Tau at large. May she ever prosper.

Bro. LaGrange will soon pay Phi a visit. Come, Sam; we will give you a warm welcome.

Bros. Cline, Allen and Emison will attend the May festival at Cincinnati.

The members of Phi have had their pictures taken in a group and framed, which now adorns the fraternity hall.

The CRESCENT is a welcome visitor to Phi. May its light never grow dim. Phi would be glad to see her alumni present at the approaching commencement at Hanover College. Come, brothers, one and all, for we expect to have a royal good time.

PHI.

Hanover, Ind., May 13th, 1878.

#### CHI.

Chapter Chi congratulates herself upon her progress during the short time she has been one of the component parts of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Though she has had much opposition, and has had to struggle hard for existence, nevertheless she has gained a great deal and has lost nothing. She has taken from the grasp of another fraternity the highest honors in our institution. She has gained favor and esteem among the students. She has been instrumental in organizing a chapter of Deltas at Oskaloosa, Ia. So taking everything into consideration the members of Chi feel that they have done good work, and as a greater part of the members intend to come back in the Fall, we see no reason why Chi may not become one of the live chapters of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Chi regrets that she could not send a delegate to the convention.

We hope by next term to be provided with a comfortably furnished hall.

We have not taken in any new members this term, though we are keeping watch upon one now. We do not expect more than one this term; none of the other fraternities have taken in any yet.

We have recently received encouraging letters from chapters Rho, Omega, Xi and Theta Beta, the new chapter at Oskaloosa. They all send cheering reports and seem to be in a very flourishing condition.

We are now making preparations for our Spring Banquet. We expect a number of the members of old "Nu" to be present.

Hon. J. T. Brooks, of Sigourney, Ia., made us a pleasant visit last week. The Bro. is a true Delta, and his visits are a source of pleasure to the members of Chi.

W. B. Cowles, the Sec'y of old "Nu," is in a wholesale dry goods house at Fair Field, Ia.

Brother Jimmy Dodds of "Nu" is teaching school near Oskaloosa, Ia. He is a true Delta and will be with the boys at Oskaloosa next Fall.

Bro. H. Wycoff, of "Nu" is in Burlington, Ia., and was at last accounts principal of the public schools at that place.

Bro. R. E. Ingraham, of Mu, is in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Secretary of Chi lately received a letter from Bro. A. T. Gunnell, of Lake City, Col. Bro. G. is practicing law at that place.

Bro. Will. McCoy, who was with us last term, is now in Nebraska City, Neb. The Brother was a hard student and an active Delta. He will be back, however, next Fall.

Our worthy and dignified senior, Noble E. Carpenter, carries a cane and is happy. The Brother is acknowledged by all to be the finest scholar in the senior class. He was recently elected valedictorian for June. Bro. C. is the President of our chapter.

The members of Chi were invited on the evening of the 20th to the residence of Bro. W. R. Sullivan. The Brother and his accomplished lady gave the boys a fine supper, and it is needless to say that we all did ample justice to the delicacies so bountifully spread before us. We tender our sincere thanks to the Brother and his good lady for the enjoyment of the evening, and we shall ever remember the occasion with pleasure.

About half a dozen of the finest and most honored and accomplished young ladies of Mt. Pleasant wear Delta badges.

Bro. Moon visits quite frequently in the north part of the city, and from the brilliant light produced we feel confident that our *Moon* is getting *Fuller*.

Bro. C. W. Meeker is the most active Delta in Chapter Chi. If all the alumni were to take as active a part as he, our fraternity would soon outrank all others. We wish that Bro. M. could have represented us in the convention, for we know he could have done it ably.

Bros. Davidson and W. O. Carpenter are the representatives of the Deltas in the Junior class. They are both good students, and are an honor to the class.

Bro. A. C. Kauffman is that good looking young man whom the ladies all admire, though they say he is a little bashful.

Bro. Velde likes the ladies, and calls upon them very frequently.

Some of the boys a few days since, had the pleasure of meeting W. E. Blake of old chapter "Zeta" Monmouth Ills. The Bro. with D. M. Hammock of the same chapter is practicing law in Burlington, Iowa. He seemed pleased to meet the boys and was glad to learn that a chapter had been started at Mt Pleasant.

G. A. Patchen of "Zeta" is practicing medicine in Burlington Iowa. We learn that the Bro. meets with success, and that he still wears his badge. Why do not all the Alumni do likewise?

Bro. Bostwick of Lambda will represent Chi at the convention.

Bro. A. Davidson will not be back next term. We regret this, because the Bro. is such an active member.

C. W. BEATTIE.

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, April 14th, 1878.

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This chapter is located at Butler University, Irvington, Indiana, four miles from Indianapolis.



lis. The college was formerly down in the city, but was removed to Irvington, in the fall of '75. It formerly was known as the North Western Christian University.

Our chapter is progressing finely. Good work may be expected from chapter Zeta Beta Prime.

John Oliver is Corresponding Secretary.

Ed. W. Denny read an essay at the late spring exhibition.

Bro. Denny contemplates a visit to Phi, at the approaching commencement of Hanover College, June 9 to 13.

DELTA.

Irvington, Ind., May 28, 1878.

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