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Of our good old Delta Tau."*

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THE CRESCENT KNIGHT.*

BY O. E. ANGSTMAN, B. S., LL. D., MONROE, MICHIGAN.

'Mid lovely hills in sunny France,
Far to the south where grows the vine,
And rippling down in merry dance,
Garrone's dark waters flash and shine,—

Where ever bright the blue skies smile,
Above the rock-encircled wood;
Long years ago upon an isle,
'Midst forest trees a castle stood.

Its huge gray piers high up reposed,
Above the rocks which formed their base.
The massive walls right grandly rose,
O'er looking all the rugged waste.

The lofty turrets overhead,
Bedecked with matted ivy green;
The lake reflects with shadows spread,
Tinting its waves with purple sheen.

Above the plashing glassy moat,
The huge old cumbrous draw-bridge hung;
Oft mingling with the wild bird's note,
Its creaking shrill when forward sprung.

And round about, all ways afar,
In beauty spread the forest glade;
Where nothing came the joys to mar,
Of sportive herds beneath the shade.

The traveler yet can mark the place,
Where high in air its ruins rise;
And 'mid the rocks the rills yet race,
While always smile the azure skies.

But long ere those proud walls of stone
Had crumbled at the touch of time,
There dwelt a knight to all well-known,
As coming from a noble line.

Though war-horse he no more could ride—
For Age had decked his head with white—
A son had he, the country's pride,
Whom Fame had dubbed the Crescent Knight.

Indeed he was a noble youth,
For his young life had long been given
To fight for justice, right and truth—
In shameful brawls he ne'er had striven.

When stern oppression swayed in might,
When tyrants ruled and despots sneered;
Then flashed his broad sword in the fight,
For his proud heart had never feared.

'Twas at the time when Eastern war,
For years had rolled its mighty wave;
And Christendom called forth afar,
Her warriors—the true and brave.

Long had the bold Crusaders fought,
The Savior's sepulchre to hold,
And thousands with their life-blood bought
That boon so dear to all of old.

The Christian pilgrim on his way,
That consecrated spot to view,
The Moslem Turk, in fell affray—
In cruel wanton murder slew.

Stern heroes fought, and Eastern fields
Were strewn with dead, both young and brave;
Till best of Europe's men and shields
'Neath Turkish sands had found a grave.

Then quivered all for blood athirst;
At home they felt the Moslem's dart;
Till last went England's Richard First,
COEUR DE LEON—the lion's heart.

His mighty deeds of valor, long
Were known among the bravest men;
And thousands led by arm so strong,
Repelled the boldest Saracens.

Such was the might this chieftain threw,
That all rushed forward to his stand;
For victory, all sages knew
Must follow that resistless brand.

But last great numbers took the field;
E'en more than Richard could withstand;
Till backward they in tumult reeled,
Hard pressed by ruthless Moslem bands.

Such were the times when our young Knight
Could silently no more behold,
Brave warriors laid low in fight,
And he in his own castle hold.

Spoke he "Now none shall stay secure
When Infidels our faith assail;
And heathen dogs bold men immure,
While Christians can no more prevail.

"All valient hearts are in the field,
In holy wars such ever fight;
My band shall go—the Moslems yield
Or I'm no more the Crescent Knight!"

Such were his words one morning bright
As shone the sun in softest gold;
When forth the groom led into sight,
An ebon steed of finest mold.

Straightway the castle doors swung back
Upon their creaking hinges old—
Now pranced the shining charger black,
For forth strode our young Knight so bold.

Upon his ample form he wore
A coat of mail; which shone so bright,
That from it, thrown far out before,
Were streams of dazzling amber light.

Above the closed drawn helmet high,
A plume of royal purple streamed;
While from his breast in brightest dye
A crimson cross of jewels gleamed.

On either gauntlet, in relief
Three Grecian mystic symbols stood,
Which would alone have shown him chief
Of his mysterious brotherhood.

Yet more; from off his Delta shield
There gazed the ever-searching eye;
Above two clasped hands which sealed
The bond of sweetest friendship's tie.

Beneath, around Hope's anchor small,
Shone forth four brilliant stars the same;
But high in massive gold o'er all,
There gleamed the Crescent of his name!

Ere to his saddle bow he sprang,
Long looked he on the sun so bright;
The draw-bridge fell with heavy clang;
Then rode he forth, the Crescent Knight.

Such were the men who, fired with zeal,
Fought in a cause to them the best;
Yielding their homes, their lives, their weal,
Glad to obey their high behest.

Where sleep the Crusades' warlike men,
Let modern cynics softly tread—
Fanatics fought in wars since then,
Whose graves are not so hallowed.

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[To be continued]

*The above poem was read at the National Convention in 1878.

SOME MORE ON MEMBERSHIP.

J. S. HARTZEL.

It is with sore displeasure and sad regret that we come across a page now and then, in which a line or two informs us that Bro. So-and-so, for this, or that, or the other reason had resigned, or that such a brother, having gone to such an institution, had taken his dismissal from the Fraternity. Both principle and conscience should everywhere deplore such a course of conduct, and seek to rectify the laxness which sometimes crops out here and there, on the point of membership, and the solemn engagement which constitutes membership. Each one should strive to defend in himself and in others the principle of membership.

We have views peculiar to ourselves, and we seek to justify ourselves through the CRESCENT—that dear journal—and, if possible, sow the seed for a better order of things. There may be differences of opinion, but, in the light of truth and right, they may be reconciled. It is true, *in the order of things*, men may resign, men may be expelled, men may do, and have done to them, this or that. But the question stands: On principle, on conscience, on character, on the moral law, in Christian ethics, are these things possible? We do not claim that suspension or expulsion may not be resorted to, in cases where this action becomes necessary to purify the Fraternity of men who have no shadow of a right to belong to it, or to purge it of immoral and unfaithful subjects, whose presence would seriously hinder the growth and prosperity, the character, honor and dignity of the Chapter or of the Order. But this is all that the Chapter can do; and the member, we claim, can ask or demand nothing but the continuance of the membership which he has enjoyed. To present our views, let us begin with a definition of membership, and on the basis of that, consider the different phases of our subject. In doing so, let it be borne in mind that our views are *peculiar* only as far as our own Fraternity is concerned; they are founded on the best secret societies, ancient and modern.

Membership (in the sense used and held by all fraternities that make their engagements and promises on the Bible, from the Masonic down) is an *organic* connection with a body of men legally constituted, initiated and consummated by a *solemn contract* made between the two contracting parties on the one hand and the neophyte and the Almighty on the other, binding him to keep the secrets and do those things which are the objects of the organization, and those which the organization, from time to time, in harmony with its rights and in pursuance of its good, may call for, and extending from the time the contract is made to the time when death severs all earthly relations and disannuls all earthly engagements.

This may seem a long definition for such a small

word, but it is the one all secret societies should recognize and adopt in their own defence and for their own good. It is not, we know, the definition which our Fraternity holds *in fact*, but *in spirit*, she and all others must endorse it. Inwardly we must all feel that it is the only one that, when acted upon, can guard the Fraternity. We all hope that each one may, for himself, adopt it and act upon its principle. Let us now apply it to the several cases possible, and see how this definition would affect and change the order of things, and with it our view or idea of *Fraternity*.

Resignation is most deeply affected by the definition, as it is an offer voluntarily made by the applicant for *papers*, to free himself from the binding force of a contract which he has voluntarily made. It is not in consistence with the spirit, the life, of the Fraternity, letting alone our definition, and, strictly speaking, is impossible. We take this stand on the plea that *man can not dissolve a contract made with God*. He has promised once, so he has promised forever. This brings us to conclude, *once a member, always a member*. If the relations between the petitioner and other members of the Chapter or the Chapter as a whole are exceedingly unpleasant, and if this unpleasantness is such as to mar the harmony of the Chapter and to bring upon it ruin, the first legislation should be to remove all ill-feeling, all discord. This should be insisted on. However, if this be impossible, *the offending party*, whether petitioner or not, should be declared on the roll of *ex-members*, and this be considered equivalent to resigning. The member is not justified in asking for a dismissal, and the Chapter is subject to condemnation if granting one. All resignations for any other reason, are impossible; for, and these so-called resignations should be granted only with this understanding, "the resignation dissolves all *active* connection between himself and the Chapter, but it does not at all affect his general relation with the Fraternity, or his obligatory duties as a Delta." Membership of a Chapter may be acted on as long as the Brother's graduation or prolonged absence does not retire his active fellowship, but membership of the Fraternity always remains inviolable. And again, "every attempt which may have for its object to compel a member, either by persecution or violence, to quit the rite to which he belongs, is contrary to the spirit and law of the Fraternity."

For any gross offence, an ex-member, or a member of the Fraternity at large, may be punished on the strength of his membership. But our remarks apply only to persons in active fellowship with the Order.

Suspension does not affect membership very seriously, for it does not deprive him of anything but participation in the deliberations of his Chapter. When a member has been suspended indefinitely he can be restored only by a vote of the body which suspended him; but when suspension is for a definite period, he is restored by the termination of that period, without any special action of his Chapter.

Expulsion is a punishment which should be resorted to only in extreme cases, and then after much hesitation. This is the only means by which the general membership can be broken, and carries with it much disgrace on the person so harshly disciplined. It "deprives him of all the rights and privileges which he ever enjoyed, not only as a member of a particular Chapter from which he has been rejected, but also of those which were inherent in him as a member of the Fraternity at large. He is at once as completely divested of his character as a Delta, as though he had never been admitted, so far as his rights are concerned, while his duties and obligations remain as firm as ever, it being impossible for any human power to cancel them." Thus it will be seen that after expulsion, and after resignation, as this is at present regarded, to enter another Fraternity is criminal, considered so not merely here below, but above. The different fraternities may have differences, but they are all College fraternities, and as such seek the ruin of their rivals, thus making it a crime in anyone to overstep his obligations and connect himself with another.

The absence of an active member from the meetings of his Chapter, is not in harmony with the spirit of the Fraternity. Each member should, and of necessity must, consider it a moral obligation to attend to the discharge of his duties and vows which he made on assuming his membership and which the Chapter continually requires of him, sickness or other unavoidable thing being the only excuse.

On the basis of our definition of membership, we wish to draw attention to the relation visiting brothers bear to the Chapter visited. If we, or anyone else, should visit "the boys" of Alpha, or any other Chapter, we, or the other Brother, would be received as a member of the Fraternity. Whether we were an active member of such or such a Chapter, or an ex-member of said Chapter, would be minor points; the Chapter would be another question. But we would bear relation to them as a member at large of the Fraternity. Except here now any case where the visit may be official, or in any way called by the *state of affairs*. We mean brotherly visits are not business calls. Our rights as a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity would have to be respected by them, and our duties and obligations as such a member would have to be respected by us. They would have to be put into play there as though we were in our own Chapter's hall. Our rights would have to be considered as though we were a regular member of the visited Chapter. But we have said enough. We have each one to continue the train of thought for himself and come to a proper conclusion.

It is at once known to *the knowing*, that our definition and the remarks based upon it are adverse to those held by the Fraternity. What *they* are need not be made public. But we are not to be judged in rebellion to our constitution. The views of our Fraternity are our

views as long as they are in force, and we shall defend them; but the foregoing are our private views and we hold them as views that rightfully and consistently ought to be held by the Fraternity and put in force. The Fraternity is too loose in her regard for the divine side of the oath and obligation, and too loose in her theories and practice. The chapters do not lay enough stress on membership, and do not impress the *deep* truth of it on their members. We have written with the intention of drawing attention to this side of the question and if we have done so we have gained our object.

THE DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY.

BY JAMES S. EATON.

XII PAPER.—CHAPTERS.

It is a remarkable fact at nearly every public performance, especially by the ladies, that the "Choctaws" are taken notice of, and an article attributed to them in the *Mosaic*, a paper always read at their select performances.

At the time of the wonderful disturbance with Captain Jack and others in the Lava Beds, an article was read from this paper in which we received mention. Many of the members appeared as characters in it, the names of whom, as designated by the ladies, were soon appropriated to the proper persons. It is unnecessary to say how long they retained them. I have scarcely any doubt but each one would recognize the signature of either of his companions should he be the happy recipient of a letter with it attached. From the list I will mention only one, namely: "Modoc Jim," whom many readers perhaps may recognize. Probably the above may account for the remark so often repeated by "outsiders," and others, "The Deltas are the life of the college."

As for scholarship, I have no reason to say that its members stand below the rest; college records will show this to their credit, notwithstanding all that may be said against them. In regard to the discharge of its duty as Alpha, you all know perhaps better than I can tell you. It has a splendid hall on one of the main streets of the city, superbly decorated with oil paintings and pictures, many of which are donations from alumni members. One donation in particular I feel it my duty to give special attention. That is a costly silver water-set presented to us while we were under the name of Delta, by W. Frank Pierce, of Erie, Pa., who was a member of Chapter Rho at Lake Shore Seminary, North East, Pa. Almost an entire speech might be written on this single chapter, but I do not wish to trespass further upon your patience. I am not just positive, but I think the first chapter established under its administration was the Alumni Chapter, at Pittsburgh, Pa., during the fall term of 1874. This chapter is com-

posed of various members from different colleges, but now residents in and about the city. This idea originated from some of the members who compose it, and decided at the convention held there previous to its founding. Soon after this measures were taken at Cincinnati, O., to start another of a similar character, and on Dec. 9th, 1874, a charter was sent them for that purpose. The prime movers in establishing this Alumni Chapter were B. F. Dimmick and W. C. Buchanan, both of the same city. Why these two chapters should not prosper I can not see any reason, if we are allowed to draw any inference from the name; though I have not heard from them in regard to this particular since I left college. As it was uncertain whether there was any chapter by the name of Omega, it was passed over, which brings next to our notice, Chapter *A. B'* organized February 6th, 1875, at Abingdon, Ill., by D. W. McNeal and C. C. Maynard, assisted by H. E. Allen, all members of Chapter Lambda, at Galesburg, Ill. At last accounts this chapter had secured a hall, and was prospering finely. Not long after this a letter was received from Ann Arbor, Mich., with the news that quite a number of members from different chapters were in attendance there, and had resolved to start a chapter. *B. B'* was established there early in the spring of 1875 by those gentlemen. A short time elapsed and another letter came to us from ——— addressed to H. O. Patch, of Warren, Ohio, stating that there were several gentlemen there who wished to join the Phi Kappa Psi, or Delta Tau Delta Fraternities. It happened however, that the gentleman who received the letter, was a Delta, and the letter was given to me. Any further preliminary remarks, as to which fraternity received this opportunity, are unnecessary.

Finding a vacancy in the alphabet, it seemed advisable that it should be filled, so Chapter Sigma, spoken of last as a chapter at Hillsdale, Mich., was founded at ——— College, ——— by L. Walker, of Alpha, Meadville, Pa. This chapter rose exceedingly fast, but what the hopes are for it to continue in this manner I would not like to say, as it is surrounded by a very unfavorable atmosphere. The convention held May 5th, 1878, at Meadville, Pa., was one of business, and needs no other paraphrase than the minutes of it, which I suppose are in the possession of almost every chapter. The last one of this series, from the first alumni chapter, for which I had the pleasure of filling out the charters, was Chapter Epsilon, formerly at Pittsburg, Pa., founded near the latter part of June, 1875, at Indianapolis, Ind., through the instrumentality of J. P. L. Weems, of Chapter Phi, Hanover, Ind. So far as I know, it is doing well and we hope to hear some promising reports from it as it grows older. During the succeeding fall term of college a few more chapters were organized, which I can scarcely more than mention, as I have already reached the limit to which I wish to carry the history, except to notice any striking incident that

may chance to occur prior to the convention. These chapters are as follows: *F. B'*, at Terra Haute, Ind., *A. B'*, at Iowa City, Iowa, and Omega, at Ames, Iowa. All of these for which vacancies can be found, I understand, were to be inserted in the new catalogue that came out the following year under different titles. If such is the case, these might serve to illustrate some of the sudden changes which we had occasion to notice in the former part of this chapter. Trusting this account of the various chapters of our brotherhood will prove satisfactory under the present circumstances, it might be profitable, and perhaps of some importance to consider next the extent of territory.

NOTICE OF EXPULSION.

At the stated meeting of Chapter Tau, of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, held on Saturday evening, December 14th, 1878, the following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS, Harvey E. Bartholomew, an initiate member of Chapter Tau, of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, has been guilty of conduct highly disrespectful and disloyal to the Fraternity, and—

WHEREAS, He has flagrantly violated his solemn Fraternity obligation, therefore be it

Resolved, That he be expelled from the Fraternity.

By order of Chapter Tau,

J. H. GEISSINGER, T. B.

QUALITY, NOT NUMBERS, DETERMINES THE STRENGTH OF A CHAPTER.

BY W. C. BEATTIE, OF CHI.

Some of the chapters appear to have the idea that a chapter must be *numerically* great, that its workings may be effective; if this were *true*, then Pi, Chi and Nu would be of so little importance that they would hardly be entitled to enough space in the CRESCENT for a chapter report, or to a vote in our conventions. No, this is an erroneous idea; it is not *numbers* but *quality* that determines the strength of a chapter.

Tau, one of the strongest chapters in the Fraternity, has an active membership of not more than ten, and yet her activity and stability of principles should cause some of the chapters that boast of a larger membership to blush with shame. It is only by continuous labor that success is ever attained. If *each* chapter in the Fraternity would enter into the work that is given her to perform, with a determination such as characterizes *some* of the chapters, we would soon make the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity one of the *noblest, grandest* fraternities in existence. Just let us compare our fraternity now, to what it was five years ago. We were then on the very verge of destruction—dissolution stared us in the face; other fraternities laughed at our distress; traitors

were discovered in our ranks; hope become almost extinguished; we had no Alpha, no government; we were in debt and without money; it seemed as though fate was against us and we were doomed to die, and had it not been for Delta—now Alpha—we would have been swept into oblivion, perhaps never to rise again. But Dame Fortune did not desert us entirely; our beloved Fraternity did *not* die. No, a few zealous, patriotic brothers lifted up our then feeble Fraternity; new life was breathed into her, and to-day she *proudly* and *triumphantly* holds her head among the best and oldest fraternities in the land. We may strive for position and for honors, that we may gratify our own selfish ambitions; but unless we work with a *patriotic* ambition, fired with brotherly love—love for our noble Fraternity—we can not hope to be successful in accomplishing those things which tend to make our Fraternity better and purer.

Every true Delta should promulgate, in every way in which he may be able, that which is for the welfare of the Fraternity. The CRESCENT has *done*, and is *now* doing, more towards advancing her interests than all other powers combined; it is the life-blood of the Fraternity; and as brothers that bow at a common shrine, we should give to it our entire support; every Delta should subscribe for it. The Fraternity news which it contains, alone, is worth three times the subscription price, and besides, it contains many choice literary productions; no other fraternity publishes a neater journal—a journal containing better written articles. We should take great pride in our paper and do all in our power to help it along. The Fraternity was never in a more prosperous and flourishing condition than it is now. I do not believe there is a weak chapter in the Fraternity; although I *do* think that some of them should arouse themselves so that their power might be felt outside of the confines of their chapters. The past two years have been replete with grand achievements and brilliant triumphs. Seven new chapters have been founded, the CRESCENT established, new life breathed into waning chapters, chapters everywhere have won new laurels, new propositions have been brought forth, improvements have been made, better plans devised, a grand convention held. Never before has the Fraternity made such rapid progress. We turn and look with pride over the short past. And what can we not yet do? A few more years of patient toil will place our grand old Fraternity upon a foundation so solid that storms can not harm her. "Barbarians" may assail her, but of no avail; other fraternities may cast their insults upon her but she will fling them back with scorn and indignation. We are now entering upon a new life. Even now the dawn is breaking in the east. A new decade of years is being ushered in. The golden rays of a brighter day are streaming in upon us. Victory is being emblazoned in letters of *gold* upon our *purple* banners. We are marching onward; the Delta

Tau Delta Fraternity is becoming known; her power is being felt; she is getting *better*, *GRANDER*, *NOBLER* than ever before. Then let us not become discouraged, or wane in our noble mission, but let us push forward and gather as we go only those things which tend to elevate, which tend to make us purer. Let the CRESCENT be built up and may it "grow and grow, until it becomes full." Let us make this year's work a grand success, and may we crown it with a grand convention. Yes; let it be the *greatest*, *grandest* and most glorious convention ever held by the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity; a convention where the brothers from east, west, north and south, may all meet together and weave laurel wreaths for our beloved brotherhood, is the earnest wish of a Delta of Chapter Chi.

THE GREEK WORLD.

A. K. E.'s smallest chapter is at Washington—Lee. It numbers three men.

Φ. Θ. Π. is the youngest society in the country, was founded at Marietta, and has 14 members.

B. Θ. Π. The next convention of this fraternity will assemble at Cincinnati, in September, 1879.

Θ. E. M. was the name of a fraternity now defunct. Its badge was a golden *E* surmounted by a green wreath.

A. Q. is a favorite name for little societies. One at Colby lasted four years; one at Stevens Institute one, and one at New York City College, two.

Φ. K. Ψ. only holds a convention once in two years. Its next will be held at Washington, D. C., February 1880, with their D. C. *A* at Columbian University.

Φ. K. Σ.'s latest chapter is at Long Island College Hospital. It is the *Ψ*, and is in keeping with the institution. *Φ. K. Σ.* admits ladies as honorary members.

Δ. Ψ. The 31st annual convention of this fraternity was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th. The University of Washington—Lee was the only chapter not represented.

Prof. Wood one of *B. Θ. Π.*'s honorary members is a bitter foe to fraternities. This shows the foolishness of admitting honorary members, and is a little hard on *B. Θ. Π.*

Σ. A. E., founded just before the war, has had thirty-six chapters. It has at present fifteen active and several alumni chapters. Its Grand Chapter is at Farmdale, Ky.

Θ. Δ. X. The government of *Θ. Δ. X.* is vested in a grand lodge of three members, two of whom are undergraduates, and the third an alumnus. The members of the lodge are elected annually by the Northern Convention.

B. Θ. Π. has reappeared at Ann Arbor. In January, 1865, its *A*. Chapter at Michigan University, joined the

Ψ. Υ., becoming the *Φ*. Chapter. At Western Reserve *B. Θ. Π.*'s *B*. Chapter bolted boldly to *Δ. Κ. Ε.* in 1868, forming the *B. Χ.* Chapter.

The following journals besides our own are published by fraternities. The *Chi Phi Quarterly*, at Monroe, N. C., the *Diamond*, by the Secretary of the *Ψ. Υ.*'s Executive Council, the *Phi Gamma Delta*, at Delaware, O., the *Beta Theta Pi*, at Delaware, O., and the *Scroll*, organ of *Φ. Δ. Θ.*, at Franklin, Ind.

Α. Σ. Χ. held its 7th annual convention at Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 26-28, under the auspices of the *Γ* Chapter, of Stevens Ins. Prof. Gunnison presided at the business meetings, and Mr. G. T. Baker, Commodore of the Cornell Navy, at the banquet on the evening of the 28th. The original intention was to hold the convention with *Z* Chapter, at Columbia, but owing to the split in that chapter the transfer had to be made. The next convention will assemble Oct. 21-23, 1879, at Cornell.

X. Φ. Although it is generally allowed that *K. Α.* is the oldest Greek fraternity, yet *X. Φ.* lays claim to the honor. 1821 is claimed as the year of its birth, and though no proof has been brought forward in support of this claim, its members declare that the governing chapter is in possession of papers and documents dating back to 1822 or 1823. This fraternity has had a rather curious history. Founded in 1824 at Princeton, it did not last long, and went out of existence in 1830. In 1854 a nephew of one of the founders, while looking through a pile of his uncle's papers came across some of the *X. Φ.*'s documents, and with his uncle's assistance, renewed the fraternity the same year. In 1856, when the first mutterings were heard of the storm brewing against the fraternities at Princeton, the fraternity's new protectors transferred the charter to Franklin and Marshall, which thus became the headquarters. In the mean time, in 1858, at the University of North Carolina, another and totally different fraternity of the same name was organized, and still a third at Hobart, in 1860. In 1865 the Hobart and the Franklin and Marshall fraternities joined hands, and vested their government in the graduate chapter (*X. Φ.* Chapter) in New York City. In 1874, the Southern society was absorbed, and a good many of its chapters killed, the government still remaining with the New York graduate chapter.

WHILE in Pittsburgh during the holidays we had the pleasure of meeting one of the Gamma's sons, Bro. Albert H. Wilson, who is now in the drug business in East Pittsburgh. Although Bro. Wilson is deeply engrossed in his business, which, we are glad to say is paying him handsomely, he is a wide awake Delta and continues to support his old Fraternity in a manner in which it would be well for every alumnus to follow.

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THE IOTA received the prize badge, having sent in twenty-six subscribers.

D. F. KENDALL, who left the Psi last term to enter Ann Arbor, thought he could best enhance our interests by joining the Zeta Psis.

OUR New York jeweler is turning out some beautiful work. His Delta shirt studs and scarf pins are the finest specimens of fraternity jewelry we have seen.

WE have very flattering prospects of establishing chapters at Yale and one other of the leading colleges of America. We will have more to say on this subject before long.

ALPHA has procured her new coat-of-arms; also a new general Fraternity cut, similar to the old one. They are both very neat and were obtained through our Fraternity jeweler at New York.

BRO. HARTZEL'S article, "*Some More on Membership*," appears this number. Every frater should read it. It is fraught with good thoughts, and displays care in its preparation.

THE *Diamond*, the organ of the Psi Upsilon, is a neat little four-paged monthly published by an alumnus of that Fraternity. It is very good as far as it goes; that is there is enough of it such as it—we mean that the Psi U's should and could do better.

WE received a letter from Bro. Weems a short time ago, in which we learned that he and Sister Weems are getting along nicely in their new relation. They quar-

rel over one thing only. Every month when the CRESCENT reaches them the hair flies for a short time till the contest decides who shall read it first.

WE published the Delta Song in the January number, not knowing to whom to credit it. We have since learned that it was written by Bro. James A. Porter, of the Iota. Bro. Porter was of the class of '77 and was a delegate to the Convention in 1877.

An invitation to a Bar Social to be held in the office of Bro. Jno. C. Talcott, Jefferson, O., has been received; also a gentle admonition to "eat little before coming." Accept thanks, Johnnie! Oh! would that we were not so far distant! How quickly we would embrace the opportunity and thee!

WE have received several letters from subscribers who claimed that they had failed to receive their paper for the month of January. We will say that in every case the papers have been sent and the fault is not with us. However we always wish those who fail to receive their papers at the proper time to write to us immediately, and they will be sent by return mail.

A FEW weeks ago we visited Bro. Gibson, of the Eta Beta Prime. We found in him a zealous brother and genial companion. He reports his Chapter in fine condition, and every member a subscriber for the CRESCENT. Bro. Gibson graduates in June and will immediately enter on the study of law with his father, who is a prominent lawyer of Pittsburgh.

BRO. MATHEY, of the Rho, very kindly presented Alpha with a large crayon sketch of the Fraternity coat-of-arms. It was on exhibition at the Meadville Loan Exhibition and was universally admired. The work on it is very fine, looking very much like work in India ink. It is now neatly framed and occupies a prominent place on the wall of Alpha's chapter room.

EACH chapter should be considering any amendments to the constitution which they deem proper. The time will soon arrive when these proposals for amendment must be forwarded to the proper authorities. If any of the subordinate chapters wish any matters especially remedied now is the time to express their needs. If the alumni are interested in the founding of alumni chapters or any other matters of interest, "now is the accepted time."

GREEK SOCIETIES are strictly American institutions. The universities of Germany and England look with contempt upon American colleges because they have Greek societies connected with them. Although they have no so-called Greek societies in Europe, each university of high standing has connected with it local so-

cieties, which take the place of the American college fraternities. We fail to appreciate the spirit that will enable a German student to point the finger of scorn at our American colleges simply because they have Greek societies associated with them, when he, at the same time, is sipping his beer in the University club room.

THE first number of volume one of *The Phi Gamma Delta* lies on our table. It shows more zeal and energy than neatness and knowledge of Greek societies. It is a twelve-page monthly, the pages being somewhat smaller than those of the CRESCENT. It is published at Delaware, Ohio, by W. F. McDowell. We admire the energy this Fraternity manifests in its endeavors to raise itself from the weak and crippled condition in which it was left at the close of the late war. Most of her best chapters were located in the Southern States, and hence the rebellion sapped from the Gammas their very life-blood. Every effort we recognize on the part of this Fraternity to rise from its helpless condition can not help but receive our hearty well-wishes and God speed. It should receive the support of the Order in whose interests it is published.

THE Catalogue Committee are hard at work revising and compiling for the new catalogue which is to appear next spring. A few of the chapters are behind in sending in their lists of members. As yet not one of the chapters has sent in its coat-of-arms. This is a matter that should not be neglected. Much depends upon the individual effort of each chapter to make this catalogue what it should be, viz: a credit to our Fraternity. At our suggestion in the January number, the Tau made an extra assessment of twenty-five cents per member for the benefit of the Catalogue fund and forwarded the amount immediately. Alpha has followed suit. Who shall be next? The Catalogue fund is not near large enough to publish such a book as the emergency demands. One glimpse at the Phi Delta Theta catalogue will convince any brother that our Fraternity should be done publishing catalogues with a paper back. As long as we publish a catalogue on a par with such fraternities as the Phi Delta Theta and a host of others, we can not expect other than to be classed with them by the world at large.

THE time is drawing near when each Chapter should begin to consider matters pertaining to our next convention. The election of delegates and the necessary expenses should be duly considered. It was decided at the last convention, held in Akron, O., that the next one should be held at Put-in-Bay. At the time of choosing this location there was a magnificent hotel at Put-in-Bay, which has burned down since. The committee having the matter in hand are considering the advisability of changing the place of meeting, and if they decide on any change, the Fraternity will be notified in time.

We have always thought that August was a bad time to hold a Convention. We have the experience of other fraternities which have tried the summer vacation as a time for holding conventions, and their failures should be a warning to us. It is much easier for the majority of students to be absent a few days from college during term time to attend a convention than it is to leave home and their summer engagements for the same purpose.

In the October number we said that if we saw we were running behind financially we would skip one number of our paper and thereby save forty dollars. The time came when we saw that we must exercise the strictest economy and most careful judgment to keep us from financial embarrassment, and hence we decided that we must skip *one* number, if not two. Every Delta can not help but admit that the CRESCENT is a good thing and ought to be properly supported. Yet many of the chapters have sent us not a single subscriber, and many of those who have subscribed have not sent us the money. Alpha is willing to do all in her power for the best interests of the Fraternity, as her past record will show, still there is a limit to her powers. She can not publish a Fraternity journal at her own expense and furnish it free to every member, and we know our brothers will not expect such a thing of her; yet if all the chapters would act in this matter as *some* of them are acting, our burden would be truly greater than we could bear. Come to the front, brother Deltas, and by us in our efforts to enhance the interests and stand growth of our Delta Tau.

OUR Fraternity is lacking in one very important particular. It makes no provision for the establishment of alumni chapters. There is no doubt but this is a subject that has been sadly neglected in the legislation of our conventions. Many of the leading fraternities have large and active alumni chapters, and receive from them their most cogent inspirations and support. Others are awaking to their need in this direction and are taking active steps towards a remedy. In the early days of our history we did not stand so much in need of graduate chapters as at present. When we compare the list of active members to those who have left their chapter houses in which they will never again take an active part, we find that the latter number far exceeds the former. The potent question now is, what shall become of our alumni? Shall they go out from their chapter houses and leave behind them all the interests and stirring needs of their chapter to those who remain, and take nothing with them save the hallowed memories of the past? We say, no. In every city where we have alumni there should be established a chapter, the workings of which would necessarily be somewhat different from the college chapters, yet of such a nature as would keep aglow their interest and

hearty co-operation with the Fraternity at large, and at the same time keep its members united by all the motives of a brotherhood that kneel at a common shrine. What order of men can have higher or nobler motives than animate the heart of a true Delta. Surely an order, whose aim it is to enhance the social, intellectual and moral qualities of its members, could meet with as much success in the outside world, as we collegians term it, as those financial and political organizations, whose motives are chiefly of a selfish nature, and whose membership is composed of men of different feelings and aspirations, such as chiefly compose such orders. Have we any reason to doubt that the same aspirations that fired the breasts of a body of students while in the formative period of their lives will be different when they are thrown into the active and busy scenes of life? No. They can meet on the same plane after they have left their college halls, as no other body of men can. Their bonds in college will tend to unite them more closely by a feeling of sincere friendship, and their meetings will tend to keep in remembrance the dearest memories of the past. We might add that all the benefits accruing to the collegian could be secured to the alumnus; and that dissimilar occupations in life and the different position occupied by the student and the man of the world, need not necessarily stand opposed to the consummation of our principle; because the principles that actuate the true Delta and the man of business are the same that rule all human action. We think that when the Fraternity is once aroused to this subject it will see its feasibility and act accordingly. There are many arguments in its favor and none opposed.

NOTICES TO CHAPTERS.

—Let each chapter consider the subject of Fraternity colors, for a change of our Fraternity color will doubtless be considered at our next convention.

—All subscriptions must be paid before the 1st of April. Let every chapter that is behind in this matter attend to it at once. We are in need of funds, and can not run our paper without them.

—Those chapters that are not able to purchase a coat-of-arms for their own private use, and in the publication of the catalogue, can at least order through the Alpha an electrotype of the general fraternity crest, which will not cost much.

—Many of our subscribers have written us that the Chapter Report Department of the CRESCENT was the most interesting portion of our paper. We wish to make this department not only interesting and instructive to our members, but of such a nature that it will speak well for our Fraternity to any who may read our paper. This is doubtless an important department, and one which depends entirely upon our Assistant

Editorial Staff. It will be just what they make it. We trust that each corresponding secretary will make it his duty to send us a letter for publication every month, containing personals and other matters that have transpired during the month.

—We intend that the CRESCENT shall be purely a *fraternity* journal, and shall always endeavor to fill its pages with matter pertaining only to fraternity. We wish all our poetry to be of a fraternity nature, and heartily encourage the writing and publication of all Delta songs and poetry. If any brother has any poetry of this nature we request him to send it to us for publication. If any Chapter has any songs we also wish them for publication, in order that the entire fraternity may become acquainted with, and learn to sing them. After perusing carefully the Tau's ritual, we think they ought to furnish some excellent poetry, if their sons are true to her teachings.

CHAPTER REPORTS.

ALPHA LOCALS.

- Twenty-four members this term.
- Ask Gil. Nodine about *that valentine*.
- Decker finds the *country air* very refreshing and beneficial to his health.
- Bro. Bruce made a short visit to his home in New Sheffield, Pa., last month.
- College Hill is the popular place for coasting this winter. The Editor in Chief can tell you about it.
- The difficult German lessons which the advanced class are now having call forth an immense amount of profanity from "Melica Man."
- The mustaches of the "Cohosh Senators" are thriving luxuriantly. At present writing Sol's is ahead. We advise them to take a fresh start.
- The late arrival of a barrel of choice Ohio apples has made glad the hearts of the occupants of Room 58. Bro. C. C. Chryst is hereby notified that we will be ready for *another barrel* about the first of March.
- The College Glee Club is what they call it. Organized for the purpose of furnishing the college with melodious strains. Bros. Mitchell and Decker are active members of said club.
- While out sleigh-riding recently Bros. Nodine and Chryst met with an accident. The horse becoming frightened at the cars upset the cutter and ran away leaving the boys very mad, but with no broken bones.
- The sympathies of the Chapter are with Bro. Homer Mosier in his heavy affliction caused by the sudden death of his brother Will. The deceased was a former member of Alpha and always took an active interest in the Fraternity. Our members attended the funeral in a body.

—Bro. Frank Nodine has returned from Cleveland, where he has been attending medical lectures. Frank goes into Dr. Lashell's office again. We are glad to welcome him back to Meadville and wish him unlimited success in his profession.

—Bro. John White, '78, paid us a short visit last month. The boys were as glad to see John as he was to get back again. He returned to Pittsburgh by the way of Warren, Ohio, stopping off at that place to visit Dave Jameson.

—Bro. John Adams is not in college this term on account of poor health. He was dangerously ill through January, but has recovered and is now able to attend to his numerous duties. He is connected with the *Daily Reporter* as local editor but will attend to his work on the CRESCENT with the same zeal and fidelity which he has always manifested toward it.

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

NOTES FROM THE TAU.

'79 opens auspiciously.

A historical sketch of the chapter is being prepared for the next number of the CRESCENT.

Rev. George M. Zacharias, Gamma '72, Tau '77, paid us a flying visit early in January, bringing with him the youngest son of retiring Governor Hartranft, whom he is preparing for college.

Max Dumstrey, Seminary '79, has completed the Delta Tau Delta Polka, and a march dedicated to Chapter Tau, both of which he has sent to Ditson & Co., Boston, for publication.

Will Miller, formerly of '79, has come back with health regained to enter '80, the banner class for Deltas at F. and M. Will is a true lover of the imperial purple, and one of the strong men of his chapter, and his return gives us new courage in the warfare we are fated to wage with the hostile Greeks and additional ignorant barbarians about us.

While passing his vacation at home in Philadelphia, Bro. "Bug" Mayberry had the pleasure of seeing face to face, Bros. Ruff and Calvert, of Pi, and Bro. John Lawfer, of Allentown, was interviewed by the boys of Tau who live in and about Reading, Pa. It's one of the pleasantest pleasures we wot of, to meet thus with such hale fraternal fellows, and we heartily wish we could all do it oftener.

During Christmas vacation, Tau's Sigma Alpha met, at Huntingdon, Pa., Brother Hamaker, newly elected T. B. of Gamma, and Brother Hilgard, formerly of Rho, now Assistant Supervisor on the Middle Division P. R. R. Brother Hamaker reports things in a flourishing condition at Washington and Jefferson—several good men were initiated last term, and "work in earn-

est" is to be the watchword of the Gamma Greeks in the new year just started. Brother Hilgard was a charter member of the chapter at Hoboken, but was not in active relation to the Fraternity long enough to become intimately acquainted with its workings. He retains a warm love for it, however, continues to wear his badge, and is always pleased to hear of the welfare of Delta Tau Delta.

The Goethean Literary Society of F. and M. has cast its honors upon Deltas this year to the utter routing of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ and $\Phi. K. \Sigma.$, and the especial discomfiture of $X. \Phi.$ Reiser, Bausman and Elliot, all of '80, have been elected orators, and Geissinger, of '80, poet for the Society's Forty-third Anniversary, to be held in Fulton Opera House, Lancaster City, in May. In the Diogenesian Society, Snyder, Delta Tau Delta, '82, with a full score of "the class's emeralds" competing, carried off the Prologue, the only Freshman honor ever bestowed.

J. H. GEISSINGER.

Lancaster, January 15.

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

THE IOTA BETA PRIME.

ADRIAN, Mich., February 1st, 1879.

The State Inter-Collegiate Contest, of Michigan, occurred at this place yesterday. The event was long looked forward to by the students of Adrian College as one which would be full of happiness, a hope that was not disappointed.

Only three of the colleges belonging to the Association (Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, and Adrian) were represented.

Extensive arrangements were made at the college for the entertainment of our friends from the visiting colleges, but when the train arrived at 4 o'clock, p. m., we found ourselves disappointed in the number of our guests. We confidently expected a hundred visitors from Hillsdale College, and a pretty good number from Kalamazoo, but found that together their numbers were less than a hundred.

Immediately upon the arrival of our visitors they responded to the invitation of a committee, sent part way to meet them, and came to the college. A few minutes after the arrival at the college, a feeling of hearty fellowship showed itself on all sides, and made the moments that were spent in waiting for supper, very enjoyable. When the invitation to supper was given, two hundred students and professors with some of the friends of our college, proceeded to the college Dining Hall, where, before being seated, the good old song, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," arose from the happy multitude.

The supper was prepared through the aid of the ladies of the city, and the tables were waited upon by them. All united in pronouncing the supper a grand

success. After supper the guests were invited to visit the several buildings of the college, which were illuminated for the occasion.

After the tour through the buildings was ended, all departed for the Opera House in the city, where the contest exercises were held.

The programme consisted of three orations and three essays, interspersed with music. The successful contestant in oratory was Charles W. Barber, of Kalamazoo; the successful essayist, Miss Luella Pierce, of Hillsdale College. Though the essayist and the orator of our own college failed we had no reason to be ashamed of our representatives. The whole programme was good. When the decision of the judges had been pronounced, President McElroy presented to the successful orator three volumes of Prescott's "Conquest of Mexico," and to the successful essayist, "Ferdinand and Isabella," by the same author. Soon there was hurrying for the train, and a day enjoyed intensely by us was ended. It was not the least of the pleasures of the Deltas of Adrian to have met among our friends of Hillsdale some who recognized the badge of the Fraternity, and to have grasped their hands as brethren. All the boys of our chapter were glad to have met the brethren, and are ever ready to welcome their return. We wore our badges for the first time on that day, and are now awaiting the action of the faculty, but anticipate no serious trouble.

Fraternally,

S. W. MARGERUM.

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

THE LAMBDA.

Bro. C. C. Jones is practicing law at Henry, Ill.

Lambda has just a baker's dozen of attorneys if we count rightly.

Bro. E. M. Chamberlain was, at last accounts, teaching in Ottawa, Kan.

Bro. Chas. E. Hoyt is part proprietor of a grocery store in Lacon, Ill.

Several young gentlemen undoubtedly think that they have shown Lambda conclusively where "Rome" is. Gentlemen, wait!

Bros. O'Donnell and McNeal, at Cherokee, Iowa, are now in partnership; Attorneys, Brokers, and Real Estate Agents.

Bro. John M. Shields, Barry, Ill., who is teaching this Winter, will, in the Spring, re-enter the agricultural implement business.

Bro. Frank C. Mariner is reading law at Bushnell, Ill. We are glad to know that he contemplates the completion of his college course.

Bro. Thad. McDonald has a little daughter, and her

name is *Delta*, in honor of our grand society, and an honor it is, too. Hurrah for "old Mc," ye alumni.

With the month of February, Chapter Lambda celebrates its twelfth anniversary, as an organization; and this year marks the decade of its existence as one of the component parts of the Delta Tau Delta. Her position is gratifying, and her members, many of them scattered far and wide, and occupying positions of prominence and trust in the communities in which they reside, have no cause to be ashamed of her past career. Her life has been short, yet it has extended through half the entire period of our Fraternity's existence. May the next decade witness even greater conquests on her part than the past. Work has been our motto in the past, and work it must be still, and with that invincible determination to conquer that all true Deltas should possess, with confidence in the honor and glory of our cause, with hearty sympathy, encouragement and aid from our alumni, we shall go forth "conquering and to conquer."

At the present writing (the middle of January) several chapters of the Fourth Division have not yet sent in the fall term reports. This certainly is not as it should be, and puts the Grand Chapter and Alpha to much unnecessary inconvenience and trouble. If our chapters would always be prompt in fraternity business it would make the too often dull, monotonous duties of the Grand Division Secretaries far more agreeable and pleasant.

Lambda has got a chapter hat which is unique and noticeable—in fact it can be distinguished a mile away—more or less. H. S. L.

THE EPSILON BETA PRIME.

At the close of the fall term the Epsilon Beta Prime had 11 active and three resident members, having initiated four this fall. Her prospects for the winter term are flattering, and her number will, in all probability, be still further increased. She graduates four this year. Her opposition is in the shape of the Φ , Γ , Δ , and Ψ , Δ , Θ .

THE OMEGA.

AMES, IOWA, Jan. 15, 1879.

Some time ago our chapter instructed me to prepare a few notes for the CRESCENT. Owing to the cares incident upon settling down to the winter's work until now I have been unable to do so.

Unfortunately our college closes just when the interests of Deltaism most need it. Omega, consequently, to many, seems inactive, because little is known of us. However, we survive, and are flourishing. Last March we began the year with eight members, and closed in November with seventeen. During the year we initiated eight men and welcomed Bro. Whitney from XI

to our meetings. We have no fraternities to fight, and no trouble to get all the men we choose. Next March we start with five Seniors, six Juniors, and one Sophomore. Last commencement we graduated five, making a total of twenty-four out of forty-nine initiated since the founding of the chapter in 1875. We meet every second Friday evening, and always expect every active member to respond to roll call.

Though we have no opposing fraternities here, we have a friend in Chapter Nu of the I. C. Sorosis—a secret society among the ladies. Last commencement we held our second annual re-union with them in the Crescent Hall. Though only friends of the members of the two societies were admitted, we were favored with a large and earnest audience. At its close many were heard to remark that they had enjoyed it more than the graduating exercises of the afternoon. During the exercises Bro. Hitchcock presided for us, and Florence Brown performed a like service for the IC's. The programme was made up from the two societies, and was as follows: Greetings, Bro. Glenn, and Belle Woods; Poem, "The True and the Beautiful," Bro. Martin; Essay, "Words," Carrie Lane; Music, duet, "Do You Remember;" Declamation, "The Polish Boy," Bro. Muncey; Poem, "Light at Eventide," Emma McHenry; Valedictory, Bro. Hainer; Music, duet, "Land of the Swallows." At the close of the exercises we adjourned to the dining hall to partake of the annual commencement supper, each feeling that Deltaism was not dead in our chapter yet, though it be in an Agricultural College.

'76. Bro. Moyer is at last heard from as married and settled down in Marshall Co.

'76. Bro. Garard, Principal of the Ames School, is our only resident alumnus.

'79. Information concerning the whereabouts of a small boy answering to the name of J. M. Waugh, is wanted by our S. A. When last heard from, though very ill (at ease), he had started for home. Since that time all efforts to learn his whereabouts have been of no avail. Fears are entertained that evil has befallen him.

L. L. M.

THE CHI.

MT. PLEASANT, Iowa, Feb. 13, 1879.

To the Editor of the Crescent:

Bro. C. L. Velde, by returning to college this term, has increased the membership of Chi from three to four.

Chi will be augmented soon if—well, I will write more about it again.

In the language of a member of the faculty, "Mr. Wycoff delivered one of the finest orations that was delivered at the Senior exhibition."

Chi indulged her sons in an oyster supper on the night of the 22d.

Bro. Will M. Carlton will lecture at Burlington, Ia., soon. Since Burlington is but twenty-eight miles distant, some of the boys may go and hear him.

The Sigma Alpha had the pleasure of visiting the Lambda at the close of the last term. Lambda is a solid chapter, and her sons evidently understand the art of making a visiting brother enjoy himself.

Fraternally,

W. C. BEATTIE.

ALUMNI NEWS.

W. B. King, of Eta, is reading law at Ravenna, O.

John S. Vancleve is a Professor of Music at Newport, Ky.

John H. Grow is a Professor in Ohio Wesleyan University.

R. F. Payne, Jr., of Eta, is reporting for the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

E. H. Koester has removed his law office to the lively little oil city of Bradford, Pa.

The junior member of the firm of Henlin & Son, attorneys, Bradford, Pa., is a Delta.

W. M. Bemus, M. D., of Alpha, can be found or addressed at No. 9, East Third St., Jamestown, N. Y.

B. F. Dimmick is in Cincinnati, First Avenue, Avondale. We send him our sympathy for the loss of his child.

O. F. Nodine, who has been attending the Cleveland Medical College, has returned to Meadville to finish his studies.

C. F. Iddings, '77, is in the express business in Deadwood, Dacotah Territory. He contemplates a speedy return to the States and to the study of law.

Jos. H. Roberts is teaching at Sloan Station, Jefferson Co., O. His many friends will be glad to hear that he makes as good a husband as teacher. Go ahead, uncle Joe, and may you bear fruit fit for the harvest.

SIGMA. O. F. Waddle is still at his home in Wellsburg, W. Va., and captain of the ferry boat at that point. He intends to enter upon the study of law before long. Waddle will make a good lawyer, although he distinguished himself as a preacher while in college.

J. N. White laid his law books aside for a couple of weeks, and came up to visit his chums at college. John is always heartily welcomed by the boys of Alpha, and the young ladies of Meadville.

Bro. O. P. Sperra, our dignified Justice of the Peace, and a rising young lawyer, of Ravenna, O., dropped in to see us a few days ago, and as we looked into his jovial face we almost thought we heard again his eloquent words replying to the toast of "Welcome" in the banquet hall of our last convention. We endeavored to show him the city, but we are afraid we failed signally, so come again, Sperra, and we'll show you *the rest* of it.

OBITUARY.

Again, with deep sorrow, we are called upon to chronicle the death of a brother of our chapter, Mr. Will J. Mosier, who died very suddenly, with typhoid fever, at Philadelphia, where he had been attending medical lectures. He was a young man of fine abilities, a true Delta, a generous friend, a loving son, and a kind brother. His loss will be greatly felt by all who knew him, but let us hope that what is our loss is his gain, since it has pleased the Omnipotent to call him to the silent land.

It is seemingly sad for a young person, just on the verge of the prime of life, endowed with position, education, money, everything that makes life happy and death terrible, with his heart throbbing full of hope, predicting a bright and happy future, with but a few short hours of warning, to be rushed from time to eternity. Too true! too true! "We know not the day nor the hour which the Lord thy God cometh and taketh away the son of man." But we rejoice that something is ever present to our view which the revelations of time cannot affect, nor the waves of eternity destroy. Earthly dynasties totter and fall; earthly potentates must lay down their scepters, and the regal head "must lay low as ours;" but the throne of the Infinite All-wise Sovereign is fixed and can never be moved; change can never reach it. "Hope carries us through, nor quits us when we die." Let us hope then that away in that distant land, He has prepared a place for His chosen people. We must all bow to the mysterious and inscrutable ways of Divine Providence, believing that He doeth all things well, and in His mercy, justice and wisdom. When the mighty angel shall declare that time is and was, but is no more, and we pass in review before Him, let us hope that He will reward each of us with the glorious medal of His divine approval.

Then, brothers, let us make our lives such that when the angel of death shall knock at our doors we can meet him with that spirit of calmness and abiding faith that are only the results of a life well spent.

TO WILL.

A rose unfolding in the summer light,
Grew fair and promising unto the sight,
And held its leaves spread in the fragrant air,
A thing of promise, beautiful and fair.
Alas! how soon it drooped its crimson head
And parted from the stem, withered and dead.
An icy blast destroyed the fragile thing,
And all its budding promises took wing;
And thus our brother, on whose pathway bright
Hope shed its beams with soul-alluring light,
Has left us, and his cold remains are seen
A sad contrast to what he would have been.
Oh, Providence! Thy ways are dark and drear,
Hope fades away, and joy is turned to fear,
Secure to-day, to-morrow we may fall,
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