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Of our good old Delta Tau."*

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THE DELTA TAU DELTA.

BY JOHN R. SCOTT, OF THE BETA.

Tune—Marching Along.

Our Delta Tau Delta,
The peerless and pure,
May her bright stars forever
And ever endure!
Her sons are the noble,
The true and the tried,
And their feet will not falter
Or stray from her side.

In spite of oppression
And partisan foes,
The Delta Tau Delta's
Fair Crescent arose;
And upward and upward,
Through clouds she has striven,
Till beams her fair face
Unobscured in mid-heaven.

To the Good and the Beautiful
Still she aspires,
While bright on her altar
Burns love's holy fires—
Lighting flames that no ashes
Of discord shall smother
In each true Delta's heart,
For each leal Delta brother.

Proud Delta Tau Delta,
In purpose sublime,
God grant that thy sway
May grow stronger with time
Thy fame ever regal
And stainless as now—
As fair as the Crescent
And stars on thy brow.

OUR FUTURE.

BY W. A. MILLER, OF THE TAU.

What will be our future? This is a question which ought to engage the earnest attention of every brother of our noble Fraternity. The determining what the Fraternity will be in the future days is one of the foremost constituents that make up a true and loyal Delta. This principle is one that is imbibed by the neophyte when he kneels at the sacred shrine of Deltaism. Each individual member, in college and out, has an equal voice

and an equal responsibility in determining the great question. This responsibility, for a truly great one it is, is placed upon the shoulders of all true and loyal Deltas. It does not depend upon a few. Her fate must be moulded and shaped, and what the Deltas make her, that she will be.

The Fraternity is just now entering a new epoch in its life. The pages of its history are emblazoned with the mystic word, the motive power in all ages, PROGRESS. But is there not room for still more progress? Can not the old be made more strong? Are there not still some weak points that can be built up? Or, are we, as a Fraternity, too strong to descend to the thwarting of the darts of our rivals? No! There is room for improvement. It must be made!

As time rolls on many changes take place. Mind, as well as matter, assumes different shapes and forms. The old becomes weak and insufficient; that which is new and more stable must take its place. We as a Fraternity, must advance, if we expect to cope with the older Greek brotherhoods. Some chapters have felt the necessity of this change. At the twenty-first Annual Convention let each true and loyal delegate vote for the adoption of the new, if good, and the exterminating of the old, if bad. Do not let the old-fogyism of our forefathers hold us in check forever. By striking out the defective and worm-eaten, and by placing in dry and seasoned timbers, can the Fraternity of our mystic Delta be established on a basis which time itself can never destroy.

Then, if we, as a Fraternity wish prosperity to crown our labors, and to have a bright future, we must live up to the letter of the Constitution. If we do not intend to carry it out, let us cast it aside. Let us have no laws, no Constitution; for of what account are they if we do not obey the letter of the law? Is it possible for any man to say that he is a Delta, is it possible for any man to have the rights and privileges of a Delta, when he does not live up to the Constitution and the laws? Is it possible for any band of men to claim that they are a chapter of the Delta Tau, when they do not obey the Constitution of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity? If the Constitution of the Fraternity was obeyed more strictly, our Superior, the ALPHA, would not be obliged to publish such articles as she has been compelled to of late. Nor would the Grand Chapters have

the trouble of continually sending letters of authority and reprimand to her subordinates, telling them of their duty. Nor would chapters be continually annoyed by letters from the Grand Chapters, if every precept of the Constitution was studied and faithfully kept. If, perchance, chapters do not think the laws right and just, let them appeal to the National Council, and there find redress.

Then, again, *let each individual member of our Fraternity help to build up his Chapter.* Every true and loyal Delta must do his part, little as it may be, to promote the interests of his Chapter. Let him, when he is compelled to leave his Chapter for the active duties of life, have some one to stand in his place to say, "I am here to represent Brother —." Each one must strive to build up his Chapter, and in that way do his part to advance the interests of the whole Fraternity. For if the member be strengthened, the whole body will be made strong.

But there is other work to be done outside of the Chapter. There is work in advancing the interests of all the Chapters. How, may be asked. By supporting our light-bearer, the CRESCENT, the beacon shining from the darkness, and doing so much to bring the Fraternity to the front, both by an internal binding together of all the Chapters, and by giving her a name in the Fraternity world. And here let us say, to the credit and honor of the proposers of the project, that they can be rightly recorded in the pages of history as "*second founders of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.*"

Then, there is another way to promote the long life of our noble order, and that is by the hearty co-operation and voice of our alumni brothers. They need not suppose that when they leave the Chapter for active life they are no longer active members, but are placed upon the list of retired workers. No! We have no ex-active memberships, there can only be "actives" among Deltas. The solemn obligation which they took still is binding. It binds them to us, and us to them, until death, the separator of all human bonds, comes. They are the ones who can fill a Chapter with new life and animus. They can kindle the sacred spark of friendship into the flame of love, by their presence around the annual festive-board, or in the Fraternity Hall. And let them know, that it is of their successes that we proudly boast. Let them make every exertion to spread the membership of Delta Tau throughout the land. They will not only in this way produce life and long life to the grand cause of Deltaism, but will also benefit mankind by supporting such a noble institution. They will bring not only the crown of never-fading flowers upon their own brow, but also light and honor upon their Delta Brothers. Let them form alumni Chapters. Let them, if they cannot visit their own Chapter or others, write articles of encouragement to the CRESCENT, and letters to their Chapters. An hour spent thus will not be lost, and surely they will never repent the time.

And now, we hope that if this feeble appeal shall be read by any old member, he will take it to heart and help a cause so deserving. These are but a few ways by which the future of our Fraternity may be determined. The grand cause of Deltaism has stood as upon a rock through twenty hard fought years, through darkness and dreariness; if every Delta son will now uphold the golden principles characterizing the Fraternity, good old Delta Tau will become the beacon light of the fraternity world, in happy years to come.

THE DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY.

BY JAMES S. EATON.

CHAPTER VIII.

XV PAPER.—*Character, Concluded.*

Why men will permit their feminine fears to control them so at the report of a sharp debate over something pertaining to literary society or the college, which students laugh at and think only sport when over, more frequently than they lament about it, is something I do not understand. Some will say that professors are not allowed to visit them. I reply, let them become members, as many are, and they can attend as much as they wish, and truly, I will admit, their influence exerted there at times might prove a great service or benefit to some Chapters. Again, some would have you believe that they only meet to lay plots for carrying certain points in view, or that they are only peanut festivals. To the first I have only to say, if there be any such design in a Chapter of this Fraternity, let it be abolished immediately; and as for the second, the Chapter that practices any such thing must be kept on very low diet at the institution where it is established. Both of the above, or, I may say, all such things are contrary to the principles of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. This being true, anything of such character, indulged in by any Chapter, makes it liable to censure. It goes beyond its limits as required and upheld by the Fraternity at large. In many instances I have known our members to support the members of other fraternities, and at different times to uphold what are generally termed outsiders, and carry them through the conflict in which they might be engaged, when there was no personal interest in it. But such is the nature and disposition of some that when anything occurs in which, by chance, Fraternity men are against them, then it is all Fraternity intrigues, and if they can not get that upon which to give vent to their irritated passions, they will soon find something else as a substitute for it. Others seem indisposed as to the matter, and finally decide that both parties are in the wrong. If so, then where is the right, and how are we to arrive at it? A reform bill might be found to be of service in answer

to this question. But all persons are not of the same turn of mind. All members of a society do not take a similar view of the same question, nor will they come to the same conclusion from the propositions they derive from the point in dispute, whether they belong to a fraternity or not. This generally creates excitement, and the man with the clearest brain, who can devise the best schemes to outstrip his opponents, or throw such obstacles athwart their designed course that protect his own from being discovered, is generally the man that gains the victory. Now, if there are chances to be such members on either side is there any reason for the defeated party to become indignant at the other on account of their success, because they were not able to refute them? In the next trial it may, perhaps, result in favor of the same victors, but that by no means determines the third, or any succeeding it. On the contrary, the party before defeated is most likely to prove the better, and they constantly exult over their victory. Such are some of the phases, and frequently such is the course of the student; but if he gains no honor or prize is he to lay all the blame upon others, or consult the extent of his own mental calibre as to its breadth, depth and soundness to cope with his fellow colleagues? Better had he do the latter and be content with the talents God has given him, than to imagine himself a Socrates or Plato. Better had he consecrate what power is given him to the best service as dictated to him through a divine agency, whereby he may best fulfill the requirements of divine justice, for which he will receive his reward, than tamper with mere human strength. The same might also serve as a caution to those of finer intellect, that all honor is not in speech or office; that all glory is not to the strong alone. I touch upon these points because they are of frequent occurrence, and as thoughts suggested by my own experience. Further, they so often harass the minds of persons who are, no doubt, much in need of something with which to occupy their attention. It is generally conceded and understood that all regular meetings of this Fraternity are of more or less a literary character. Furthermore, I have good reasons to judge that those of other fraternities, or some of them at least, are the same, and why should we be hobbling along behind them, spending our nights of meeting in revelry? When we meet as a band of brothers to have a social meeting, we want a better object than some of the things of which we are accused, to put on record. While it is best not to put too much confidence in college students, yet they are entitled to their rights and privileges, and they should be respected. Happy to say, there are plenty of students in our colleges to-day that have better motives prompting them to pursue the curriculum as laid down by their various instructors. They have a greater ambition to become men, than such conceptions as many are wont to harbor for their destruction, however intolerant they may appear on

certain occasions. It is supposed that every Chapter of our Fraternity has, if not it should have, in its possession a Bible. As for the Chapter of which I am a member, I can say with a joyous heart, that it possesses a beautiful volume of God's Holy Word with "Delta Tau Delta" finely impressed in gilded letters upon its cover. It is with a greater ecstasy that I say it is not put there for a mere ornament, but usage is the main object. Many a time I have listened to its precious words read by other members, as well myself being the happy performer in reading it to my brothers. This is surely an object with which no sane man can find fault if he has a spark of religious character within his breast. Whether they are secret or not, that has nothing to do with it. Because every person can not gain admittance to them, they should not feel as though they were uncared for. There are plenty of other places to attend, but because these have that particular element of secrecy, that is what troubles the inquisitive minds of many. If the doors of these halls were thrown open to all, there are many that would as likely get tired attending them as they do the church, and find as many excuses for their absence as in any other case. A great many are liable to become displeased at the church, which we do not profess to be, but with which we do not interfere, so you readily see the difficulty that arises in trying to accommodate all and satisfy their desires. I should think it no greater wonder if such persons would feel wretched, and even worse, because they could not find any one else in the same condition. An old citation might be given, "Do unto others as you would have others do to you." Hence if you would trouble yourself about others, let others not trouble themselves about you, and opportunities will spring up under a proper guidance suitable to the welfare of all mankind.

Many other incidents I might mention characteristic of these organizations which I have had occasion to notice, more especially perhaps, with our own as being a member of it, but I forbear to trespass upon your patience any longer, and therefore I will at once reach for the end.

[To be concluded in our NEXT.]

HISTORY OF THE TAU.

BY ROBERT C. BOWLING, A. B.

Chapter Tribulations.

Now we felt ready for work; and, in a degree, independent, caring but little for the hostile opposition that at once began to angrily frown upon us. The other fraternities acted very "ugly" toward us; at one time ridiculed what they were pleased to term a "futile struggle" of the Deltas for existence; advised us to eat onions if we would gather strength; initiate the Faculty

if we would become intellectual; rent the janitor's cow-stable if we wanted a cheap hall, and so on, approaching adinfinity. At other times they would froth with rage and jealousy, when they saw us in company with some of their chosen victims, on whom they had squandered their dimes and quarters, and on whom they had wasted many a precious moment and much valuable breath, in trying to convince of the superior merits of their brotherhood.

Another opposing element we encountered was the Theological Seminary. These "sainted called" looked upon us as wholly beyond the reach of grace, and almost despaired of going to China and Japan, when they beheld the powers of the "nether world" now assuming a new and more heathenish attitude right in their very midst. To add still further to our embarrassments, a bastard anti-fraternity association now sprung up like a mushroom, headed by a long-faced fanatical Seminarian. Theresy had its followers, like his all such movements, and threatened destruction to all the "unknown." Its theory denounced even modest, respectable secrecy, and was based on that passage of Scripture, "Let your light so shine that others may see your good works." They mutilated the verse, as will be readily seen; and then patched it up, as *they* became inspired. Its application, they claimed, was not forced, especially in the case of college fraternities, which are nothing short of a bane to college life; a moral canker eating away all the religious sentiments of young men, an ugly ulcer on the bosom of the college literary societies proper. This organization resolved to make a "clean sweep;" labored with great earnestness for members (the members generally being from that inferior class of men *unsought* by the fraternities); issued "bulls" and remonstrances; presented aggrievances before the Faculty; and warned the "Preps" of an approaching epoch. It succeeded in accomplishing two grand objects; first, a season of worry for our good old silver-haired President, and, second, in eliciting from the college authorities, an odious pledge, the import of which was, *that no young man shall be admitted as a student of Franklin and Marshall College, unless he previously obligate himself to unite with no association not approved of by the Faculty.* This pledge was presented to the new student, with a polite invitation to subscribe; whether he understood it or not was a matter of no moment; whether he had the faintest idea of what kind of a monstrous Pandemonium he was to shun, made no difference. He had come to college to learn to think and act for himself; but college deprived him of that liberty, when only one foot was within its walls. College was to be no place for him to search out *unknown* things, or to acquire the power of judging between the right and the wrong *for himself*; but he must act, and act at College, too, BLINDLY. If this pledge was taken, the student was admitted; if it was afterward disregarded, *expulsion* followed as the natural consequence of disobedience.

These were some of the most formidable obstacles that the TAU was called upon to encounter during the primitive period of her history. She labored enthusiastically to overcome them, and soon was enabled to add the name of Brother L. H. Cort to her list of members. Her meetings were now held from time to time in Temperance Hall, in Lancaster, and for awhile were pleasant and profitable. Brother Cort, being of a lively turn of mind, was looked upon as a valuable acquisition.

But as *heresy* had attacked us from without, so a deadlier enemy, *schism*, was at work within. Discord and dissension began to predominate. Our meetings began to have in them far more pain than pleasure; the members became negligent; the exercises dull and pleasureless; in fact, an hour in the fraternity-room began to be more of a task than the same length of time on the recitation bench. Personal difficulties arose; these difficulties were brought into the assembly; a rectification could not be effected amicably; wrangling followed; the "olive branch" had lost its virtue. All plainly saw an epoch approaching; but of its proximity, we were in ignorance.

The holidays of '74 hastened a crisis. Brother Cort did not return to the institution for various proper reasons, so our membership was reduced to its original number. The schismatic element still remained. Only one meeting was held, and an appointment made for a second. On the memorable evening of January 12th, 1875, while Brothers Lichliter and Bowling were quietly enjoying their evening pipe together in their room, all of a sudden in rushed Stem and Boyer, who began to hurl their bitterest epithets at Brother Geiser, happily for them in that gentleman's absence. Bowling felt it his duty to defend the absent Brother, and politely requested them to exercise a little patience, until he could have time to summon Brother Geiser to the bar of accusation. Brother Geiser appeared, and being a man of rather sanguine temper, it required but few words until the paraphernalia of peace were exchanged for the habiliments of battle. Bowling invited the noisy combatants to retire to the hall-way, if fight was the order; upon which interference Brother Lichliter asserted his position as a loyal Delta, by stating that "Stem should whip Geiser right in that room." Bowling thought *not*, and if necessity demanded, he might possibly feel it his duty to convey the whole party out of the room by means of a little superior muscle that he could lay claim to. Without further detail, no blows were given, and all remained in the room for a few moments. But it was decided to disband as a body *forever*. The badges of membership of Stem, Boyer, and Brother Lichliter were handed to Brother Geiser, together with their resignations, which had been written out previously. *They were gone.* Lichliter determined, as he said, never to have anything to do in the future, with college fraternities. Of the three, *he alone de-*

serves credit: for he did not join again. He regarded his *oath*, and did not divulge.

Brother Geiser may have been wrong in these personal affairs; Stem and Boyer may have been wrong. That is not a question for history to pass judgment upon. The question is: Who were her loyal sons? Some must have turned traitor to her. Were they the ones who *deserted* her or those who *fondly clung* to her?

Our "Apostle," hearing of the broken bonds now tried to effect a reconciliation; but he soon became painfully aware that it was no time for missionary work or "olive branches." We had disbanded, and one of the traitors had already divulged some secrets to members of other organizations. Tradition informs us that Stem and Boyer made strenuous efforts to win the favor of all the other fraternities, and finally succeeded in enlisting the sympathy of one body, a part of whose membership never afterwards treated them with any show of brotherly regard. This is no place to discuss the merits of Phi Kappa Sigma; but it has always been a historic wonder how the "skulls" conduct elections for membership, when they positively assert, both by word and action, that they *hate* men who become brothers, as we would suppose by their own vote. In short, however, Stem and Boyer, like Naaman of sacred story (thinking that Arbana and Parphar, rivers of Damascus, were better than all the waters of Israel), plunged their hopes, together with their persons, into the infected liquid of Phi Kappa Sigma, and were drowned, leaving naught for history to record, save the odious stigma of "traitor" branded upon them, to be handed down, with bitterest epithets, to the future loyal children of the TAU.

(To be Continued.)

THE 21ST. RE-UNION.

MEMORIES THAT ARE DEAR AND VOICES OF THE PAST CALLING TO US.

As the seasons progress changes come. The Spring is ushered in by the delightful songs of birds, the clothing of the bare earth with green, and the smile of happy mankind. The summer introduces the harvest, the fields of ripe grain, and the luscious fruits. Autumn comes to us gathering the fruits and the seeds of the season, storing it in the garner for use and profit. Fit season of the year for our gathering. We come after the spring time and harvest to garner the fruits and seeds we sowed a year ago, and to lay them up for another year's planting. And we meet to talk over the planting time to come.

By the side of the lakes the welcome voice has sounded. It wakes us from lethargy. It calls us from the field. It summons us like the martial strain. It issues a summons *duces te-cum*—bring with you your

books. We will there be asked for a report of the seasons. And now, my brother, let me say a few words to you of that meeting. It is fraternal. It is the communion of hearts that beat as one for a common object. It is the yearly offering in the name and by the authority of our brotherhood. Its sacred call is one of pleasure, profit and duty.

From the mountains, from the valleys, from cities and villages, from hoe and plow, from college and counter, from bar and pulpit, the warm advocates will flock to this green oasis in the memories of life.

Aside will be thrown for a day the cares and the sorrows, the troubles and strifes of this world while we recall each fountain of youth and let it pour out the mists of youthful love and joy amid those scenes.

Not less beautiful is the duty than the pleasure. We are not called all for joy. We have a mission to perform. A common band hallows us all and crowns our labor. We have a purpose to fulfill. The destiny of our brotherhood is an object of solace and care.

The perpetuation of our name and order gives us a duty that is sacred and ennobling. Up from the flight of years come voices—like long-forgotten music—murmuring to us in sweet but low and silent strains, "do not forget us, nor the work of our hands." The azure-eyed goddess of destiny watches down over the walls and battlements of the future, and beckons us up higher with an anxious "God speed."

The star of destiny shining on our way is ascending with a rapid stride to the zenith of the circle of perpetual success, and her soft light sprinkles down through the night season beckoning us up higher—higher on the stage of day—higher in the estimation of the world—higher in the future of greatness—higher to the plane of perpetual prosperity.

Progress, the life of republics, is written on our past. Success is dimly shadowed over the history of that future yet to be realized. It is the public stage of the world to which we are called at this time to commune. To the world will be issued the bulletins of our success and our life. If there is a heart in the broad land that feels for his fraters, that throbs for the past affections of his *Alma Mater*, that thrills at the name of our brotherhood, that recalls the joys of happy days long since gone and that would refresh, rejuvenate and enjoy those old scenes again, let him gather with us at our trysting place on August the sixth.

It is useless to speak of business. The old familiar grip will be given. We shall see the signs and hear the knocks of yore, and we shall hear read again the constitution and the roll call. Do these things recall anything? To me, four years plodding up College Hill—to me, four, then seemingly long years, but now short links in the memory of the past; to me four years intimate, social, and fraternal relationship that I can not forget, and I would not if I could. Then by the island in the lake again.

"We'll sing our songs
And take our ease,
Swe-de le we-dum bum."

CINCINNATI, May 15, 1879.

CINO.

HOW SHALL WE SPREAD OUR FRATERNITY?

There are but two ways of spreading our Fraternity into the older and prominent colleges of the United States. One is by means of money, and the other is through unalloyed enthusiasm. The first is now being considerably employed by other fraternities in spreading their bounds into a larger and better sphere. They pay a portion of the expenses of an energetic frater and send him to the college which they desire to enter, and afterwards advance or give the funds for the furnishing of a hall for the young chapter. This plan has its merits and drawbacks. Its principal merit is that it is unexceptionally successful. Its prominent drawback is the heavy tax that is necessary to lay upon the members.

The second method, by means of enthusiasm, is less expensive to a fraternity at large but much more so to private pockets. Its principal drawback is the fact that it is a very difficult thing to create in a brother an enthusiasm so great that he will go to a different college from the one most convenient and desirable just for the sake of founding a fraternity chapter, and especially knowing that he will receive no assistance from the fraternity he seeks to enlarge, to help him pay the heavy expenses of fitting up a hall.

Practically the conclusions which we would draw from these are that if our Fraternity depends entirely upon enthusiasm, to take a more prominent position among the fraternities of the land, it will—"g l"—or—well—succeed (?) *very slowly*, as the cases of Cornell, Ann Arbor, and some of lesser note, *will certify*. Then what shall we do? Shall we remain as we are, depending on the slimest sort of a chance of becoming greater and better? Shall we blot out the word "*labor*," from our motto, and leave simply "*the beautiful and good*?" No, no! It would be clipping the wings of the young eagle just as he is pluming himself for a long and glorious flight. Then let us combine both enthusiasm and money, and with two such golden arrows we will be sure to hit the mark. Let two hundred and fifty of us combine together, and form an association, promising for a few years to give two dollars every year for the extension of our beloved Fraternity. Then with five hundred dollars each year, we could choose our colleges and start our chapters with no such word as fail, and the Delta Tau Delta would in five years rank second to none in America. Now, brothers, is this impracticable?

Our next *catalog* (A. P. A.) will contain nineteen hundred names, and is it possible that out of that many sworn brothers we can not get up such an association? Fie on it! It only needs a man of energy to take the matter in hand and make it a success. Who will be that man? We call not for a martyr. We are but calling for a *true blue Delta*, such as we all should be. Who will be the man? Do not let us hear the echo of these words before some Delta steps to the front! Oh, *alumni*! Oh, *active members*, where are you?

ANOTHER CLIPPING.

We append the following item taken from the *Scroll*:
FRANKLIN, IND., Oct. 16th, 1878.

"It is strongly rumored that a Delta Tau Delta Chapter is to be started here very soon, but you can depend on our chapter; she will cause it to go 'the way of all the world.' In fact they are so soft that if we set our little foot on them they will spread out like butter, and we will do that very thing if they come."

Before making other remarks we will relieve the evident anxiety of $\Phi A \Theta$'s Ind. Delta chapter, and say that $\Delta T \Delta$ has no intention of refounding its chapter at Franklin College, for which they will doubtless be duly grateful. We would refer the *Scroll* to the CRESCENT, No. 3, of Vol. II. page 38, to an article entitled "An Opinion;" it expresses our sentiments exactly in regard to Franklin College, and was written by a gentleman who never saw the *Scroll*. We are willing to admit that our chapter was not up to *our* standard, that is one reason why it is no more, but if the Thetas of Franklin knew a little more of the history of that time they would hardly be so confident that it was through the instrumentality of other feet that our chapter went "the way of the world."

There is one thing that puzzles us, and that is this: why was not Franklin College represented by a $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at the late Inter-Collegiate Contest held at Indianapolis? Ind. Delta claims to be one of the best of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s numerous chapters, and there are but few larger, yet Mr. Sexson, a member of the former $\Delta T \Delta$ chapter was the man chosen. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ should take sufficient pride in Franklin College to prevent its being represented by a member of such a soft body of men as those who compose $\Delta T \Delta$. How does it come that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ allowed a Delta from Hanover to preside over the deliberations of the Association, and another Delta from Wabash to conduct the correspondence? $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has six chapters in Indiana, all founded before 1870, none of which were represented in the contest, so far as we have been able to ascertain; $\Delta T \Delta$ has four chapters in the same State all founded *since* 1870, and two of these were represented on the Executive Committee, while a fifth which has been dead two years was represented by an orator. We call these points up simply to remind $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ that there are other fraternities in the United States besides herself, and some of them seem to have the idea that she is not head and shoulders above them. We act simply on the defensive, nor is it our policy to attack other fraternities in the columns of the CRESCENT; besides, we are troubled with a conscience, and have an idea that it is hardly honorable to strike a man in the back. Each fraternity has a right to a reputation, and another in attacking its good name transgresses an established inter-fraternity law.

The CRESCENT will not first attack any fraternity,

and its columns may be searched in vain for any intentional reflection on a sister fraternity, but it will resent any assault upon itself or the weakest chapter of the fraternity of which it is a representative. A fraternity organ which attends carefully to the interests of its own brotherhood will not have space to give to attacks upon another, and one which looks carefully to the honor of the procedure, will not do it, though space be abundant.

G. S. A.

REPORT ON UPSILON CHAPTER.

Since the last issue of the CRESCENT, the ALPHA has received the charter and papers of Upsilon Chapter, and that chapter is no longer one of the component parts of $\Delta T \Delta$. The immediate cause of its action was the insisting of the ALPHA that it should pay its dues. In sending in its charter, Upsilon has anticipated the action of the coming Convention, as it has never, since its establishment, paid anything toward defraying the general expenses of the Fraternity, nor has it ever had a delegate at one of the Annual Conventions, yet through a mistaken policy it has been permitted to retain its membership in the Fraternity, so that finally it had come to consider itself privileged in this respect, and when reminded of its duties this year, it refused point-blank, not only to forward funds, but even its chapter list for the new catalogue, alleging as a reason that it was dissatisfied with the ALPHA's manner of conducting money matters. It was immediately referred to the coming Convention and ordered to bring its excuses and charges before that body, but evidently perceiving the inconsistency of its position, it has taken matters into its own hands, and by dropping off, has relieved the Fraternity of a member already dead. We do not wish any attempts made to revive it, as we do not care to see Illinois Industrial Institute again placed on our list.

Signed,

W. L. McCLURG.

May 14th, 1879.

THE GREEK WORLD.

$Z \Psi$ has gone into Bates College.

$\Delta B \Phi$ held its second annual convention at Cornell, May 1st-3d.

$K \Sigma$ has four chapters in the South where fraternities are forbidden.

ΣN , a strictly Southern fraternity, is twelve years old and claims four hundred members.

ΣX claims chapters at Denison University and University of Pennsylvania, but is not recognized at either.

$\Phi K \Psi$ and $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ have each a chapter at Ohio State College, an agricultural college of no particular standing.

Saldo College, Austin College, Texas Military Institute, and Baylor University, are the Greek strongholds in the South and West.

ΣA , or "The Black Badge" fraternity, has for many years been the patron of oratory at Roanoke College; it annually gives a gold medal to the best orator of that college.

$\Phi K \Sigma$'s Phi Chapter at Richmond College, bolted over to $B \Theta \Pi$ in 1877. It is rumored that this fraternity admits ladies as honorary members.

$K A$ (Southern) has sixteen chapters, inclusive of an alumni chapter at Richmond, Va. The Virginia chapter holds annual re-unions in that city.

$X \Phi$ is making strenuous efforts to re-organize its Tau Chapter at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It was founded in 1873 and died in 1876.

$A K \Phi$, founded at Mississippi University just prior to the war, has now six chapters. Its badge is a *fac simile* of the $B \Theta \Pi$ with the necessary change in letters.

$K \Sigma K$ founded in 1867 at the Virginia Military Institute, the "West Point of the South," has nine chapters, four being alumni. Its latest chapter is the Kappa at the Kentucky Military Institute, 1879.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ on the 1st of May chartered its Pennsylvania Epsilon Chapter at Allegheny College, with a membership of twelve. It has also revived its Nebraska Alpha, first founded in 1875 at the University of Nebraska.

$\Phi \Gamma \Sigma$'s Phi Chapter is situated in two different schools in Baltimore, law and medical, which have no connection with each other. There is really no such institution as that known as Maryland University.

$B \Theta \Pi$ has just founded a chapter at Kenyon College. This is one of Ohio's best colleges, and $B \Theta \Pi$ will hardly be able to retain its foothold there, as the attendance is small, and there are already four well established eastern fraternities there, viz: $\Psi \Gamma$, $A \Delta \Phi$, $\Delta K E$, and $\Theta \Delta X$.

"The Melange," the new annual of Lafayette College, is before us. It is tastefully arranged, and an excellent picture of Pres. Cattell serves as a frontispiece. After the lists of fraternity chapters and their members, are given the chapter rolls of all the fraternities at Easton except $\Delta T \Delta^*$ and $\Phi \Delta K$. In these lists those of the eastern fraternities are generally accurate, but in the others we notice errors which are too frequent to be due to mere carelessness.

$\Phi K \Sigma$ omits its Psi Chapter at "Long Island College Hospital," and places on its list Columbia, North Carolina University, Harvard, and Lehigh, all of which are lifeless. $Z \Psi$ retains Brown University, though its chapter there died last year. $X \Phi$ has the Massachusetts Institute, and Princeton, both defunct.

*Delts will understand the reason why.

ΣX has Miami, Denison, Howard, Pennsylvania Polytechnic, University of Mississippi, Monmouth College, all dead, together with the University of Georgia. $\Phi K \Psi$ claims Iowa University, Johns Hopkins and Princeton in defiance of the facts. But $\Phi \Delta \theta$ is the greatest delinquent and places on her list Miami, Cumberland, Lawrence University, North Western University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Chicago University, Monmouth, Knox, Oglethorpe, University of California, and University of Pennsylvania. It never had a chapter at the latter place and there are four of the other chapters have been dead twenty years. The $\Phi K \Psi$ and $\Phi \Delta \theta$ chapters at Lafayette are the governing chapters of their respective fraternities, and information coming from them should be official.

The following is a list of the governing bodies of the various fraternities. The fraternities are given in the order of founding. All meet in conventions, which assemblages will not be mentioned unless that is the only mode of government:

$\Sigma \Phi$, Alpha of New York, in Union College.

$\Psi \Upsilon$, Executive Council of five alumni, New York City.

$X \Psi$, Grand Chapter, Alpha Epsilon, at University of Michigan.

$\Delta K E$, Grand Chapter Phi, at Yale.

$\Delta \Psi$, Grand Lodge.

$\theta \Delta X$, Grand Lodge of two graduate and two undergraduate members.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, Grand Lodge of New York City graduates.

$\Phi \Delta \theta$, National Grand Chapter, Pennsylvania Alpha at Lafayette.

$\Phi K \Sigma$, Grand Chapter, Philadelphia and New York City.

$X \Phi$, Chi Phi Chapter, New York City graduate.

$\Phi K \Psi$, National Grand Chapter, Pennsylvania Theta at Lafayette.

ΣX , Grand Chapter Alpha at Ohio Wesleyan University.

$\Delta T \Delta$, National Grand Chapter, Alpha at Allegheny and four Grand Chapters, each one the head of a Division of the fraternity.

$A K \Phi$, Grand Chapter at University of Mississippi.

$\theta \Xi$, Conventions.

$A T Q$, High Council of graduates.

$A \Gamma$, Grand Chapter Alpha, at Washington and Jefferson.

$K \Sigma$, Grand Chapter Zeta at University of Virginia.

$Z \Phi$, Grand Chapter Alpha at University of Missouri.

$A \Sigma X$, Grand Chapter.

$\Phi \Delta K$, Grand Lodge, third degree.

$\Delta B \Phi$, Conventions.

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VALEDICTORY.

The past college year has been one long, sweet dream—a dream crowded with the most pleasant associations and congenial surroundings—a dream filled up with the most happy employment and fraternal intercourse—a dream from which we entertained no thought of ever awaking, thinking only of the delightful present; but now we have been rudely awakened, and the stern duties of the hour tell us that the time has come when we must sever our connection with the paper we have learned to love, and proclaim to us that we must speak the word which every one at some time in life must utter—farewell.

Although the work devolving upon the Editor-in-Chief has been laborious, and executed in addition to the prosecution of curriculum duties and a great amount of other literary work, we trust that we have not neglected the paramount duties resting upon us as the manager of our paper, and as a member of our beloved order. Kind words and encouraging messages have come to us from all directions, and we can only hope that what little we have done may result in some lasting good to our journal and the Fraternity at large. We have always endeavored to fill our columns with such matter as would tend to enlighten and encourage our brotherhood—with those things only that are dignified and worthy of recognition by our Fraternity. Our aim has been to increase the lustre and not dim the rays of the crescent. How far we have succeeded, you, our readers, must decide.

This last number of the second volume is issued in ignorance of the fact where the first number of volume third will be published. That fact can not be made known until after the adjournment of the coming con-

vention; as the management of the CRESCENT is returned to the hands from which we have received it, subject to their disposal. But of one fact we feel doubly assured. Whatever may be the fate of the young luminary that shed its first rays under the kind and fostering influence of Brothers Buchanan and Weems, we think that the fact of its existence in the future is well established, and that it will not cease to shine as long as the Delta Tau Delta has one loyal chapter in any college in the land. We commend the CRESCENT to the next convention with all the love we have learned to bear for it, with the fondest hopes and kindest regards of every loyal Delta, and we know that whatever action they may take in regard to it, will be for the best. If the convention decide to consign its interests and management to the ALPHA for another year, we can only say that increased energy and talent will be applied, and everything done that will conduce to its more thorough establishment and wider circulation.

The close of the present college year not only severs our connection with the CRESCENT, but also with the kind and sacred connection of the entire brotherhood. After graduation we return to our home in the far West, and renew the acquaintances of former years, and leave behind the brothers we love and cherish, and remain in a land where years will elapse without ever looking into the eyes or shaking the hand of any member of the Fraternity. For this reason the thought of saying farewell is doubly sad.

The corps of editors are grateful for the untiring efforts of Bros. Hartzell and Eaton to make the paper interesting and instructive, and we tender to them our most hearty thanks. We are also under obligations to the Assistant Editorial Staff for the many favors they have shown us, and the general interest they have manifested. Only a few have failed to contribute anything, and their Chapters are the losers thereby. We also consider that we owe much to our publisher, and to Mr. George W. Hand, the foreman of the job rooms, for his gentlemanly treatment, and oftentimes self-sacrificing efforts in our behalf.

And now in closing we will say, God speed to the CRESCENT and our Fraternity. Wherever our lot may be cast, we shall always have a warm heart for our grand cause. We shall always feel interested in the success of the CRESCENT, for we can not help but feel that in it rests the weal or woe of the Fraternity. As long as it is well managed and well supported the Fraternity will continue to increase and enlarge her field of usefulness. Whenever it shall begin to wane, from that moment will be dated the beginning of the downfall of Delta Tau Delta. We would love to meet the brothers at Put-in Bay, in August, and there meet face to face with those whose hands we have never clasped, but towards whom we feel drawn by the chords of fraternal love.

Good-bye, fair CRESCENT, and all those true ones

who have made you what you are. Farewell, dear brothers of our mystic circle, and God grant that your past successes may be but faint glimmerings of the glorious futures that await you.

"IOTA WE THANK THEE FOR THAT WORD."

A FRATERNITY SONG BOOK is something that every fraternity of any reputation at all has, and why should Delta Tau Delta be behind in this when she leads in so many other things? It is not because she lacks the musical ability, the poetical ability, nor the power of appreciating a good song. No! All three she has in their highest degree. Already we have quite a collection of good and appropriate songs. It would be but little trouble to compile them, and small expense for the publishing, and the amount of good that they would do, the enthusiasm that they would create, is simply inestimable. Then, again, why has not Delta Tau Delta a song book? There is no reason, brothers, absolutely none. The plan that we would lay before you is this: Let the next convention sanction the publication of the book to a limited expense. The funds to be drawn from the general Fraternity treasury, and the books to be distributed free to all the active members, and sold for a settled price to all alumni wishing them. *In the meanwhile let each Chapter elect a poet to write for it a Chapter song to some lively tune that suits their members.* These, with what we have, will make a very good first edition. Then come, brothers,

"Let your motto be
Ambition, vigilance and energy."

And the sooner we commence this work the sooner we will have a song book that will be a credit to our Fraternity.

THE following delegates will represent their various Chapters at the coming convention: ALPHA, Charles H. Bruce and Walter L. McClurg; TAU, J. Harry Geissinger; NU, Geo. W. Geiser; PI, Richard Wetherill, a colleague will be chosen to accompany him; RHO, Henry T. Bruck; THETA, S. L. Van Meter; PHI, Henry S. Slaughter; IOTA, M. W. Jones, and W. W. Remington; KAPPA, J. A. Hanks and Fred Stone; IOTA BETA, S. W. Margerum; ZETA BETA, Joseph Kelsey; LAMBDA, Hon. A. M. Brown and Henry S. Livingston; ETA, O. C. Beatty and G. M. Lieber.

BETA, CHI, and ETA BETA have indicated their intention to send representatives, but as it is somewhat early they have not yet chosen them. We have not been informed as to the intentions of the others, but GAMMA, and EPSILON, will certainly send delegates, judging from their past record and their enthusiasm during the present year. We would advise those of our Chapters who may feel unable to send delegates on account of the distance, to choose some alumnus who lives nearer Put-in-Bay than the Chapter is located, as the cost will thus be materially lessened.

THE Editorial corps of volume second bids you farewell.

THE DELTA CHORUS, as published in the last number, is sung to the tune of "*Come where the flowers are blooming.*"

THIS is the last number of volume second. Each Chapter should begin at once to send in an increased subscription list for the coming year.

WE publish this month an excellent article from the pen of Bro. Miller, of the TAU, on "Our Future." It has the right ring to it, and if you read any part of this number do not fail to read the above.

IN another column will be found an article on "Our Twenty-First Re-union," from the pen of Bro. Buchanan. It should be closely read, and we feel assured that it will inspire a desire on the part of every Delta to be present at the coming convention.

BRO. SLAUGHTER, the corresponding secretary of the PHI, deserves great credit for the efficiency and energy displayed in the performance of his many duties of the past year. We hope the PHI will secure as good a man for this responsible position for the coming year.

THE catalogue for '79 will be ready for distribution before the close of the present term. A glance at the former catalogues shows that we have made rapid progress. The publication of '70 contained 541 names; '74, 895 names; '76, 1,342 names; '79, about 1,800 names.

BRO. JAS. S. EATON, (G. P. '79,) has procured Bro. Lewis Walker, (A '76,) as a substitute, should he fail to be present at the coming condention. Bro. Walker is a well-posted and enthusiastic Delta, and we may feel assured that the office of G. P. will be well filled.

ALL parties in arrears on their subscriptions will please forward the amount at once. This is the last appeal we can make to you, and if you wish to deprive us of what is our due, we can only feel that you are doing more injury to yourselves than to us. We shall only lose the money; you, your honor.

BRO. CHAS. E. RICHMOND, the eloquent Vice Editor-in-Chief, will represent the CRESCENT at the next convention. The Editor-in-Chief will be unable to be present on that occasion, owing to the fact that he returns to his home in Southern Kansas immediately after graduation, to enter upon his chosen profession.

WE acknowledge the kind invitation of Bro. Remington, to visit the IOTA and the beautiful capitol city of Lansing, on our return to the West, and in all probability the Editor-in-Chief will have the pleasure of

grasping the friendly hands of the boys of the IOTA, about the second week in July. We will also visit the other Michigan Chapters then in session.

BRO. B. F. BIERY, (T '75,) lately a graduate from Union Theological Seminary, New York City, left Al-lentown, in the last week of April on a pleasure and prospecting tour through the North and West; going directly to Auburn, N. Y. He intends to land at Put-in-Bay about the time the convention is in session. The "mystics" will find him a "jolly good fellow."

JUST as we are going to press we are in receipt of the History of the BETA. We are sorry that time and space forbade its publication in this number. It will appear in the first number of volume third. The history is well written, and, as it is a sketch of one of the oldest Chapters of our order, contains much of interest to the entire Fraternity.

THE work entitled "American College Fraternities," by Wm. R. Baird, Box 655, New York City, and which we have previously noticed in the CRESCENT, will probably be issued in August or September. The book will contain accounts of about one hundred and fifty Greek-letter societies, including the local and female soroses, and will be sold for \$1.50. As the publication of the work is made contingent upon the receipt of a certain number of subscriptions, we advise all who wish the work, to forward their names to the author at once. Every man interested in fraternity subjects should procure a copy of this book. A large number of the members of the ALPHA have subscribed for the work.

WHILE seated at our desk writing these last articles for the CRESCENT, we feel that we have a great many things we would like to say—many words of encouragement and kind messages to send to our beloved fraters. You have all experienced the trying hour when the farewell is being said to a dear friend when you are to part for years, and maybe forever. There are many things which you would like to say, but the sacredness of the hour throws around you a spell of silence. So we feel in making our last farewell to you, the members of our beloved brotherhood. We have not even the pleasure of the anticipation of meeting you at Put-in-Bay, and these words of parting echo within our heart a knell of sorrow and sadness. Of all the messages that rush upon us in these last hours and which we would love to tell you, in these final words of parting we are constrained to say above all things else: Be true to your God, who keeps you in the infinitude of His love; be true to yourselves, upon whom only you must rely for future glories; be true to your Fraternity, which you have sworn to protect, and which we all love; and this beautiful springtime of youth will witness the planting of those seeds which will tend to fill the garner of wintry age.

PRESIDENT ANDERSON, of Rochester University, is a man of good sense as well as a man of learning and ability. We do not say this because it is an exception to find a college president with good sense, but because Pres. Anderson displays it, and no where more particularly than in his bearing toward the Greek fraternities. He makes them an important element in the government of the students. Thus, whenever a student neglects his collegiate duties and is inclined to sow his wild oats, Pres. Anderson goes to his fraternity and tells them that this member is not doing right. This is sufficient. His Chapter, jealous of their reputation, takes the brother in charge, and it is very seldom that they do not succeed in reforming him. Compare this with the barbarous mode practiced in most colleges, where the student is expelled or suspended and sent home disgraced and reckless. Many a young man dates his downward course in life from an unkind and unjust college expulsion. The work of reforming young men comes most appropriately upon fraternities, for their associations are such, their connections of love and companionship are such that they can do this work where a stern, cynical old faculty would fail signally. Oh, ye college presidents who have under your care the prides of so many pleasant homes, the idols of so many parents' hearts, take heed, we pray you, of the noble example of President Anderson. And to Dr. McCosh especially, though our hair is not gray with experience, yet we know the thoughts that fill a student's mind, we know the warm blood that courses through a student's veins, we know the ways to his heart, for we are students ourselves. To you we dedicate this little sentence, which although being but one beam of light from the crescent, yet it is pregnant with good results: "Invite some of the best fraternities to locate chapters at Princeton," and then the papers of the United States will not be disgraced by being compelled to print the riotous deeds of your students.

CHAPTER REPORTS.

ALPHA LOCALS.

- Farewell.
- College closes June 25th.
- Jud. Wann is the best *walker* in the chapter.
- The *Cohosh Senators* will spend the summer vacation in Europe.
- The College Campus never looked more beautiful than at present.
- The non-frat. preps are making strenuous efforts to ape the Deltas.
- Our meetings are now held every Saturday morning at ten o'clock.
- The banquet will be held at the Commercial on the evening of June 25th.

—Bro. Homer Mosier will give the Valedictory, and C. A. Ensign the Reply, at the banquet.

—Just get "Frenchy and Melica" to sing that little German song if you want to hear something fine.

—The Boys of the ALPHA are now distinguished by a royal purple cord tied around their hat bands. It is neat but not gaudy.

—Bro. Lewis Walker, of Meadville, has been elected G. P. for the Convention, by Alpha, to fill the vacancy caused by Bro. Eaton's inability to be present.

Three of the four Delta Seniors will enter the ministry; one the Episcopal, one the Methodist, and one the Presbyterian.

—The new Catalogue will be completed in about one week. For beauty and neatness it will surpass any catalogue ever previously published by the Fraternity.

—Quite a number of our members will attend the Convention at Put-in-Bay. Bros. McClurg and Bruce were elected delegates by the ALPHA at a recent meeting.

—Last month Mr. J. Call. White was initiated by chapter ALPHA. He is a younger brother of our old frater John White of Pittsburgh, and is the third candidate initiated by our chapter this year.

—In the target match, an account of which will be seen below, Bros. Bruce and Lippitt made the best score of the team; both tied on forty-four out of a possible fifty.

—The horse-back ride indulged in by some of our boys a few evenings ago is reported to have been a very large time. Bro. McClurg rode a flyer, and succeeded in distancing all the boys.

—It was "conversation day" in the French class. The amiable Professor asked Sol. if he had purchased a new spring hat. Sol. responded: "Oui, Monsieur, j'ai achete un chapeau de *plug*."

—That Delta Base Ball club spoken of in our May number, has become a thing of reality. The following Alpha boys compose the nine: S. M. Decker p.; W. McJunkin c.; F. M. White s. s.; P. Y. Kimmell 1st b.; Will. White 2nd b.; C. M. Blair 3d b.; F. S. Chryst r. f.; F. F. Lippitt c. f.; J. C. White l. f.

Bro. Jas. Doughty, '78, is now studying law in this city, but intends teaching next winter. Any brother being able to assist him in securing a school will confer a favor on him, and assist a most worthy brother who has had considerable experience.

—On the 16th of May a rifle match was shot between a team of five cadets from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and a like team from Allegheny College. The distance was 100 yards, with Springfield rifles, and a Creedmore target; each man fired ten rounds, making fifty rounds for each team, and over its own rifle range.

After three trials to find the best shots in the battalion the following men were chosen for the Allegheny team. Bruce, Lippitt, Richmond, and Ensign, ($\Delta T \Delta$ s) and Graham, ($\Phi \Gamma \Delta$). After the match the targets were exchanged and we found we were beaten by the rival team. The average score of our team was 41 1-5, Union team 42. Our team had only two weeks' practice, while the Union team had been drilling since the first of April.

—At the Select Performance of Allegheny Literary Society the names of five Deltas appeared on the programme; two Phi Kappa Psis, one Phi Gamma Delta, and one non-fraternity man. Bro. C. E. Richmond, on the debate, supported the affirmative of the question, "Is Phrenology entitled to the rank of a true science." His arguments were adroit, his delivery forcible, and his manner graceful. Bro. S. M. Decker heaped laurels on his head by the rendition of a declamation entitled "Jugurtha's Prison Thoughts." The selection was extremely difficult but "Deck" proved himself equal to the occasion. The oration of Bro. C. B. Mitchell on "The Influence of Lord Bacon" was a masterly production, and called forth much applause. Bros. Locke and Ensign occupied the positions of Clerk and President, respectively.

—The Delta Tau Delta Banquet given by Alpha at the Commercial Hotel in honor of Lieut. Robert G. Heiner, occurred on the evening of May 2nd, just too late for notice in our last issue. Bro. Heiner was the founder of Chapter Alpha, having secured the charter in 1863, sixteen years ago. Very soon after this he left college to fight for his country, and has been engaged in this occupation ever since. Receiving intimation of his intended visit to Meadville we made preparations to entertain him in the best possible manner. Hence the banquet. After partaking of an elegant repast, such as only the Commercial can furnish, Bro. Bruce made the address of welcome, and proposed the toast "Chapter Alpha as it was." Lieut. Heiner responded to it, giving an interesting account of the child days of our chapter. Bro. Lewis Walker next responded to the toast "Chapter Alpha as it is," in his usual eloquent manner. Following the three toasts, "The Ladies," "Greek Letter Societies, their object and influence," and "The Crescent," were responded to by Bros. Shilling, Locke and Mitchell, respectively. Bros. Will. C. Bear, H. M. Richmond, F. O. Nodine, Chas. Woodring, Jas. Doughty, and Chas. Newlon, resident alumni of Alpha were present, and added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening by some witty speeches. The toasts and speeches were interspersed by some jolly, rollicking college songs, furnished by Bear, Wann, and Decker, and others. At an early hour of the next morning the party closed by the singing of the Delta Tau Delta song. Bro. Heiner expressed himself as highly pleased with the chapter, or as he termed us, "His Boys," and we were equally pleased with our progenitor.

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

NOTES FROM THE TAU.

J. H. Geisinger will represent the TAU's interests in the oncoming National Convention.

The details of the TAU's early trials, as given in this month's chapter of our History may not be so pleasant to read, but they go to make up an important page in our Chapter-chronicle, and render all the more bright, by contrast, the successful days that have followed.

Brother J. S. Price, our last initiate, has lost a sister as a result of a street-car accident in Philadelphia, and his father and another sister are now very ill. He has had to leave us, of course, and from the tone of his letters we are afraid he can not come back to us again. His place in the chapter circle cannot easily be filled. He was a noble, manly fellow, most careful when voting upon questions brought up from time to time in Chapter, and would undoubtedly have proved a great source of strength to the Chapter in future. Brother Price has the heartfelt sympathy of every member of the TAU in his family bereavement.

A movement has been put on foot looking to the erection of a Chapter house for the TAU. Five members of the Chapter have each subscribed \$500.00 to the project, expected to be carried out in full in ten years, when we look for a \$15,000.00 "home" to go up. The thing is not an impossibility, by any means, and every Delta of the TAU yet interested is in dead earnest about the matter. Believe it, the TAU is preparing to astonish friend and foe.

The Anniversary of the Goethean Literary Society of Franklin and Marshall College, held in Fulton Opera House, Lancaster, on Friday evening, May 9th, was a complete crown of success to that body. Elliot, Bausman, and Rieser, Deltas, spoke exceedingly well, winning laurels for their Chapter and Fraternity. They brought honor to their Fraternity, because before the Anniversary was held it was stigmatized by the meanest of our envious enemies, as "an affair of the Deltas," and I doubt not the hopes were many that one or all of them would fail in the eyes of the critical public. H. Clay Eschbach, a prominent member of the Pennsylvania Eta, Phi Kappa Psi, was the only other Grecian on the programme, and he caused a sunny smile to ripple over the faces of the initiated by announcing in his speech that "we, (Phi Kappa Psi! *Mirabile dictu!*) bend in humble reverence before the wearers of the 'royal purple.'" Brother Bert B. Elliot was prominent as one of the ushers of the evening. On next Friday evening, May 16th, the Diagnotheans come to the front. There are only two Deltas in the Society, and both, but Freshmen, are to do service. Brother O. R. Snyder, as the best declaimer among "Diag." Freshmen, takes

the Prologue, and Brother H. S. Coblentz as a white-kidded gatherer of bouquets is to be made exceeding glad.

On Monday evening, May 5th, was held a special meeting of the TAU, for the purpose of receiving the farewell words of Brothers Robert C. Bowling, S. F. Lanny, and Max Dumstreyl, graduated the same week from the Reformed Theological Seminary attached to Franklin and Marshall college. Brother Dumstreyl left with us in manuscript two pieces of music—"The Delta Tau Delta Polka," dedicated to the TAU, and a Grand Concert Polka, to be named by us, dedicated to Miss Anna Thoma, of Pittsburgh. The Brothers who have just left us are emphatically *men*. As a Chapter we are proud to add their names to the honored list of Alumni gone out from the TAU; we know they will always stand firm in their adherence to the principles of Deltaism as taught them here. We wish them richest success in their ministry.

It has been decided by the TAU, in Chapter assembled, to hold the customary Commencement banquet, on the evening of Thursday, June 18th. Our Symposia have always been real feasts for soul and stomach, and that of 1879 promises to be no exception to this goodly rule. Invitations have been sent to the Chapters of the First Division, asking that each send a delegate at that time for conference on Fraternity business, as well as to enjoy the banquet, and all the absent members and alumni of the Chapter will be asked to be present. John L. Keller, our graduating member, will deliver the Valedictory Address of the occasion, A. B. Rieser, of '80, being chosen respondent. Brother Will. A. Miller, of '80, will do the honors of the evening as toast-master, and will deliver an address of welcome to the Chapter's guests.

Brothers Biery and Geiser both expect to attend the Convention.

Our visitors during the month past have been Brothers George M. Zacharias, of Harrisburg, Pa., Z. R. Loucks, of Princeton College, and Harvey R. Friese, of Harrisburg. Brother Zacharias came especially on a pilgrimage to his Lancaster *Alma Mater*, the Reformed Theological Seminary, on the occasion of its Annual Commencement; Brother Loucks came to be pictured with the Chapter, and Brother Friese came for no other ostensible purpose than to see "the boys." The last named Brother expects to return to College in September, entering the class of '82.

The Chapter sat for a large group picture a week or two ago, and the artist has given them a handsome set of portraits, one of which has been sent to the ALPHA for the decking of her "wigwam" walls.

J. H. GEISSINGER.

LANCASTER, May 14th, 1879.

DIVISION NOTES.

THE PSI sends in an encouraging mid-term report:

Members, 4 active; 5 resident; initiates, none; condition, good; number of meetings' 15; sverage attendance, 8; average age 20 7-9 years. Owing to the recent return of Brother Reilly to South Bethlehem, and of Brothers Horn and Frederick to Catasaqua some time since, the Chapter has been having a large attendance.

Brother Geiser writes from Lafayette College, Chapter NU: "Here at Lafayette we are naturally quiet. We have a good start, but shall wait for additions to the Chapter-roll till next year, though we may possibly take in one or two men this term. The material that we have secured is good; one boy stood at the head of his class, and stood well socially at the same time. NU is established, and in due time will rank among the foremost Chapters of our Fraternity."

Let the First Division be fully represented at the Put-in-Bay Convention, *if at all possible*. Elect delegates, and send in their names at once to the Grand Chapter and the ALPHA.

GAMMA LOCALS.

The GAMMA now numbers eight. We meet every Monday night, and generally have a "good time." Since we received the Delta songs we have had singing, and the fine basso voices of Bausman and Beacom "swell out on the mid-night air." Brother Fairall talks of returning home next month. He is from Iowa City, Ia. He intends going to the Iowa Unversity at that place. He is a zealous Delta, and the Gamma will feel a sore loss when "Sam" leaves her. Sorry we have no Chapter there.

We hear from Bro. Swart quite frequently. He is now at Valley Falls, Kansas. He is loud in his praise of the West, and is enjoying himself very much, if you judge from his letters. Jack says that the people out there go fishing on Sunday, instead of going to Church.

On Saturday, May 17, the students of Bethany College came up to play a game of base ball with the students of W. & J. We are sorry to say that W. & J. was sorely defeated. Quite a number of Deltas were along—three played in the Bethany nine.

A more friendly and sociable set of boys than the Deltas of the THETA we never met. The Deltas of old THETA are zealous in the "good cause," and number twenty-three.

The GAMMA will be well represented when W. & J. goes down to play with Bethany next month.

W. D. H.

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

HANOVER, Ind., May 19, 1879.

The affairs of the Third Division have been in a prosperous condition throughout the year. Of the seven Chapters composing it, three have been established and one removed since Jan. 1, 1878. Of the chapters *I B'*

is the youngest. In its earlier work it seemed somewhat tardy in complying with the Grand Chapter's requests, but as it grew older and better acquaintance was had with the workings of the Fraternity, interest increased, and in the same ratio prosperity. Bro. Margerum, its efficient Cor. Sec., has shown himself to be the right man in the right place. The chapter now has ten men, average age, 23. It is entered in its Term Report as "Prosperous."

The KAPPA, of Hillsdale, Mich., is another young chapter, but doing well. Its Term Report shows number of members, 10; condition "good;" average age, 22. It has been working under adverse circumstances, but they have been successfully met, so that now the chapter is firm, and looks forward to a long and active life.

OMICRON, reared upon the ruins of a former flourishing chapter, at Ind. Asbury University, has been revived by an alumnus of the old Omicron. The present chapter is small. Having to work against several fraternities, (all of which have been established for some years), opposition has been met with. It is expected to take its place next year among our leading chapters. Chapter *Z B'* was established by grant of charter from the Φ in spring of '78. As usual in new chapters, affairs moved rather sluggishly for a time. But now, by diligent work, she has placed the fraternity upon an equal footing with older fraternities at Butler, and raised herself to a leading position among our Western chapters. Composed of 12 men, representing every class in college, it holds its regular meetings with full attendance of active members, resident and alumni Deltas.

The Psi has been derelict in her duty. Its Cor. Sec. has not kept himself in as close communication with the Grand Chapter as he should have done. The annual dues were not ready at the usual time of collection, nor have they been received yet. Still the chapter is composed of good men, and heretofore has never been remiss in any fraternity matters. The Psi has taken a prominent position among other Greeks at Wabash ever since her re-establishment in the winter of '77; and that she would outshine her once prosperous predecessor, Mu, was thought certain. But so long as duties laid down by the Constitution are not faithfully performed she can hope for little success as a chapter at Wabash, and less respect for herself than was accorded her in younger days is hoped for. The Iota still holds her own as the largest chapter of the division. That her work is promptly and well done, her own prosperity is *prima facie* evidence. The Phi, Grand Chapter, is in a splendid condition. Having graduated five men in '78, and four men leaving college, fears were entertained of our success for '78-9. But upon the opening of the year we made our selections carefully, and took the position then, which we have since held, as the foremost fraternity of the institution. Three of our pres-

ent brothers came to us with recommendations from former fraters. They were received upon these, and have proven themselves jovial, hearty, true brnthers. The Psi cannot say too much in favor of old members recommending to our chapters desirable fraternity men about to enter colleges. It will always be of advantage to the Fraternity.

The Phi is far at the head of the Hanover's fraternities, both in college and in society. She is proud of herself and of her work, and enthusiastic in all fraternity matters, doing everything with an eye single to the glory of Deltaism. Long life to her! Upon the whole, then, the Third Division has passed a year of great success. True, there are some things we might have wished different, but these few delinquencies are overborne by our successes. That such a condition is largely due to the influence of the CRESCENT, I do not hesitate to state.

To that source may be traced the wave of success which is not only bearing the Third Division on to greater glory, but every Division of the Fraternity.

The boys have adopted a fraternity hat.

The songs received last month from *A* are greatly enjoyed at our Thursday evening meetings.

At the late meeting of the Indiana Oratorical Association, Indianapolis, April 17, W. S. Christian, (Φ '80) by a majority of three votes, was elected to the office of Recording Secretary for the ensuing year.

R. C. Lambe, '78, Carlisle, Ills., lately paid a visit to the boys of the Psi. Everything was done to make it an enjoyable occasion for him. After a stay of three days he left to attend a re-union at Oxford, Ohio.

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

Scott Emison, '81, is reported to have gone into the flouring buiness in Vincennes. Rumor also hath it that Scott is about to join the vast army of benedicts. Afraid Bro. Weems has set our Vincennes boys a--that is, a *good* example. Congratulations, Scott.

Harry, Ed., and Charlie Allen are all at home, at Wyoming, O. Charlie still sigheth for the dusky maiden he left behind him in New Mexico.

W. A. Cullop, '78, at the close of a prosperous term in Thornton, was offered a position in the Vincennes University. He has accepted, and is engaged in the discharge of his new duties, to the satisfaction of all.

THE IOTA.

Editor Crescent:—The IOTA greets her sister chapters, and hopes to congratulate them on a year's successful work, when at Convention her delegates meet others with the hearty grasp of brotherhood.

The spring term has been very successful in giving our chapter plenty to do, and has enabled her members to reap the fruits of active, energetic work.

The CRESCENT has done a grand thing in inculcating a better appreciation of the Fraternity, as a whole, as well as of the duties of individual chapters, and greater unity in the Fraternity.

We hope not only to thank the ALPHA for her work, but also to thank those brothers who founded, and by earnest, faithful labor, such as only the true Delta, inspired by all the nobleness of the cause so dear to him, gave not only life but stability to our paper at the outset.

The delegates of the IOTA hope to meet and personally thank those brothers through whose efforts "Our CRESCENT" was established. It is through the efforts of such men as have had this enterprise in their keeping that our Fraternity will "grow, and grow, and grow."

Our present officers were installed on the evening of April 12th, this being the first occasion for the use of a special ceremony prepared for such occasions. All of the *actives* were present but one, while "sister Deltas" and elder brothers made up a happy forty.

After the ceremony in which were used the songs published in the May number of the CRESCENT, came the banquet. With Bro. Robson, of '78 as toast-master, we could not help having a jolly time, and songs and jokes and merry fun made the walls ring again and again. Only once was the merriment hushed.

When Bro. Davis, in response to "What is true Deltaism?" spoke of our honored brother as absent to take a last look at the remains of a loved sister, of the sympathy of each brother as expressed by the lingering grasp of the hand, and the speaking eye, we all felt that if Bro. Davis could not define Delta "force," he could at least show its manifestation in fitting words coming from a warm and loyal heart.

Bro. McCurdy has the sincere sympathy of the IOTA. It is such meetings and such influences as these that give life and vigor to our work; and the two meetings held since, show that the members, young and old, obtained a new measure of spirit and enthusiasm.

Yours Fraternally,

W. W. REMINGTON.

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

THE LAMBDA.

The annual banquet and re-union of the LAMBDA will be held on the evening of June 16th. A good attendance and a pleasant time is anticipated.

A recent communication from the Ξ says that the Deltas of that Chapter have carried off the laurels of that college. They have a banquet during their commencement week.

The Γ , at Illinois Industrial University, has given up the ghost and her charter. She has found it im-

possible, for reasons of sufficient import to herself, to abide by the requirements of the constitution; and looking at the matter from her own stand-point as well as ours, perhaps it were better so.

The I Chapter of the I. C. Sorosis is situated here, and we are glad to say has been enjoying a high degree of prosperity this year. This Sorosis (it comes kind of awkward to write this word—came pretty near saying fraternity,) is confined to Western colleges; has twelve chapters, with the A at Monmouth College.

Numerically, the LAMBDA has not been as strong this year as for the past few years; but the twelve she has had she wouldn't exchange for any other twelve in Lombard University, or it may be, in any other college. It is a Chapter without a dissention, composed of members good and true. Some will leave in June to go their destined way, not to meet again, for all we know for many years; others perhaps will clasp hands sooner on the beautiful Lake Erie island, before beginning another year of college work. "So mote it be."

Five Chapters now constitute the Fourth Division. Of those not mentioned above, the Q was at last accounts prospering finely; the $E B'$, though rather dilatory in Fraternity business, is understood to be making good headway, while the X generally speaks for herself.

All wishing to communicate with the LAMBDA during the summer vacation, will please address the present Corresponding Secretary. His successor's name will be made known in the proper manner at the proper time.

In conclusion we want to say a word in praise of the CRESCENT. We believe it to be an organ in which the Fraternity can take just pride, and whose tendency is to promote our best interests. We hope another year that it will meet with more *substantial* encouragement on the part of certain Chapters in this Division.

HENRY S. LIVINGSTON.

GALESBURG, Ill., June, 1879.

THE CHI.

MT. PLEASANT, Iowa.

Ed. Crescent:—On the eve of April 7th, the CHI initiated Mr. M. C. Carpenter, a member of the Junior class, into the mysteries of the Delta Tau Delta.

Bro. Carpenter is also a student of Pharmacy, and an honor man of the Philo Literary Society, having recently been elected to confer diplomas upon the graduating class in June.

After the initiation of Bro. Carpenter, the boys indulged themselves to oysters, then singing the Delta songs from the cards recently received from the ALPHA, adjourned to their several homes, feeling happy and contented with the present, and indulging in bright hopes for the future.

And now welcoming Bro. C. into our brotherhood through the columns of the CRESCENT.

I remain, Fraternally,

C. W. BEATTIE.

ALUMNI NEWS.

Chas. S. Cobbs, (Σ '77) will soon enter on the study of law at Akron, O.

Hon. John C. Newmeyer is a very successful attorney at the Pittsburgh bar.

Thomas T. Marshall is a civil engineer in that metropolis of oildom, Oil City.

F. L. Blackmar is the business manager of the Meadville *Daily Reporter*.

Hon. Edward D. Gaff has an extensive and paying practice of the law at Kittanning, Pa.

Geo. Pettit, (Σ '78) has been making some telling temperance addresses before Alliance, O., audiences.

Frank A. Estep, a noble knight of the pill-box and lances, has an extensive practice at Allegheny City, Penna.

Syd. Smith has one of the largest and most complete grocery stores in Bradford, and is doing a thriving business.

Fayette Bole has removed his law office from Union City to Bradford, where he is both practicing and producing.

Brothers, do not forget that our next convention convenes on the first Wednesday in August, at Put-in-Bay, Lake Erie, Ohio.

Wm. A. Cullop, (Φ '78) is teaching in the department of natural sciences in the Normal School, at Edwardsport, Ind.

Will H. Rowles, (Σ '77) was lately admitted to the bar at Steubenville, O. The Wheeling papers are full of prophecies of a bright future for Will.

H. Hirst Millard, (Σ —) has purchased an interest in a farm near Crystal Springs, Yates Co., N. Y., and his friends can reach him by mail at that place.

Albert Rabe, Jr., (Σ —) was lately elected Treasurer of the city of Sheboygan, Wis. The papers of that city speak very highly of Albert's business ability and integrity.

Earnest A. Koester's smiling face is quite frequently seen in Meadville, and always seen with pleasure by his many friends. He has removed his law office to Tarport, Pa.

Lute E. Fuller is the city editor of the *Bradford Era*.

He throws a lively pen, entertains visiting Deltas, and keeps company with Wilson, the *drole homme* of the same paper.

C. W. Newlon paid the ALPHA a short visit lately. Charlie is a first-class Delta, and is always warmly welcomed by the boys at Meadville. We understand that he is now oil reporter for the *Bradford Blaze*.

J. M. Landon is an operator at Bradford, Pa., in whom a great deal of confidence is placed. He invested his money in a dry hole, last month. Receive our condolences "Jim." We wish you better luck next time.

Walla L. Kelly, of Cambridge, becoming tired of "single blessedness" has taken to himself a wife. To our new sister the CRESCENT makes a most profound bow, and wishes the happy couple all that makes life pleasant.

Jacob P. Fawcett, (Σ '71) is practicing law at Canton, O. Jake's many friends will be glad to hear of his success in his profession. He and his accomplished wife, a daughter of Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, are enjoying life to its full extent.

We extend a cordial and pressing invitation to our alumni to attend our next convention. It is just at the time when all business men should give their worn-out bodies and minds a rest, and you will find no better place than at the convention to take this needed recreation.

We have lately heard some very good reports of Bro. James Allen, of Chicago, who was our orator at the Ann Arbor Convention, in 1876. He is evidently making a good success at law, as he lately refused the office of City Attorney. He is a brother of the *right kind*, and takes the CRESCENT.

Willis Fenno has been operating at Bradford, Pa., but is now building a hotel at Cole Creek. Our best wishes are with you, brother, but if it don't pay, you had better get a government appropriation to make Cole Creek a navigable stream, then you will have such a crowd of guests that you will have to scrape the wall paper off to save room.

Rev. Bro. D. H. Geissinger, (old J, now J, '72) will deliver the memorial oration at Columbia, Pa., on Decoration Day. "Dave" saw four full years of service in the field, before he became a college boy, serving first as a private, then as a company officer and finally as Aide on the staff of Major General Hartranft. Studying afterwards at Meadville, he became a "Choctaw," and represented his Chapter at the convention of the Fraternity held in '69. He is now pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa., where his interest in Fraternity has been revived by frequent intercourse with the TAU.

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