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ALPHA'S GREETING.

With the present number Alpha makes her bow to the fraternity as manager of the CRESCENT's interests, and it is with feelings of embarrassment that she accepts this new but onerous dignity added to her other honors.

Recognizing the honor which has been conferred upon her, she feels that some fitting acknowledgment should be made by her, and being cognizant of the fact that the success of a journal depends greatly on its appearance, she presents the foregoing title-page, hoping that it will meet with general approval. The CRESCENT now looks more like a fraternity publication, and cannot fail to attract attention, and subscriptions also, we hope. For the purpose of further increasing the subscription list, Alpha offers a pearl bordered badge, to be given to the chapter sending in the largest number of names. This is a regular square badge, and, as it will cost more than four times the usual price, the chapters may judge for themselves whether it is worth making extra exertions for.

Hoping that these efforts of hers will prove successful, Alpha now presents this number for your perusal.

SALUTATORY.

BROTHER DELTAS:

In the brightness of hope, in the beginning of this new college year, we present for your perusal the first number of THE CRESCENT under its new management. It is with no self-complacent mind that we lay it before you, for the editing of a journal such as THE CRESCENT should be is no small task; but when it falls upon those inexperienced in journalizing, who have also their collegiate duties to perform, it becomes a work of the greatest magnitude. So we ask your brotherly consideration for all we do, and with the support it should receive from the fraternity at large, we hope at the end of the year to have all the accounts balance, and THE CRESCENT a declared success for Deltaism. As for ourselves, in the language of that beautiful motto, "To the best we know we'll be always true."

When the Alpha Chapter learned that the management of THE CRESCENT had been thrown upon her, she braced her shoulders to receive the burden, and after taking the matter into the most deliberate consideration the following plan was adopted: "That the officers of THE CRESCENT should consist of an editor-in-chief, who should have the general management of

its affairs, a vice editor-in-chief, who shall assist him in his duties. A corps of corresponding editors, situated throughout the United States and Europe, not to exceed eight in number. Four editors, three of whom are respectively chairmen of committees on subscriptions, advertising and mailing, and the fourth a treasurer, to whom all bills must be presented, with an order for payment signed by the editor-in-chief." It is hoped by dividing the work up in this manner that it will not fall too heavily upon any one person.

We have decided to have one volume consist of nine numbers, commencing at October and ending with June, and if at any time we see that we will fall behind financially, taking it for granted that you all take the paper for the good of the fraternity, we will skip one number, which will be a saving of forty dollars.

As far as literary articles and fraternity news are concerned there is no doubt but that THE CRESCENT can be made a success, but financially the matter assumes a different phase, although if the proper amount of soliciting for subscriptions was done, we would have no reluctance in declaring it not only a success, but that it would pay into the fraternity treasury enough annually to cover the expenses of the conventions. But in order to do this there must be a *large increase* upon last year's subscription list; to be plain, it will require four hundred subscribers to pay the running expenses of THE CRESCENT. We will keep you posted in its financial affairs, and in a later number we will publish the subscription list of each chapter, and the sum total, so that you can see how much we are coming out behind and make extra exertions accordingly. This first number we will send to all the chapters, and to every Delta's address that we can learn, but the second number will go only to those who have subscribed, so send in your lists as soon as possible, and *we ask of you, brother Deltas, to leave no stone unturned, no Delta unsolicited, to increase them.*

This is a matter in which our hands are tied; no one can perform this work but the chapters themselves. We have already sent out postal cards to all the alumni whose names we could learn, and with the poorest success. A personal solicitation from the secretary of the different chapters is the only effective way.

We are told by our printer that the second year of a new paper is always the most difficult; for those who subscribed the first year to assist a new enterprise think that it will have received such an impetus that it will not need their support. We hope this will not be the case with any of last year's subscribers.

We ask the secretaries of the different chapters to be prompt, and send in their manuscript by the 15th of each month, and if any chapters remain silent very long, we will exert our prerogative as Alpha, and call upon them for support.

With Hopes for the Future, and stern Resolves for the Present,

We remain,
Fraternally, your Brother Deltas,
THE EDITORS.

THE MAID OF AUGSBURG.

A ROMANCE.

BY J. HARRY GEISSINGER, OF TAU.

Descend, O Muse, inspire a lay
For Goethe's sons, before this day
Of greeting merges in the past;
Be thou my heart, my thought, my voice,
And bid me in thy smile rejoice,
As I assume a work so vast.

Together with thy bards of old,
Who tales of love and virtue told,
I would unite my present pen;
Control my heart, my thought, my voice,
As I rehearse the tale to men.

I.

Among the names of Augsburg proud,
O'ertopping far the vulgar crowd,
Shone that of Welser, in the days
When mighty Karl the Fifth gained praise
Of men for deeds of valor done.
They spread their standards to the breeze,
While courting wealth on distant seas;
Proved princes in the busy strife
Of men to gain a place in life,
Through treasure sought and treasure won.

To Venezuela's sunny clime
Their venturous vessels turned in time,
Equipped with strong and sturdy men,
Who furnished in themselves again
The dauntless spirit of their sires.
They seized with might of arms the land,
Bestowed in pledge by royal hand,
And in the new world's broad domain
An empire budded, yielding gain
For Welser round their stately fires.

Alas! that lust of gold and power
Did not permit the bud to flower;
That cruelty and envy came
To tarnish many a noble name,
Of those who sailed in Welser's fleet.
Instead of living on in peace,
Their greed and passion did not cease,
Until the tortured natives rose,
Avenged oppression from their foes,
And made their massacre complete.

But other seas, to India's shore,
Staunch merchantmen of Welser bore,
And pennons floating, proudly proved
How earnest was the zeal that moved
Their prow to plow the vasty deep.

New commerce-paths they sought and found
Where Phœbus institutes his round
Of lustrous labor, and once more
They plucked from off a foreign shore
The buds of branches long asleep.

Ever the name of Welser stood,
In Augsburg, town of royal blood,
Full crowned with honor and renown;
For from the empire's sovereign down,
Did men esteem them for their worth.
Not even were soft Spain's grandees
Ranked higher by their king than these,
And in their palace-halls, made bright
By beauty and resplendent light,
Did noblemen indulge in mirth.

II.

Who enters there, through Augsburg's gate,
Unequaled in proud pomp and state?
'Tis Karl the Fifth, the high renowned,
With regal royalty thrice crowned,
On whose broad realm sun never sinks.
And with the stately pageant throng,
His son, all-worthy, moves along
In majesty; to him descends
Imperial power that extends
O'er foes from whom no German shrinks.

And close behind them, high on horse,
Who is the noble knight in course?
His locks of gold, through open helm,
Wave forth, and o'er his broad brow whelm,
As he rides on in graceful mien.
It is the son of Ferdinand,
From Austria, famed throughout the land
For strength of arm; he bears the name
Of his proud father, but for him
A greater glory is forseen.

But who bows low to the train,
From you high porch above the scene?
Is it a maid celestial, fair,
Just sent from Heaven's height to share
In earth's enjoyment for the hour?
Such sunny ringlets surely wave
Round no white brow God ever gave
To maidens of this lower land;
Nor from the great Creator's hand
E'er came so beautiful a flower.

Franz Welser deems his lot thrice blest,
And values more than titled crest,
Or Indian lace, or Persian pearl,
The pure affection of this girl,
His daughter, his completest joy.
Serenity is joined to grace,
In the fair features of her face,
Which, lighted by a soul within
Unscarred by semblance of sin,
Seems saintly, without aught alloy.

Her rev'rence for the noble guests,
Fair Phillipine manifests
By courtesies: and yet a child
In nature, nor by wealth beguiled,
Awaits with glee the gala day.
But he who saw her from the throng,
Keeps in his inner vision long
Her glance, and reverential part
Towards his kinsmen; and the heart
Of Ferdinand is drawn away.

III.

Before the enamored Prince's view
The maiden stood ; her eyes of blue
Full-orbed, yet fixed with dreamlike gaze
Upon the festival's gay maze
Of love and light and royalty.
The high-born lover nearer came,
For he had heard the place and fame
Of Welser ; he well saw what grace
Illumed fair Phillipine's face,
And silent, watched her childish glee.

He took her hand, and to the dance
He led her, while an ardent glance
Bent ever towards her ; by the glare
Of many tapers, he, the heir
Of broad possessions, spoke his love,
Yet in true innocence, the maid
Of Augsburg, beautiful, displayed
Her tender firmness, closed her ears
To admiration's voice, nor prayers
Of passion caused her soul to move.

Proud girl of prospered Welser's name,
She quenched with giant might the flame
Enkindled in her tender breast
By Ferdinand, who lost in zest
Of love, pressed hard his royal suit.
Advances many she had spurned
Of noblemen, and now e'en learned
The prince that no intrigue, nor crown
In heritage for sin could drown
Her love for virtue resolute.

IV.

"Mine must she be, my own for aye !
For should the golden orb of day
Cease shining o'er this under world,
It could not deeper down be hurled
In darkness, than my soul thus tossed.
Go, Sternburg, friend most tried and true,
The maid may hearken glad to you ;
And if she yield her stately hand
In wedlock, e'en this day the band
Shall be confirmed whate'er the cost."

Thus spake the prince unto his lord
In waiting, and anon the word
Was borne to Phillipine's ear :
"Do thou the prince's pleading hear
Of love, and thou shalt be his bride.
But secret must the bond remain
With Austria's Kaiser : his disdain
Would rest with Ferdinand, if found
With one of even Welser bound,
A name unranked in all its pride.

But stronger than the looked-for fame
Of baseness, burns the fervid flame
Of love within the prince's breast ;
And words that wed, alone shall rest
Forever in your inmost heart."
Then hasted Phillipine, dazed
By all the brilliant beams that blazed
Upon her soul ; but yet the fire
Of inner fondness must expire,
If Welser fails consent to impart.

The light that lit the fair one's eye,
Betokened deepest ecstasy,
As she before her father stood,
A form with grace divine imbued,
All-eager, listening for his voice.

Franz Welser, proud of love like hers,
So pure and noble, moved to tears
By her recital, bade her go ;
He would not Heaven's bond undo,
Nor set his face 'gainst Heaven's choice.

In sacred stillness stood the pair,
The prince and maiden, earnest prayer
Ascending skyward o'er their troth
By God's ambassador, the wrath
Of rank enshadowed by their bliss.
"Omnipotence preserve in peace ;
For death alone can bring release
From bond so binding," spoke the priest.
As he the lingering lovers blest,
And sealed their vows with holy kiss.

No longer then the maid restrained
Her love for Ferdinand, who reigned
A conquering king within her heart ;
But with a quick and joyous start,
She clung in rapture to the loved.
The world a Paradise had bloomed,
By no oppressive cloud begloomed ;
But skies serene spread soft their stars
O'er hearts before which royal bars
In vain opposed the ban of blood.

"I will be thine, thine own for aye !
For should the golden orb of day
Cease shining o'er this under-world,
It could not deeper down be hurled
In darkness, than my soul when tossed
As in a tempest ; yet most true,
The Hand above has brought anew
The joy of love ; I yield my hand
In willing wedlock ; yea, the band
Is now confirmed, let come the cost."

[To be continued.]

SECRET SOCIETIES.

BY W. S. JORDAN, THETA BETA.

Every institution has its opposition, but opposition renders any work strong, especially one whose origin is right, and whose object is to do good.

The upholding and promotion of such a cause is a work worthy of the most exalted and accomplished minds.

Those who are ignorant of the aim and purpose of secret societies, are entirely inexcusable for denouncing them, for nothing should be condemned until it is understood. Every person has his own peculiar views and is entitled to the right to express them, but when he uses them for the suppression and hinderance of a cause, concerning which he is wholly ignorant, he is mis-applying his own talents and doing others injustice. In both ancient and modern times men have combined for the advancement of a certain cause or the destruction of a common enemy. When this combination has for its object a legitimate purpose, such as the suppression of ignorance, imbecility and arrogance, and the introduction of learning, power, and humility, it is worthy of not only the approval, but support of every good citizen.

The culture of friendship and the social faculties is

essential to happiness. It is for this very purpose that the societies of which I am to speak to-night, were called into existence.

The number and objects of secret societies are as numerous as the communities in which they exist. There are organizations of a social, political and literary character, and also those devoted to temperance. Only a few of these will be noticed, as they will serve to represent them all.

The Delta Tau Delta society is a college organization. Its object is to improve the powers of speech and composition, to cultivate sociability and strengthen friendship, to bind its members in a common cause, to mitigate and alleviate the difficulties and perplexities of college life. This fraternity has established chapters in many of the leading colleges of the land. Its members tread the classic halls of Bethany, Allegheny and Hanover, and their halls are lighted by the smile of friendship as the Delta boys greet each other. It is the urgent duty of every member of this fraternity to "labor for the beautiful and the good," and while powers and capabilities of the fraternity in general are increased and unfolded, the ability and genius of its members are developed and greatly augmented. It is true that a person who is not a member of a secret society may attain as true a friendship and social refinement as one who is, but it is generally the case, that, where there are no obligations by which persons are bound, they are liable to neglect if not wholly disregard them. But when heart is bound to heart by inseparable ties, the discharge of the common duties of the society are sources of great pleasure.

The connections and endearments of childhood's home which fix themselves on the heart of every person, render their separation doubly painful. Therefore when a young man is about to realize his fondest desires and anticipations, that of entering college, how important it is that the first impressions received by him should be encouraging. What would effect this better than a well-organized secret society, where students could meet upon equal footing, and converse with students, forming plans of future operations and co-operation. This will only unite them the more closely and add another link to the chain which binds them to the college and its interests.

Dr. Holland, in "Titcomb's Letters," speaking of the social duties of young men says: "I think that the opponents of secret societies in colleges have failed to estimate the benefit which it must be to every member to be obliged to contribute to the support of his particular organization, and to assume personal care and responsibilities as a member. If these societies have a tendency to teach the lesson of which I speak, they are a blessed thing."

The object which called for the introduction of Freemasonry into the United States, was a more extended, social intercourse, and mutual association. The human

heart craves for sympathy and assistance. Notwithstanding the bitter opposition, both from church and state, Freemasonry continued to advance and dispel the pall of darkness, until now over a half a million of people bask in the sunlight of its truth, and rejoice in its protection. It ought to be a sufficient recommendation for Freemasonry, that the leading business men and the most influential members of society are engaged in its support and promotion.

Where there is union there is strength; where there are pure motives and strength too, the results will be grand.

It does not imply that, because secret societies aid in advancing their own interests, their appreciation of merit in others will be diminished. The sentiments engendered by such a connection can not be confined to its own members, but will assert themselves in the upbuilding of the whole human race.

The motives which regulate the actions of men govern the destiny of the world. It is claimed that the motives which lead men to join themselves to secret organizations are for the extension of their own power, and are wholly selfish. But if the breaking down of the little prejudices and jealousies, which separate man from man, and prevent his advancement and the mutual interchange of ideas, are for selfish purposes, we confess the unreasonableness of such a union.

Some refrain from connection with secret societies on account of wrongly formed conclusions and misconceptions of right. Others refrain on account of their inability to perceive the advantages; others, if their stupidity should be overcome, are too stubborn to give up their long, fondly-caressed, pet ideas, and acknowledge that they were in the wrong.

The increase of our national prosperity and resources will be permanent only when the people are united more closely, and are laboring in a more brotherly manner than they are at the present time. The bulwarks of discord and the river of resentment can only be overcome by the combined exertions of all. Hate and oppression recede before the ever advancing and unwavering lines of love and justice. The diverging efforts of the people can only be utilized by continued, social intercourse.

It appears to me that the introduction of this better order of things can be brought about by secret societies. Although it is immaterial whether this result is attained by secret societies, or some other means, but since this is one institution which endeavors to attain these results, it deserves the due consideration of every man.

The mutual association, and the common vows, which members of secret organizations take before the sacred altars of their brotherhood consecrate their union and render inviolable their sacred trust. The benefits of such a connection will be obvious even to the most prejudiced mind, when difficulties overtake him,

and friends bound by ties too weak, shall have deserted him in his distress, and the sun of his prosperity shall set behind the fleecy clouds, and the star of his destiny, which has thus far guided his footsteps safely, shall wane, and dark and ominous clouds shall overshadow his pathway, and poverty with miserable train of attendants shall have driven him almost to distraction, and helpless, he beholds the pendant pinions of gaunt hunger fanning the shrunken cheeks and lessened forms of all whom he holds dear, and hears their agonizing prayer for food and shelter, then when some kind brother shall have lifted him and his out of the chilling winds of poverty, and supplied all their wants, will he thank God from the overflowings of his heart for the existence of such a humane organization in his midst.

STRAY THOUGHTS ON SERIOUS SUBJECTS.

For The Crescent.

I. *Is the Fraternity a Literary Society?* I answer it is not. It has not a single peculiarity or distinct feature of a literary society. But reasons have been given to think that a very few chapters have adopted several of the features as a regular part of the weekly programme, thereby infusing the life of a literary society into the higher life of the Fraternity, placing the former side by side with, or above, the latter, and seriously injuring the distinct and peculiar life of the Fraternity. Fraternity has a different end in view, has a nobler spirit pervading it, and any foreign element introduced, any infringement on her rights, is a violation of the Constitution, a violation of the oath, and an injury that sucks her life-blood.

II. *How to gain Popularity.* It is well known that a good number of lady friends is a great help to a chapter. Care should, however, be taken to tell them nothing injurious, as they may lose their faith, and the chapter lose their friendship and assistance. But I have seen a Frater literally run down our badge and highly praise that of another fraternity. Not to say anything as to the violation of the oath, what effect does such conduct have on the minds of the outside world? If the lady to whom this was told had been neutral, had been a friend to several fraternities, how long would she have regarded us with the same favor? But she was a staunch Delta, and repudiated the Frater. If it were not for the fact that the Frater is an ex-member, he would no doubt be disciplined. Let the Fraternity keep her few shortcomings (though this is by no means one) to herself, and secretly improve upon them, and make public such things only that will redound to her interest and welfare and honor.

III. *How Chapters should be Founded.* Some think that, when they have an opportunity, they can initiate students of any institution on their own responsibility, and then apply for a charter and other necessary papers; first do the act, then obtain permission. Such ideas should not be entertained. It does well enough

where the general desire of the Fraternity is that the institution should be placed under the care of Deltaism, and where the charter, etc., could be obtained notwithstanding. But knowledge should first be obtained to a certainty, whether such institution is agreeable to the proper authorities, and a full description of it be given, that a decision to the best of Fraternity be arrived at, and then, the persons being initiated, the chapter is constitutionally founded.

IV. *What Constitutes Membership?* Under this head I wish to criticize severely a lax and lame idea of membership that a large number of members possess. To this effect I wish to call attention to a chapter local on the foot of page 40, vol. I, of the CRESCENT, without, however, intending any harm to the chapter or the person mentioned, but as a text for an evil that has a wider range than the said chapter. We are there informed that a certain brother had "gone to Ann Arbor," and finding "no chapter there, and, as he thought," having "no chance of starting one," resigned from the Fraternity. This appears to me a foolish doctrine. Why could he not have kept his membership of the Fraternity, and appear as an ex-member? How could there have been reasons for basing a resignation upon? No chance of starting one? The brother is marked '80 in the local, and from the time he entered the University had nearly three years to try his chances. Any worker that has the Fraternity at heart, and that has such advantages as that institution affords, asks but a few months of these three years for his chances, and will come out within that time with the re-establishment of that chapter. Give a working Delta three years, and the same number of students to select from, if he initiates but two or three men from every succeeding Freshman class in that period of time, that chapter is a reality. But again: we are told that "he was an earnest laborer in the glorious cause of Deltaism." I cannot see how this will prove itself aside from these facts. If he is such a man as this claims, our Fraternity would again have a chapter at the University of Michigan. Our chapters should be careful to select only men that will stick—men like paste, and cast aside such as have selfish motives, such as fly from one thing to another with the hope of satisfying their selfish whims, such as "sell their birthright for a mess of pottage."

V. *How Officers and Delegates should be Elected.* Nominations should be considered unlawful and so declared by the presiding officer whenever attempted. All elections should be conducted on the principles of strict secrecy. Each Frater should think and act for himself, with one sole object in view—the credit, honor and welfare of the craft in general, and of his chapter in particular. In electing officers each Frater should write the name of his choice on a slip of paper and deposit it in the ballot box. The order of elections should begin with the highest office and follow the order given

in the Constitution, so that the greatest choice of candidates may be had for the higher and more responsible offices. If no one has a majority of the votes, the election should be gone over again, without limiting it to those candidates that have the highest number of votes, until one is elected, always remembering that each Frater ibt a sjhin up boz pggjdf boe a sjhin up nif trggshft pg ijt brothers, and that fair dealing and an impartial ballot should settle the issue. In election of candidates for membership, the chapter might proceed upon a plan like this, again using the secret ballot, in order to prevent ill feeling if the balloting be unfavorable. The presiding officer should direct the Omicron to "prepare the ballot box," which might be done in this way: the Omicron places all the balls, white and black, in one compartment, leaving the other entirely empty. He then brings the box to the Sigma for examination, then to the Pi, who satisfy themselves that no balls remain in the compartment in which the votes are to be cast, each as he has done so saying, "*The box is now ready.*" It should then be brought to the presiding officer who, after an examination, says, "The election of Mr. A. B. to membership will now be entered upon." The box should be placed upon the altar, distant from all members, that no one may see the color of the balls as they are deposited by the members. The Fraters should then be called upon to cast their votes, each, as he is called, walking to the altar as the one before him takes his seat, that no two may be at or near the box at the same time. After all have voted, the presiding officer directs the Omicron to "take charge of the ballot box," who then takes possession of the box and carries it to the Sigma, who examines it and, if all the balls are white, reports "*The box is clear,*" or if there are any black balls, says, "*The box is foul.*" He then carries it to the Pi, who, after inspection, makes the same report, and then to the presiding officer, who, examining the box, declares the candidate elected or rejected as the case may be. If more than one person is to be voted upon, this form should be repeated, and no two persons be balloted for at the same time. If this mode of election is entered upon with spirit, very little more time will be occupied than by any other form, and it is safer and more satisfactory than the one commonly used.

VI. *Lodge Furniture.* Every well regulated chapter should have particularly an Altar, with a Bible upon it. These two things are, with the exception of the charter, the most necessary *furniture* of the chapter Hall. Then follow the regalia for officers and members, ensigns, charts, etc., which bear upon their face the life and principles of the Fraternity.

VII. *Qualifications for Membership.* We acknowledge three prerequisite qualifications for admission into the Fraternity. As the source of power is, primarily, vested in the members, it is important to consider who should compose the chapter, or be admitted into the

Fraternity. Influences for good or for evil are at work as the members are good or bad, and for the safety and honor of the Order these qualifications should be insisted upon—made indispensable. They are; *Moral, Intellectual and Social.*

1. *Moral.*—The candidate shall be an obeyer of the moral law. "He must be virtuous in his conduct, and reputable in his character, lest the dignity and honor of the Fraternity suffer by the admission of unworthy persons." The moral qualifications refer to the *respectability* of the Fraternity.

2. *Intellectual.*—These qualifications require that the candidate be a man "responsible for his actions, and competent to understand the obligations, to comprehend the instructions, and to perform the duties" of a Frater. They refer to the *security* of the Fraternity.

3. *Social.*—The candidate must have good qualities of address, and be of amiable and social disposition, that he may win not only the favor of his Fraters, but also that of the profane both for himself and the craft. These qualifications refer to the *popularity* of the Fraternity.

VIII. *Dates.* Under this head I wish to offer a suggestion and then conclude. It would not only be in place but highly useful, if, instead of giving the date *anno domini* in all letters and correspondence between chapters, &c., they would count from the founding of the Fraternity, and also from the founding of the chapter. All three might be given, or, if this would seem too much, the date A. D. might be omitted. In dating from the founding of the Fraternity the official year should be used—by official year I mean the time from one convention to the other, supposing that they are held regularly and on the same dates; that for the chapter would of course run from the day of its establishment. Thus the present Alpha was organized in July, 1863. It would then remain for them to date their official correspondence as follows: take, for example, the 1st of October, 1878, A. F., (anno Fraternitatis,) 21, A. C., (anno Coetus, in the year of the chapter,) 16. Again, a secret character or symbol, to form part of the unwritten law,* and to be the sign of membership, would be of great use, and will in time be necessary. By it fraud and exposure may be detected and covered on the part of the uninitiated who may draw hints from THE CRESCENT, and who may be so evil disposed and hard hearted as to attempt to pry into the Arcana or within the auditorium of our Fraternity. The questions, &c., of an old Frater who could not otherwise be well recognized or identified, could be answered without the least reservation, when accompanied by this little mark.

I give all these points for the consideration of the Fraternity as I collect them from a good experience with the "ways and means" of secret societies.

*The brother hardly means "unwritten law."—EDS.

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EDITORIALS.

THERE will be nine numbers in the present volume of the CRESCENT.

WE hope our contributors will see that the postage is fully prepaid on articles sent us.

OWING to our limited space, several articles are crowded out; they will appear in the next number.

THE subscription price of the CRESCENT is one dollar. Single copies, postage paid, twelve cents.

LET the brothers ponder well section four of "Stray Thoughts on Serious Subjects." It contains some timely suggestions.

BROTHER J. S. Hartzell's article in this number is on subjects which are of essential interest to the fraternity, and we hope our chapters will profit by the hints therein contained.

OWING to press of business, Bro. Eaton is not able to give an installment of our history in this number.

FROM our experience with the present number, we find that we shall have some trouble in selecting articles for insertion. Brothers will not feel hurt if their first attempts are not successful.

CORRESPONDENTS are apt to get their communications too long. If the subject is a pertinent one, space will not be begrudged it, but a column and a half should be the extreme limit. Write short pieces and often.

MANY copies of this number will be sent out free of charge, but hereafter chapters will receive only the number for which they have subscribed. We can not afford to keep a free list; let our correspondents remember this, and if extra copies are desired, enclose the necessary amount.

THE department of "Notice to Chapters" will be continued throughout the year, as it will be much more convenient for all such things to be placed in some stated place.

WE notice in the correspondence of the Secretaries with Alpha that many neglect to use the symbol of office. Every official letter should have its symbol on it. There is not the least use in having signs and symbols if they are not used. It should be remembered that they were invented for a purpose.

THE offer of a prize badge announced in another column, should interest every member of the fraternity, not only active, but also among the alumni. It should cause the active members to work harder in order that their chapter may become the possessor of such a badge as this is, and it should induce the ex-active member to send in his name to the chapter which aided him in his journey through college, in order that he may see her victorious above the others. Alpha makes this offer because she wishes the subscription list increased, and she knows of no better method for accomplishing this; for though each chapter may be inspired with enthusiasm for the protegee of our brotherhood, yet she will work harder if she sees some gain for herself.

ALPHA finds it necessary to give the notice* she does concerning the manner of petitioning for charters in order that she may grant the requests more intelligently. The methods of granting charters has heretofore been entirely too lax, and consequently the fraternity has suffered for it, especially the chapters in the Eastern Colleges, where we come in contact with much older and more conservative fraternities. We have not been able to hold our own in our competition with these fraternities, and principally because we have the reputation, justly or unjustly acquired, of having chapters in academies and unknown colleges. Alpha intends to put an end to such reports, and this is one of her methods. The Fraternity has been entirely too eager to acquire a large number of chapters, and consequently has sacrificed quality to quantity; founding chapters in institutions which are of no great honor to us. We hope that the other chapters will aid Alpha in her determination to cause the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity to take its proper position, and exert that influence among its rivals which it has ample power to do.

*See notices to chapters.

MEN of good business character are ever in demand, and when found are always respected by their associates. Their word is taken without question, but it takes time to give a man this reputation, and it is never too early to begin to lay its foundation. College students should be as careful about breaking or neglecting business which it is their duty to perform, as they expect to be when they get into the active duties of life. Fraternity duties, of all others, should not be slighted. Letters received should be given the earliest possible attention, by the corresponding secretaries, and on no account should their answer be delayed beyond the next chapter.

meeting after being received. The reports should under no circumstances be delayed until asked for, nor should they ever be written in lead pencil, or on anything else than the blanks prepared for the purpose. It is attention to such matters as these which builds up a chapter's reputation for steadiness and business capacity. The responsibility rests greatly upon the corresponding Secretary, and he should be made to fully recognize his obligations. If he does not, a more competent man should replace him.

WE notice in some of the letters on file a great lack of knowledge exhibited by some of our chapters, in regard to certain parts of the workings of the fraternity. This is too often the case, and our members do not take sufficient care to make themselves conversant with all things pertaining in the slightest degree with fraternity matters. In all cases of doubt, advice should be asked immediately from the Grand Chapter, which ought to be able to answer any question asked on such matters. Should the information sought not be obtained in that direction, write to Alpha and have the doubt settled. Let no chapter walk in the dark rather than ask advice on matters even the most trivial.

NOT long ago, in looking over some of the old letters belonging to the fraternity, we came across some written to brother Weems on CRESCENT matters. Among them were a few written from chapters which evidently did not support the CRESCENT very heartily; one in particular was conspicuous for its cold tone, and the chapter from which it was written evidently thought more of its own pocket than of the general benefit. The writer says, "The boys do not want to send in their money until they are sure the experiment will be a success." Such an excuse is worse than none at all. It is well for the fraternity that more daring spirits had charge of the enterprise. If every one should wait until he was sure a new thing was going to be a success, there would be no such thing as success. In such an undertaking as this risks must be run, and no true Delta will hold back, no one imbued with the instincts of Deltaism will stand coldly back out of danger, when he sees his brothers fighting hard, and not any too successfully, for the victory. It is this very cowardice on the part of some of our members which has locked the wheel in more than one instance, and prevented us from taking advantage of openings which would have greatly benefitted us in our contest with rival and hostile fraternities, more powerful because longer established. It is a disgrace for any chapter to cause its secretary to write such a letter.

For want of space the latter part of Chapter Kappa's report was omitted. This was unavoidable; but Kappa will be given the preference in the next number. It is better to have too much copy than too little.

NOTICES TO CHAPTERS.

Any members who wish catalogues may have them by making their wants known to Alpha.

In order to have the petition favorably considered, all applications for charters must be accompanied with a catalogue of the institution named, together with a list of the fraternities. Alpha makes this request in defense of the interests of the Fraternity.

Those chapters which have neglected to send in their reports for last term will please see that the matter is attended to at once. The Grand Chapters should cause the chapters in their several divisions to be more prompt in business matters. They should also set them a good example.

To all chapters which take an active interest in the welfare of the CRESCENT, Alpha makes the following proposition: We offer to the chapter sending in the largest number of subscriptions between now and the 1st January next, a *pearl bordered* badge and guard pin, formed of the letter belonging to the successful chapter. This is a square badge of the usual size, and will be presented to the chapter, not to any one member, and we would suggest that it be kept in the possession of the chapter, to be worn by the S. A., for reasons obvious to the members. The subscription fee must accompany the name in order to have it placed upon the prize list. There is no necessity of keeping the names until a large number is collected; send them in as they are obtained, and a record of them will be kept.

Will the brother who at the last Convention nominated Mr. A. A. Richardson, (or Robinson,) of Detroit, as a member of the Committee of Arrangements for the next Convention, please send his (A. A. Richardson's) exact address to Chas. E. Richmond, Meadville, Penn'a.

Members desiring impressions of the fraternity cut can be supplied by enclosing ten cents to Alpha. They are similar to the prints on the cover of the catalogue, except that they have a much wider border, have the three letters in the centre of the cut bronzed, and are printed on card-board.

THE INITIATORY SERVICE.

As the Initiatory Service which was presented to the late Convention in the name of Tau was well spoken of by all in that body who had the good fortune to see it, and in order to meet the very few objections that were made, and at the suggestion of several members of Tau, and through my own desire to see the Fraternity supplied with every means by which she may strengthen herself, I am prompted to make the following propositions, to which I desire immediate answers from all such as are interested in the welfare of the Order, that the suggestions may be at hand when I revise the service, and used if expedient:

1. What part or parts should be dropped, transposed, changed; and what should be inserted?

2. What mottoes are suitable to be placed into the various sections of the service and incorporated with it? None but suitable, from the standpoint of Fraternity, need be sent.

3. Send general suggestions that may improve the Order, add to the dignity and solemnity, and to the instructiveness and worth of the service.

4. Also, that I may know the mind of the Fraternity on the subject, send your idea as to what an Initiatory Service should be, in spirit, in matter, &c.

The service as it now consists, rests upon a basis that has withstood the test of more than thirty centuries, and that has entered, more or less, by necessity, into every secret society of note. This basis, it is not necessary to say, will not be departed from. All suggestions should be sent to the S. A. of Tau, or to me. I hope that all chapters and members who have seen the service, (the improved one,) and others as far as they are able, if they have anything to propose, will do so promptly, that the service may be revised without loss of time, and sent to the various G. C.'s.

Yours in fraternal bonds,

J. A. HARTZEL,
Lancaster, Pa.

Chapter Kappa wishes it known by the Fraternity at large, that for good and sufficient reasons she has expelled Messrs. J. H. Walrath, D. J. H. Ward, and S. G. Willard from membership in the chapter.

ALUMNI PERSONALS.

Mu. Old Chapter. Chas. A. Ensign is banking at North East, Pa.

Rho. Fred. E. Hilgard, a charter member of Rho, is in the Pennsylvania Railroad office at Huntingdon, Pa.

Pi. The brothers Calvert can be addressed at 431 Chestnut st., Philadelphia. The youngest is soon to enter the U. S. Navy.

Alpha. Old Chapter at Canonsburg. R. Robinson, '61, is a practicing physician and proprietor of the Pioneer Drug Store at East Brady, Pa.

Phi. John J. Howard, '76, has been nominated for Prosecuting Attorney at Batavia, Ohio, Clermont Co. Will A. Cullop, '78, is Principal of Schools at Sanborn, Indiana.

Alpha. Present Chapter. L. L. Davis, '78, is studying law at Pittsburg, Pa. J. O. Parmlee, '69, has removed his law office to Warren, Pa. Jno. Bolard, '78, is studying medicine at Meadville, Pa.

ALUMNI NEWS.

H. M. Richmond is studying law at Meadville, Pa.

Lute E. Fuller does the locals for the Warren *Constitution*.

Herman Ray is engaged on a civil engineering corps on the Valley R. R., at Cleveland, O.

Gen. Tom Browne has been renominated for Congress in the First District of Indiana.

Bro. Chas. E. Mills is in Europe. We hope to have some letters from him in *THE CRESCENT*.

C. C. Chryst is a partner in the enterprising firm of Feister, Cook & Chryst, the largest grocery and provision establishment in Warren.

Rev. S. W. Lagrange, of Phi, was married at Knightstown, Ind., the first of last June. Miss Molly Hall was the fortunate lady. Success, Sam.

Dave Jameson is studying law with Hutchins & Tuttle, of Warren, Ohio. While at college in Canada Dave took the first honors in the English Literature class, winning a prize of fifty dollars.

Bro's John N. White, of Alpha, and J. J. T. Penny, of Gamma, passed their primary examinations for the study of law at the Pittsburgh bar. There were eight examined at the same time, and these two Deltas were the only ones that passed.

Rev. Stephen Bowers, D. D., late of Meridan Street Church of Indianapolis, Ind., has been employed by the Government to work up the geological formation of California, particularly the southern part. Dr. Bowers has had considerable experience, having been employed by the Government for some time in a similar work.

H. Suydam and Henry T. Bruck, of Chapter Rho, Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J., were graduated on Thursday evening, June 27. The latter, who is about to enter the locomotive shops of the Delaware, Lackawana and Western Railroad, at Kingsland, N. J., will still be near enough to sustain an active relation to his chapter.

The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* had the following concerning Brother Goodlove S. Orth, in a dispatch from Lafayette, Ind., Aug. 7: "The Republicans of the Ninth Congressional District met in convention to-day at the Opera House in this city. The Hon. M. D. White, the Hon. G. S. Orth, Dr. John L. Smith and Major L. J. Miller were candidates. One hundred and seventy-three delegates were present. On the twenty-sixth ballot Orth received 92 votes, and on motion of Mr. White his nomination was made unanimous. Mr. Orth addressed the convention in a rousing speech, which was received with great applause. Referring to his record in Congress, he said there was nothing in it which he wished to change. The convention was harmonious, and the best of feeling prevailed. Mr. Orth will take the stump and canvass the District thoroughly." Bro. Orth was a United States Minister to Austria, and is our Orator-elect for the next Convention.

CHAPTER NEWS.

ALPHA LOCALS.

Greeting.

Alpha enters into the new year strong and powerful.

Bro. Lou Walker has been having a very severe spell of sickness.

Bros. Davis, Sensor, Nodine and Adams had a week's camp on the banks of Sugar Lake.

The bouquets Bro. Jno. White received after his graduating speech would have filled a room. That is what it is to be on the right side of the ladies.

Metta Hut is a log cabin deep hidden among the glades of the Cussewago bottoms. Here Bros. Gill, Charles E. and Charles F. Richmond spend a portion of their summer vacation hunting and fishing.

Bro. Bruce's reply to the valedictorian of the Philo Franklin Literary Society, was an unusually fine production, a credit to himself, his fraternity and his society.

Bro. Davis was chosen for the Master's Oration, by the Senior Class of '78. Politically, we were weak in that class, but Bro. Davis so much exceeded the rest of the class in oratorical ability, that the palm was justly awarded to him.

We lately had the pleasure of interrupting the studies of Dave Jameson, also of shaking hands with Bros. Reitzel and Chryst of Warren, Ohio. They are all looking well and hearty, and "the cold world" has evidently not treated them so badly. By the way, Warren is noted for her pretty girls. We saw some of them.

We clip the following from the *Crawford Journal*: "At exactly eleven o'clock last evening, the Brothers Alumni and the visiting fraters of the Alpha Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, entered the dining hall of the McHenry House to the music of a march played by the Northwestern Band orchestra. There a gorgeous sight met their gaze; a long table, filled with delicacies from every clime, and handsomely trimmed with flowers and wreaths, all in all presented a spectacle that would have made Epicurus himself jump with delight. Grace was said by Brother Rev. George Loomis of Niagara Falls, and then the attack commenced, while the orchestra dispensed some of their sweetest strains. After the inner man was satisfied, the valedictory and reply were listened to, followed by toasts, college songs, etc. Among the eloquent orators were G. J. Wolf, G. I. Wright, Rev. Geo. Loomis, H. M. Richmond, F. L. Blackmarr, Mr. Locke, and Rev. Geo. Graham, of Alliance, O. Finally, satiated with enjoyment, the three-cornered boys departed, never to forget the fifteenth anniversary."

FIRST DIVISION.

TAU CHAPTER.

Bro. A. B. Rieser has been elected to preside at our meetings this term.

Every active member of our chapter has subscribed for the second volume of *THE CRESCENT*.

Several of our number look forward to attend the convention at Put-in-Bay, in August, '79.

Charlie Baker is now at home in "my Maryland," but we look for him back at the Winter Term.

Chapter Tau would be glad to hear from any brother belonging to any chapter, on fraternity affairs.

Tau is determined to have a chapter coat-of-arms adopted in time to have a cut of it inserted in the new catalogue.

Will A. Miller, of '79, is at Middlebrook, Augusta County, Va. An affection of the eyes prevents his return to college.

Brothers Snyder and Hottenstein became fraters on Monday evening, the 16th inst. Both are Freshmen and good men, and we give them hearty welcome into the ranks of our Delta Brotherhood.

Brother Gibbons, graduated with the class of '78, is to learn ship-building in a large establishment at Wilmington, Del. "Dannie" is a Delta out and out, and we can ill afford to lose him; but it seems that he must go, and our best wishes for his success go after him.

The Fall Term at Franklin and Marshall College began September 5th. Each of the old college classes have received additions, and thirty-two students have already enrolled in the Freshman Class, so that our chances are very good to add to the number of Deltas here.

On Monday evening, the 17th inst., we had the pleasure of greeting to our chapter hall, Rev. Bro. George M. Zacharias. He described to us visits to Chapter Gamma, at Washington, Pa., and Bro. Henry T. Bruck, at Hoboken, N. J., both of which he enjoyed exceedingly.

The York (Pa.) *Daily* has the following to say of Brother Zach. Loucks, who left us in June: "Mr. Zach. K. Loucks, Jr., formerly of Franklin and Marshall College, has unconditionally entered the Sophomore Class at Princeton, N. Y. This young gentleman is the son of Z. K. Loucks, Esq., President of the First National Bank of York."

Brother Rheinsberg has come back from visiting his parents in Germany, to enter the Senior class in the Theological School. While away from us, "Max" visited the Paris Exhibition, London, Berlin, Vienna and St. Petersburg. He was in Berlin when the Conference of the Powers was held, and when Hoedel, lately beheaded, was tried for attempting the life of Kaiser Wilhelm.

Chapter Tau held her annual banquet at the Stevens House, the finest hotel in Lancaster, on the evening of June 20th. Brothers D. H. Geissinger, of Lancaster, George M. Zacharias, of Harrisburg, and C. I. Baker, of Westminster, Md., were with us as guests, and a number of others who could not come sent regrets. At ten o'clock the chapter met in the parlors of the hotel, and shortly after took up the line of march for the dining hall, where a bounteous feast was spread for the Faithful to work upon. The floral decorations at table, the work of Brother Walt. Bausman, were neat, and plenty of fragrance was diffused from them for us, as we ate and talked and revelled there. Brother Gibbons was the presiding officer of the evening. Before retiring to the parlors "Auld Lang Syne" was sung with a will, and the high notes of this ancient song were just tall enough to wake us up fairly for the reason-feast and soul-flow to follow. In the parlors our after-supper exercises, consisting of music, toasts, a valedictory and response, were opened with a prayer by Rev. Bro. Geissinger, and then went off as follows: Piano solo, "Amaryllis," Rev. G. M. Zacharias, Washington and Jefferson, '72; toast, "Chapter Tau—may her sons be numerous and loyal," response by Daniel Gibbons, '78; "Delta Tau Delta—a fraternity unsurpassed," response by letter from J. S. Hartzell, '77; "Chapter Alpha—may she govern wisely and live forever," response in writing from Rev. J. S. Eaton, formerly of Alpha; piano solo, "Scherzo," (Chapin) W. J. Bausman, '81; toast, "The First Grand Division—may this trust, lately committed to us, gain under our management dignity and strength," J. H. Geissinger, '80; "This, our last and best, Symposium," W. G. Mayburry, '83; "Our Visitors," Rev. D. H. Geissinger, Allegheny College, '72; song, "Co-ca-che-lunk," by the chapter; toast, "Our Twentieth Annual Convention," A. B. Reiser, '80; "Our Early Struggles," R. C. Bowling, '76; "Our motto 'Labor for the Beautiful and the Good,'" W. J. Rausman, '81; "The Imperial Purple," H. S. Coblentz, '82; "Franklin and Marshall College," H. R. Friese, '82; "Our Alumni," response by letter from George W. Geiser, Esq., Easton, Pa., class of '75; "Our Absent Brothers—may prosperity attend them, and the future often bring them back to us," A. D. Elliott, '81; "Our Fair Friends, the ladies," F. S. Elliott, '80; "The People of Lancaster, male and female, who have befriended us," C. W. Levan, '80; piano solo, "Concert Polka," (Wallace) W. J. Bausman; toast, "Brother Gibbons, who graduates," C. I. Baker, '82; Valedictory, Daniel Gibbons, '76; responded to by B. F. Bausman, '78; the "Recollections of Home," was rendered on the piano by Bro. Walt. Bausman, and we said good morning and good bye, and dispersed to our homes for our summer's rest from school.

J. H. G.

LANCASTER, PA., September, 1878.

CHAPTER RHO.

CHAPTER RHO, September, 1878.

DEAR CRESCENT—

Quite a while ago, before the close of the last College year, I was requested, both by the members of our chapter and by our Grand Chapter, to prepare a few notes for the CRESCENT. It had been my intention to send a few words to the last number of the CRESCENT, but a severe attack of that dire disease known as "spring fever," (I suppose you've all had it,) with the necessary hurry, flurry and worry attending graduation, prevented my carrying out my desires. However, as I sit here, with nothing to do, "waiting for a job," there can be no excuse for Rho's not being represented in the CRESCENT.

The course of Rho's existence flows along very smoothly and easily. All last year we had eleven undergraduate members, and start the new year with seven, with an immediate prospect of three or four new men. We have two other fraternities at the Institute—Gamma of Theta Xi, and Gamma of Alpha Sigma Chi, but we find little or no difficulty in getting the men we want.

At the beginning of vacation the writer was afraid there would be a period of inactivity in fraternity matters during the coming year, but letters recently received contain symptoms of waking up, and a desire to "brace up" on the part of the members heard from.

Through an accident, Rho was deprived of a representation at the Akron convention, last May. She will try and make up for it next August.

At commencement time, last June, a majority of the old Deltas of our chapter were on hand to give the newly graduated members a hearty congratulation.

Information is desired concerning the whereabouts of a small boy by the name of Jim Pierce, '77. Numerous letters addressed to him at Sharpsville, Pa., have failed to elicit any answer. On last accounts he was running for mayor, constable, chief of police, or some such position in his native place. Any information with regard to his fate will be thankfully received by his numerous friends at Hoboken.

Ed. A. Uehling, '77, has turned his face westward. He had charge of the tests of the Jones & Laughlin Cold Rolled Iron in our Mechanical Laboratory, and having finished his work in a most satisfactory manner, has gone off to "green fields and pastures new."

Wm. Kent, '76, recently paid us a visit. He had been to the sea-shore for his health, and was on his way to St. Louis to attend a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, of which he is a member. Kent is assistant editor of the *Pittsburgh American Manufacturer*.

The writer had the pleasure of exchanging congratulations with Bro's G. M. Zacharias and G. W. Geiser, both graduates of Chapter Tau. Let me here say that every Delta who finds himself in New York ought to

pay us a visit. We will gladly welcome each and every one, and the visit will make us feel not quite so isolated as we seem.

Rho is desirous of entering into an active correspondence with every other chapter. She desires to become acquainted with the standing of each chapter of D. T. D., and wishes, also, to exchange opinions and fraternity information. This is a general invitation; so send along your letters and they will be answered.

Fraternally,

H. T. B.

SECOND DIVISION.

No Report sent in.

THIRD DIVISION.

CHAPTER KAPPA.

Bro's Wilson, Cook, Corse and Manning desire to acknowledge, with gratitude and thanks, the kindness of the brothers of Epsilon, for the elegant manner in which they were entertained at the banquet. They said they had "a great time, but were not anxious to attend another before next June."

Bro. D. R. Higbee, '70, will take charge of the schools at Montague, Mich., the coming year.

Bro. A. S. Van DeMark, of the same class, has settled at Twin Falls, Kansas, with his brother, who for a number of years has been doing a large business in farming and stock raising.

C. R. M.

CHAPTER IOTA.

EDITOR CRESCENT:—Chapter Iota greets her sisters through the columns of the much-loved CRESCENT, and asks that a few moments of the time of its readers be devoted to an account of some late proceedings within and about her walls.

Iota is, to some extent, at a disadvantage, from the fact that her year for active work begins in March and ends in November, thus omitting winter, the best time for study, and including summer.

Again: it is unpleasant not to be in session when all the rest of the Fraternity is most active. To show that even in warm weather our energy does not flag, the fact that our room has been furnished, that we have had a regular programme presented every week, and that we gave a public entertainment August 26th, may be mentioned.

Worthy of note, in the way of furniture, are the tables designed by Bro. Holdsworth, and bearing some of the emblems of Deltaism.

The time appointed for our entertainment found everything in readiness and the College chapel well filled with students, officers and friends of the college. Several alumni of the chapter and college were gladly welcomed, and it is even said that some of the wisest and fairest of the dwellers in Michigan's capital city were present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. R. G. Baird, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, and an honored member of Iota.

Prof. Cabot of Lansing, with the orchestra of which he is leader, furnished music for the occasion, and lest space should forbid further mention of this part of the entertainment, we will say that we hope many others of the Fraternity will listen to those Delta Tau Delta Waltzes with as much pleasure as did all of Chapter Iota. Prof. Cabot deserves the thanks of the Fraternity.

The exercises were given by members of the class of '78, and were eight in number. The easy grace of Bro. Davenport is just suited to an opening address, and nothing was lacking which should tend to make our friends feel that they were indeed welcome.

Bro. Robinson told the history of Iota, and recalled some of the oddities of her founders and incidents of her growth.

Bro. Breck, in his oration, "Skilled Politicians," plead for the study of political science, and showed clearly that, in politics as elsewhere, education is the guide-board to true and permanent success.

Bro. Rawson told of the lights and shadows of "Our College Days," after which the lights were extinguished while Bro. Holdsworth threw light upon some of the ludicrous incidents of college life by means of original drawings projected upon a large screen.

The appearance of a Freshman and of a Sophomore on the way to examination, the Freshman's first night in college, a ducking, a fruit scene, "College Hash," with some personal hits, were themes productive of much merriment; but to appreciate, one must see them, so we pass to the poem of Bro. Strang. This won high compliments for its beauty as verse, but was still more highly appreciated from the fact that it contained proof of real genius.

This poem was most emphatically not "machine made," but was the work of a vivid imagination clothed in appropriate language, and read in a strikingly earnest manner.

"Our Adversities," by Bro. Trowbridge, was well received. Everything we get from him is solid.

We wish Bro. Hartzel could have been with us that evening just long enough to hear Bro. Robson's oration, "Our Place in History." Could he hear a few such as this, or the one on "Significance of Names" by Bro. Carpenter of '75, we think he would gladly admit that in point of literary culture one "agricultural college," at least, bears "the name and character of college deservedly," and is worthy of a voice among Deltas.

While the bounty of the Government has been neglected or misapplied in many States, Michigan can proudly say that her institutions of learning are none of them so far below "Southern aristocracy" or "Eastern scholarship" as to make them unfit to sit at least near the foot of the table whose head is graced by their more experienced and perhaps more cultured sisters.

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