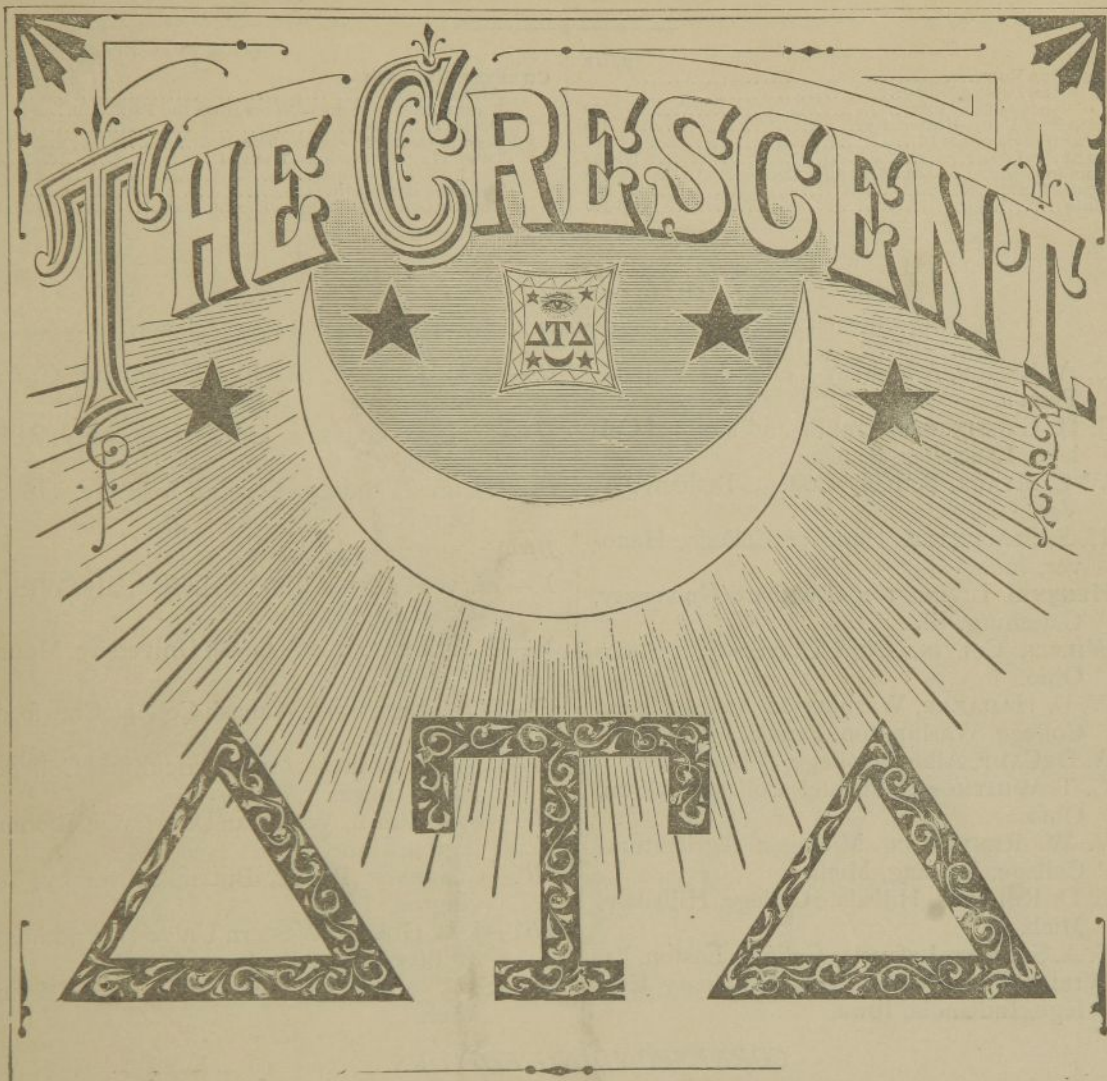


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OUR VOW.

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TUNE—*Lauriger Horatius.*

O Delta Tau, our Delta Tau!
Thy vow hath made us brothers now;
Each looks to each, and cares all flee,
Each looks to each, and blesses thee!

CHORUS—O, Delta Tau, thy sacred vow
Binds us a band of brothers now;
Within thy walls live ever peace,
And may thy Crescent still increase!

Bard after bard hath sung in praise
Of glorious, happy college days;
We sing our vow—its spell will last
When other student joys are past.

O, Delta Tau, thy sacred vow
Binds us a band of brothers now;
Thy Four Fair Stars fraternal blaze
Forever, with benignant rays!

Wherever go our wandering feet,
Whatever weal or woe we meet,
Fond mem'ry to the spot will turn
Where bright thy altar-fire doth burn.

O, Delta Tau, thy sacred vow
Binds us a band of brothers now;
Burn ever clear thy altar flame,
Which still we feed in friendship's name.

Fair Delta Tau, proud Delta Tau,
Unbroken be our sacred vow!
Thy mystic watchwords ever be
The guard of our fraternity!

O, Delta Tau, thy sacred vow
Binds us a band of brothers now;
Bright be thy stars, thy sky be peace,
And may thy crescent still increase.

THE DELTA CHORUS.

BY CHAS. M. SNYDER, OF THE ALPHA.

I'm a Delta! I'm a Delta!
And my mind exults in perfect rest,
For I know within each loyal breast
Our brotherhood endures.
We are happy! yes, we're happy!
Hear our laughter with its honest ring,
And the chords vibrate as the Deltas sing
The songs of Delta Tau.

Then come, come away,
And let the world wag as it will.
Let earth's joys decay,
But we'll be true and faithful still.
Ours is happiness
That never feels the world's alloy,
And our hearts express
The bliss that is too sweet to cloy.

Sing, oh! sing our loyal greeting!
Sound your voices full and free,
As becomes all brothers meeting
In our dear Fraternity.

We are loyal! and we feel it!
There's a chord that binds us each to each
With a friendship that ne'er knew a breach,
Ne'er felt a moment's pang.
We'll be faithful! yes, be faithful!
To a brother striving for his goal,
With an upright heart and an earnest soul,
We'll lend a helping hand.

Then join hand in hand,
And let our souls commingle here.
We're an earnest band,
And strangers to a craven's fear.
Here let's make a vow
That we'll be honest, firm and true,
And for Delta Tau
We will our loyalty renew.

Sound the words full and sonorous,
Delta Tau Delta are they;
And repeat throughout the chorus,
Delta Tau Delta away.

SONGS OF THE IOTA.

BY C. J. STRANG.

I.

We are a band of Delta boys,
With Delta hearts for Delta joys,
With Delta hands those joys to make
In all we plan and undertake.

Band of Deltas, band of Deltas,
A band of Deltas tried and true.

True worth is every Delta's goal,
The worth of mind and heart and soul;
To these alone he's dutiful—
The good and true and beautiful.
The beautiful, the beautiful,
The good and true and beautiful.

II.

Hail worthy Greeks of modern time;
Hail knights not clad in plates of steel,
Who strive for principle sublime
As that which kindled storied zeal.

Hail chosen few from honor's band,
To lead to happiness and fame,
May wisdom guide each willing hand,
And virtue be each true knight's aim.

CHORUS—Modern Greeks, Delta knights,
Here each to each his friendship plights,
And for the common cause unites
To forward our fraternal rights;
Oh, such sights, such pure delights
As cluster round our Delta heights.

THE DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY.

BY JAMES S. EATON.

CHAPTER VI.

XIV PAPER.—*Summation.*

This will give us an aggregate of thirty-two chapters, which includes the seven mentioned before as extinct, (some have since been re-organized,) though numbered with the rest in the catalogue of 1874, but leaves out of account a great number from which the charters were withdrawn previous to this. Taking only the present active chapters, we have twenty-five, destined, no doubt, to increase their number to equal any of our sister fraternities that may have a greater, before many years. But that should not be our only aim. Let us continue to strengthen and build them up with still firmer foundations, that every zephyr which occasionally blows over may not bring with it a requiem for their departure. Remember that striving simply to gain a large number and to extend over a vast amount of territory is not of so much importance as some would argue. We have even now a membership that will compare very favorably with any other of the same age and a basis on which we can cope admirably with them, but make it stronger, brothers. Make every part of the structure secure and substantial as we proceed, and may the bonds of affection be composed of links of truest love; then *Eccelsior* awaits us at the top.

CHAPTER VIII.—CHARACTER.

This has always been of a high type in Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Though there may be much at times to be reprov'd, yet the general cast of the fraternity is to cultivate a higher manhood. It does not follow from judgments made up from exceptional cases, that the principles of the organization are the same. We are fallible creatures, liable to wander away into forbidden paths however stringent may be the rules and inculcations for better precepts. He who would so unsparingly criticise the perceptible weakness in others, had better first look around him and see how many eyes are intently fixed upon his own; making repeated memoranda which he himself would blush to hear repeated. Whatever may be said against, or whatever fault found with us as members of such an organization, bear in mind that the truth and right will prevail. Adhere firmly to these and all else will avail but little to lower the standing of character. You all know how much easier it is for persons to find fault with others, than it is to find fault with themselves. It is an old saying, that "every one has his faults," and it naturally follows that we have our share as well as other persons,

but be careful as to the offensive and degrading. When you meet a person who is continually pointing out the defects of others, mark that person, and see whether he has not faults peculiar to himself, but be guarded well that you do not acquire the same habit. It will not require much investigation to find one very prominent, of which he is perhaps entirely unconscious, and that is, the liability of this very habit of making careless remarks about others, starting a report detrimental to the character of the person of whom they were spoken. If a young man is guilty of misdemeanors, and indulges in such habits as he himself knows to be degrading, then he must bear the penalty and insults that may be cast upon him, and not the organization to which he belongs. It is frequently said of fraternities, that they shield and protect such subjects, and therefore they lump the whole mass and send them off in the same boat. This is generally considered an argument against them, but whatever weight there may be in it, those who advocate it do not take into account the endeavors and counsels of the fellow members with such a brother, to persuade and keep him from debauchery. Sorry to say, but similar incidents sometimes happen in family relations of which there are none closer or dearer that bind man to man. I ask the advocates of the former whether they would include the honest, pious parents of a profligate son on the same level with him, and look upon all with the same contempt? If so, I would just drop a word of caution that they be careful in the selection of the subjects, lest they come too near their own borders. It is often asserted that fraternities engender party feelings. That may be, and what if it does? Opposition is the life of trade. The same thing will exist anyhow, and often rise to a high degree where there are no fraternities, and frequently does it occur in the relations mentioned above, then why oppose them on that ground? At all institutions where they are allowed to exist without that awful "Iron clad," there is but little or no trouble. At others, because a little dispute may sometimes arise, and frequently between other students, as well as fraternity members, men will decry these organizations, and endeavor to extinguish them, when they are not really at fault. But understand me. I do not mean to say that they are never guilty, or that they should not be censured at times; but if such is thought necessary, it can easily be done privately by the proper one having the authority, and with the exercise of a little good judgment, thus avoid the excitement and numerous reports that arise from such measures taken in some of our institutions of learning. As a general thing the best students of our colleges belong to one or other of these fraternities, and because a slight discrepancy should sometimes spring up there is no reason to think that it will prove an utter annihilation of all students that do not belong to them.

(To be continued.)

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE PI.

BY T. H. HARDCASTLE.

(Founded May 29th, 1874.)

The first meeting of this Chapter was held in the room of the Brothers Calvert and White, and was attended by thirteen charter members. Brothers George W. Geiser and George M. Zacharias, of the TAU, were the founders of the chapter, and initiated the candidates.

Very little was done before the following September, except to initiate a few members and draw up a set of by-laws which are still in force. Only three meetings were held during this time; more could not be held in so short a time.

In September, 1874, the regular business was commenced, and several new members were taken in. On September 21st the establishment of a Chapter at Easton, Pa., was discussed, and from the wording of the minutes it is supposed that Brother Geiser, now a resident member of NU, was one of the originators of this project.

On March 1st, 1875, it was decided that a delegate be sent to the general convention of that year. This is to be noticed, as this was the first delegate from the PI, and the first time that she invited the attention of the Fraternity to herself. It was at this convention that the PI was made Grand Chapter of the First Division, an honor which, two years later passed into other hands in consequence of her sudden loss of members. That the Chapter was prosperous, the fact that there was considerable discussion on what was to be done with the money remaining in the treasury sufficiently shows.

On January 22d, 1876, the project of having an album to contain the photographs of the members of the Chapter was first discussed. This was finally carried out, and the album is now in the hands of the Secretary. Though the collection is not complete, yet it is one of some value.

A delegate was sent to the convention of 1876, and many new members were added during the next collegiate year. To all appearance the condition of the Chapter was as good as it ever had been; but an element of discord had been introduced, and its evil effects were soon apparent. The final result was that six members withdrew from the Chapter and from the Fraternity, leaving a much smaller number of members to receive the delegates to the convention held in Bethlehem, in 1877.

In 1877-78, there were only two members in college, and two resident members. The regular meetings were then discontinued, and the PI, after an existence of over three years, was thought to be extinct. But in September, 1878, two new members were initiated, and since that time two more have been added. Though

the Chapter has fewer members than ever before, yet its condition is healthy, and the members firmly connected and in good accord.

Accepted by the Chapter March 1, 1879.

JOHN D. RUFF, Sec. of PI.

HISTORY OF THE TAU.*

BY ROBERT C. BOWLING, A. B.

PREFACE.

Dear Brother Deltas: The work of writing up the history of Chapter TAU has been undertaken by me with some reluctance. I hesitate, not because I am uninterested in her progress, but because I fear my inability to perform well the weighty duty.

A number of difficulties have presented themselves.

First, The good historian must, at the outset, rid himself of all personal likes and dislikes. I observe a tendency in me to look at facts and their relations with an eye somewhat under the influence of bias.

Second, The good historian must be fully imbued with historical spirit. I have *spirit*, but whether it is historical or not, the reader must decide for himself. Clio, I trust, has not disdained to listen to the many prayers offered to her for assistance.

Third, The historian should be master of a good and retentive memory. Mnemosyne has been a companion in my toils, but has at times treacherously forsaken me; just, too, when I most desired her presence.

Other difficulties have also presented themselves, e. g. How shall I arrange facts so as to give them vitality? How shall I treat facts when I have them arranged? Waiving all these and other obstacles, however, I have decided to begin the work with a short introduction (which might be as applicable to any history as it is to the history of Chapter TAU), and from this, gradually drift into our history proper, without any sensible break in the narrative.

We first take a general view of the material existing before the founding of Chapter OMCRON; then, that material, as it was moulded by the DELTA TAU DELTA Fraternity. The general character of the early members, it will be observed, as well as the changes undergone by the chapter while yet in her infancy, will be treated of at greater length than the succeeding periods demand. As the stream of history widens, it becomes impossible to follow out details in its description.

The events are recorded as nearly as possible in the order of their occurrence, thereby avoiding all formal divisions into chapters, sections, subjects, etc.

*NOTE. I am permitted to furnish this "History of Chapter TAU" in an abridged form. My collections are made from Brother Bowling's manuscript history of the chapter, as brought down to April 1st, 1878.

INTRODUCTION.

The history of this world of ours, as it revolves before us, presents endless variety. Now we see the germs of a great republic rising in majesty from the ashes of a consumed empire. Again, we glance at the dial-plate of the revolving wheel, and see a new and holier form of religion, shining out from the deep and doleful abyss of Paganism. Once more; we look upon the rude and lowly cot of the peasant, and lo! beneath its thatched and moss-covered roof is the natal spot of genius. Again look, and the dreary wigwam of the savage becomes encircled by the shining halo of civilization.

With such phenomena constantly passing in regular succession and order before the gaze of the lover of history, he cannot fail to see that one spoke taken from this wheel would seriously damage it: in other words, that *one fact* omitted, would injure the progressive beauty of that Great Story, begun in Paradise, continuing unbroken throughout the ages, ending when Time shall end. Again, the faithful lover and student of history cannot help but see, that each event, each movement, each individual, however abnormal, must hand down to its successors some boon; if that boon be not *good example*, it is at least a *warning*.

Thus from the ashes and decay of the past, the present is born; and would she denounce the past she condemns the legitimacy of her own birth, and should blush to see her name recorded on the pages of history.

HISTORY PROPER.

Chapter TAU claims no such independent origin; no spontaneous generation; nor yet does she boast of a development from "the gentleman in the dug-out" to her present acme of enviable glory. But she does claim to have derived material from a source anterior to her own existence. That source was UPSILON BETA (now buried, with scarcely a slab to mark her resting place), and the material was of such excellent quality, that DELTA TAU DELTA was easily able to mould it after her own glorious image.

The UPSILON BETA Fraternity through the treachery of her leading chapter, at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., had disbanded. This chapter, tradition informs us, had bartered off her birthright, honor, *everything*, for far less than a "mess of pottage"—for *nothing*—during a night of revelry with the SIGMA CHI. In less than a week thereafter all UPSILON BETA's Halls were robed in the habiliments of sadness. Chapter after chapter disbanded, and soon "UPSILON BETA" became a term of reproach, used by all respectable flourishing fraternities. The chapter at Franklin and Marshall had at this time four members; these, at their final conference, decided to cling together, and unite with no fraternity, unless all could freely join at one time.

Difficulties now faced us. There were three fraternities at Franklin and Marshall, none of which suited us, as a body; and it is no reflection on these societies to say, that we did not suit them, *as a body*. Consequently we did not join any of them.

Some mortals possess but little of the virtue called patience; before we were even aware of any intention, on his part, D. J. Meese had forsaken us, and enlisted under the banner of PHI KAPPA PSI. * * * One from four and three remains. Those three decided to cling together and unite with no fraternity that all could not enter at the same time; but our *paucity* was not to be suited at F. and M. it seems.

About this time a man named Zacharias (not the one who had a wife called Elizabeth, but certainly a distant relative) took a lively interest in us; we could not tell *why*, just then. Having ascertained our position, as well as our desires, he finally proposed that through him we might make application to "his fraternity" to establish a chapter at our college. No sooner said than done; a letter was at once forwarded to Chapter ALPHA, of the DELTA TAU DELTA Fraternity. ALPHA's reply was favorable, and measures were at once taken to entertain a visitor from Meadville—"a messenger bearing good news." He came at the appointed time, and on the afternoon of May 19th, 1874, in the room of Mr. George M. Zacharias (GAMMA, Washington and Jefferson, class '72, Reformed Church Theological Seminary, F. and M., '77), under the direction of Mr. J. S. Eaton, (*alias* "Modoc Jim") delegate from ALPHA, our chapter was founded. Her five charter members were: George M. Geiser, Robert C. Bowling, Prest. E. Stem, D. C. Lichliter, and W. H. Boyer.

Brothers Lichliter and Boyer, not being members of UPSILON BETA, had been selected shortly before, in order that we might have the number required for a charter, and also because we adjudged them "good fellows" and reliable partners for our new "business." Brother Zacharias looked with profound admiration on the work that he had done. History can but do him justice by conferring on him the title, "Apostle of TAU."

The chapter letter first given us was OMICRON, which we retained until the re-establishment of the chapter at Asbury College, Greenville, Ind., to which it had formerly belonged, and which now desired to have it again. This change took place March 30, 1876, when "TAU" became our letter. For convenience, we shall only refer to our chapter under its present title. Thus THE TAU was founded.

(To be continued.)

MARRIAGE.

KENT-SMITH.—On Tuesday evening, February 25, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. C. K. Imbrie, D. D., William Kent, of Pittsburgh, Pa., to Marion W. Smith, of this city.—*Jersey City Eve. Journal*, March 1.

Mr. Kent is an alumnus of the RHO, Stevens' Institute, '76.

'TIS TIME TO COMMENCE.

21st ANNUAL CONVENTION.

PUT-IN-BAY THE PLACE.

THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF AUGUST THE TIME.

It has now reached the time when we as Deltas should commence to make preparations for our next convention. The committee appointed by the last convention are actively at work, and it now remains to the Fraternity at large and the Alumni in particular, to join themselves together and give it an impetus that will send it far above any of the series. The place is central, easily accessible from all Chapters, at excursion rates, and for beauty of scenery, convenience and pleasure, it is unsurpassed by any in America. It itself is worth a long trip to see, without the additional inducement of our convention. The literary exercises require nothing but a grand turnout of Deltas to make them a success. The expenses will be light. The time is in vacation, just when everybody seeks a summer resort, and the cool lake breezes make this the most attractive place in the world. In fact everything seems to have combined to make this convention the brightest spot in the history of our Fraternity. Let every Chapter come to the front and make preparations to send its delegates. It is not an impossibility for the smallest or most distant Chapter to have a delegate there, then why back down before anything but impossibilities.

We extend a hearty invitation to our alumni. "Come one, come all." There will be an alumni reunion where you will meet your old college mates and can indulge in all those pleasing reminiscences of the past.

Come, Deltas, let us raise the rallying cry; sound the slogan; ring the bells; give the "Choctaw" yell; light the beacon fires upon the hill-tops. From New Jersey to Iowa let all be preparation, and let every brother make it a part even of his religion to be at PUT-IN-BAY on the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF AUGUST.

A GENERAL WORD OF ADVICE.

We would offer a little advice to Corresponding Secretaries sending items to THE CRESCENT, not that past experience has shown it to be necessary, but to guard the future. An organ like THE CRESCENT is a tool of immense power if rightly used, but it is also an edged tool, and if unskillfully handled, may wound those using it. Communications to it concerning other fraternities, have been uniformly dignified, and in keeping with the tone of the paper; let the brothers be careful to keep them such, and never for the sake of hitting others, go beyond the confines of truth. There are other fraternity journals besides our own, and like

our own, they are, as a rule, dignified and courteous, but there is one notable exception, viz.: the *Scroll*, of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. The officers of this paper evidently do not perceive their responsibility, and appear to think the interests of their fraternity can be best furthered by attacking the good name of others. Our own fraternity comes in for its share of abuse, and we give some of the slurs which have appeared in one or two of the late numbers of the *Scroll*:

Akron, Feb. 4th. 1879—"The Delta Tau Deltas have two or three fair men, but as a Chapter they are a heterogeneous crowd of Freshmen and Sophomores, the limit of whose ambition is to be *good little boys* (italics our own) and to perfect that method of rapid transit around corners and across streets, commonly called the girl escape. * * * * The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s number thirteen men and that is as many as we want, as I can not see how a chapter of twenty men could work harmoniously." How weak must be the bonds which bind $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s together, if twenty of them can not dwell in company. Our *H* Chapter should acknowledge the compliment conferred upon her when it is admitted that she has at least three fair men among her ten members. But the Chapter which so successfully entertained the delegates to our last convention needs no apology, least of all for such epithets as "good little boys," expert in "the girl escape." We must confess that the last term is new to us and we hardly know what interpretation to put upon it, but it is evidently meant as a left-hand compliment.

Irvington, Ind.—"The Deltas amount to but little except in numbers. They have eight or nine men, one or two of whom are passable." Again we are humbly grateful in being permitted to have one or two passable men, out of a Chapter of such magnitude as nine.

Athens, O., Feb. 14th, '79—"The other fraternities here are not very flourishing. The Betas are few in number, but have some good men. The Deltas number eight or nine, but they consist of poor material. Their aim is number, not men. If they fail to get men of the first water, (we wonder at them for attempting it,) they are contented to take them from the second, and often from the third and fourth. But rather than have men from any but the first-class, we feel contented to wait for a man who (m) we think is worthy to take a place with (among) us and help us battle for the right." It seems to be chronic with $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ to be waiting. Now we would caution our Corresponding Secretaries to be careful not to fall into this style of writing. Nothing of the sort has appeared as yet in THE CRESCENT, but when you feel you are being slandered it is natural to desire to strike back, and very likely assertions will be made which can not be proven. The *Scroll* in attacking our Beta Chapter has made statements which it will be unable to substantiate. The Deltas at Ohio University are asserted to be of poor material, and to seek for numbers not quality.

Fraternities and chapters are to be judged by the character of their members as students and literary men, as well as regards social matters, and first class men will naturally have both of these qualities; yet measured by this rule, $\Phi \Delta \theta$'s first class men seem to be sadly wanting. In the society contest of '77, at Ohio University, there were three Deltas, two Betas and one *Phi Delta*. In '78, two Deltas, three Betas, one *K A \theta* (lady) and no *Phi Delta*. In '79, that fraternity will possibly get in one performer, while the others will be about as before. At the contest of the Ohio University branch of the Ohio Collegiate Association, held on the 28th of February, there were ten contestants, viz.: five Deltas, four Betas, and one *Phi Delta*, and he was unsuccessful. Such facts as these show the untruth of the statements concerning our own Chapters, and cause us to doubt those concerning other fraternities, particularly *B \theta \Pi*, which is far superior to $\Phi \Delta \theta$. We have not the least doubt but that $\Phi \Delta \theta$ has good men in its numerous chapters, but they should make their influence felt in order to prevent such loose playing with the reputation of their fraternity's official organ. Perhaps it is through their influence that the *Scroll* is kept as much as possible in the dark, and hidden from profane eyes.

Let Deltas remember that the influence of our Fraternity is lessened rather than increased by calumniating others, as well in the colleges where our several Chapters are located, as in *THE CRESCENT*. Let your dealings be above board, remember that you are the component parts of, not a weak and insignificant fraternity, but one whose opinion is worth something, and whose example has weight among its rivals. Let your carriage indicate that you recognize the responsibility.

G. S. A.

THE GREEK WORLD.

$\Phi \Delta \theta$. The *Scroll* is published at Gettysburg, Pa., not Franklin, Ind.

$\Delta \phi$ (literary) is the only society in Delaware University.

$X \Psi$ has a prosperous alumni association in New York.

$Z \Psi$ had a chapter at the U. S. Naval Academy from '72 to '77.

The "Rainbow Fraternity" is the most prominent organization at Mississippi University.

A K E will hold its next convention with its Π chapter at Dartmouth College, in October.

K A E is the only Southern local society which has a Greek name. It is at Roanoke College.

ΔK , a Yale Freshman society, has an *H* chapter at Center College, Ky., which admits members of all classes.

B \theta \Pi's *A M* Chapter at Harvard College, Marion, Ala., together with ΣX 's Π Chapter there, is *sub rosa* in spite of anti-fraternity laws.

$\Pi K A$'s θ chapter is in the longest named college in the country, viz.: The South Western Presbyterian University. Its rival is θ of *A \Gamma*.

ΔY , anti-secret, is attempting to re-animate its defunct chapters at Trinity and New York City. The Colby chapter was revived last year.

$X \Psi$ has just gained a foothold in Rutgers College, by absorbing a local society there called *A \theta*. *A \Delta \phi* had been first applied to for a charter, but refused.

$\Phi \Delta \phi$, a law school society, will hold its next convention at Philadelphia with its Sharswood Chapter in the University of Pennsylvania, during June of 1880. It holds a convention but once in two years.

A T Q is governed by a Congress composed of delegates from the chapters, a High Council consisting of five members of the fraternity and the grand officers, every one of whom is a Grand Worthy something.

A \Gamma's *I* Chapter, which is the mother chapter, was founded at Cumberland University, Tenn., in 1867. *A \Gamma* has seven active chapters with two alumni, *N* and *E*, at Savannah and Decatur, Ala., respectively. Nineteen charters have been granted.

"Mystic Seven" is the sensational name of a fraternity having several chapters in the South. Their badges are emblematic of the chapter names, as "Heart and Hands," etc. Sentiment must be largely mixed with their business.

ΨY 's new catalogue is out, and as there is not space for an extended review of it, will simply say that it is by far the most complete and best catalogue ever published by a college society. Nothing necessary has been omitted, and it has but few unnecessary features. ΨY owes much to its Secretary, Chas. W. Smiley, on whom the work of compilation and editing fell.

$\phi \Gamma A$'s next convention will be held at Cleveland during the coming October. Its chapter at Oxford, Miss., has just become extinct by the removal from the University of the last member. Mr. J. D. Early, who was delegate from Ψ Chapter at Wabash to the last convention, and who was elected as one of the editors of the *Phi Gamma Delta*, has just joined ΨY at Kenyon College.

$\phi K \Psi$. Mr. R. J. Burdette, "*Burlington Hawkeye*," has been entertained lately by two Pennsylvania chapters of $\phi K \Psi$, viz.: *H* of Franklin and Marshall, and *I* of the University of Pennsylvania. If Mr. Burdette told the whole truth in his recent interview with a Philadelphia *Times* reporter, he was never a college student, but a high school graduate only, and it is therefore in an "honorary" capacity that he is being thus *feted* by the $\phi \Psi$. Charles Sumner was a $\phi K \Psi$ in a similar capacity.

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JOHN H. GRAHAM, (1880) has been expelled from his chapter and the Fraternity, and all brothers will take notice.

A small southern fraternity, *A K Ø*, has manifested questionable veracity in its statement that Will. Carlton is a member of their order. Will. M. Carlton is an alumnus of the KAPPA, class of '69.

IN our last number we gave W. R. Baird's post office box as 1838. We should have made it 1848. Mr. Baird is a tireless and enthusiastic fraternity man, and the labor and experience of years will doubtless render his coming History very valuable and interesting to all brother Greeks.

AN alumnus of the ETA wrote us some time ago, and wished to know what had become of his old chapter. He had been searching every number of the CRESCENT to find some word in regard to it, but was always disappointed. The ETA is neglecting the only opportunity it has of keeping its alumni posted in regard to her movements.

In another column will be found an article on our '79 Convention. There is one item we wish to mention particularly in this connection. The business of the coming Convention will be so great and of such a nature that it will take at least three days to attend to it properly. Every delegate should go to Put-in-Bay prepared to stay at least three days.

THE following is one of the many complimentary notices we have received from the different papers throughout the country:

"The *Crescent*, one of the liveliest and soundest college publications, is the organ of the Delta Tau Fraternity. The April number has just been issued, and is stuffed full of solid fraternity reading of interest to fraternity men all over the United States. Its articles are

well written and devoid of the nonsensical prolixity and obscure smart sayings so frequently found in college publications. It should be an indispensable publication to the members of the Greek order which it represents.—*Republican.*

THE Editor in chief has made a personal appeal to all alumni and chapters that are in arrears on their subscriptions. The time has come when we must meet our obligations, and we trust no true Delta will fail to do his duty, and send the amount of his subscription at once. It is not becoming in us, nor in you, to be compelled to make these repeated appeals. The CRESCENT will have paid its current expenses if every dollar due us is paid in, and we trust every Delta is sufficiently interested in his Fraternity and the CRESCENT to do all in his power to help us make our journal a success financially as well as in point of efficiency.

OUR Catalogue for 1879 has gone to press, and will be forthcoming the present college term. It will have eighteen hundred names enrolled, and consist of one hundred and forty pages. The chapter vignettes are all very neat, and what is most to be desired, emblematical and appropriate to the several chapters. The chapter lists, with few exceptions, will be prefaced by some crest. The Grand Chapter of the second division is the only Grand Chapter that has failed to manifest the proper interest in this matter. It would be well for the THETA if her sons of '75, '76 and '77 were not so far distant from her chapter hall.

MARCH witnessed the publication, by a Detroit house, of a small book entitled "The Greek Letter Societies," and edited by Albert P. Jacobs, *Ψ Γ*. It is very small, being only four by six inches, and consisting of only fifty-one pages. It is nothing more than a compilation of statistics, and nothing more is claimed by its author. Mention is made of forty-eight different fraternities, and the statistics concerning each one in most every case is very complete. It meets a want long felt in fraternity circles, as it gives in a small, concise and convenient form, just such facts as are daily desired by all interested in fraternity subjects.

THE Catalogue of PSI UPSILON for 1879 lies on our table. It is far superior to any previous publication of a similar character, not only in point of compilation and systematic arrangement, but also in mechanical execution. The frontispiece is a beautiful steel engraving, very emblematical and appropriate. The chapter vignettes are very artistic, but more picturesque than appropriate. The book consists of four hundred and sixty-eight pages, and has four thousand nine hundred and forty names catalogued. The introduction by Governor Rice, of Massachusetts, is an able plea for college fraternities. Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Charles W. Smiley, of Madison, N. J., for the taste and labor expended upon this catalogue. It is far superior to any of PSI UPSILON's former publications.

WE would like to call the attention of Deltas to one particular which is not sufficiently thought of by the brothers. It is the using of personal influence with outsiders to cause them to go to institutions where we have chapters, with the desire to become members. Our alumni and members of the fraternity now no longer in college could help us materially in spreading our brotherhood to other colleges, and in gaining men for our present chapters, by using their influence on students about to start to college and pledging them to join the $\Delta T \Delta$ if possible, and at least wait one term for an invitation. This system is pursued by all fraternities in eastern colleges, and sometimes a Freshman class comes into an institution with more than one half of its members pledged to one or other of the fraternities in the place. This in no way binds the fraternity, and many men who have been pledged in this way become members and take active part in fraternity matters. This is a subject upon which the brothers should think deeply, and when the opportunity presents itself of furthering the interests of $\Delta T \Delta$ outside of her present territory, it should not be neglected.

JUST as we are going to press the new "Directory of Attorneys who are members of the $\Delta T \Delta$ Fraternity," published by Bro. W. C. Buchanan, Cincinnati, O., has reached us, and we hastily give it a brief notice. This is the second issue of the Directory, enlarged, corrected and revised. It contains the names and addresses of about two hundred Deltas who are Attorneys, thus enabling any Delta who wishes any law business done in any of the cities where these brothers reside to secure their services, and thereby rest assured that their best interests will be consulted. Bro. Buchanan has done a good work for the Crescent Fraternity in the past, standing up as the keystone to his old chapter THETA, being in fact the father of the CRESCENT, a publisher of the first issue of the Directory, and now crowns his labors in the publication of his new Directory. We trust every Delta in the land will secure one of these excellent Directories, and keep it constantly with him. It is so arranged that it can be referred to easily, as the addresses of the brothers are divided into States, and sub-divided into cities. The entire work shows care, taste, and untiring zeal on the part of Bro. "Buck," and we are assured that his labors will be highly appreciated not only by our legal fraternity, but by every wide awake Delta.

THE time is fast approaching when our Convention delegates will be chosen. Each chapter should endeavor to be represented, as the coming Convention will be the most important one in our history. Only well posted and enthusiastic men should be chosen on this occasion. The Delta Fraternity has now attained such a standing that the eyes of the entire Greek world are upon her, and the time is past when we can shield ourselves under the cloak of youth and ignorance, and

claim indulgences on account of our age and inexperience. The Delta Fraternity is rapidly taking a position among the leading fraternities in the land, and is commanding the respect of older orders of a similar nature in the East. This statement is not made in the heat of enthusiasm, but in the cool light of truth. Our position is such, and our correspondence with eastern men of such a nature, that we are prepared to substantiate the above statement. We repeat, that $\Delta T \Delta$, in her western home, with her membership of energetic and wide-awake western boys, is assuming an enviable position among Greek Societies, and we should look well to our fast approaching laurels. Only men with hearts full of love, with minds strong and active, and hands ready and willing, should be chosen to represent us in August. Let every brother that goes to Put-in-Bay this summer, go there with the expectation of work, and let that thought be pre-eminent to all others. Do not let the beauty of the place, with its golden sunsets and dashing waves, the hilarity of the season, with its many attractions, the many pleasure seekers, with its beautiful women, interrupt in the least degree, the thorough, systematic work of the Convention.

IN our last number appeared an article from the pen of Bro. Hartzel, entitled "Love is the Fulfilling of the Law," and we trust that every subscriber has read it. Bro. Hartzel is a man who evidently knows what he is writing about, and an undercurrent of pure and abiding fraternal love is manifest in all his productions that have hitherto appeared in these columns. We wish briefly to make a practical application of his last article. He plainly set forth that, not only in Divine things, but also in our Fraternity, "love is the fulfilling of the law." Every member and every chapter is fully alive to the knowledge of what law consists in our capacity as a College Fraternity. We, as well as all organized bodies, have a system of laws by which we are governed, and every member of our brotherhood knows what these laws are; and if every member is actuated by *true love* for his order, that law will be fulfilled in his particular case. At the holy shrine of $\Delta T \Delta$ we took obligations upon ourselves, to break which we must first cast aside all our regard for sacred oaths, and rob ourselves of manhood in its highest, noblest sphere. We would dislike to think that any present member would knowingly do that which would perjure and disgrace him; we *will* not think that we have a chapter that will, "*with malice aforethought*," violate its most sacred duties. There are one or two chapters which have taken a stand in regard to their general fraternity dues that is only accountable for by their own interpretation of the law, and is not sanctioned by the rest of the Fraternity. They have taken a stand which cannot possibly be countenanced in the next convention, as they have repudiated the action of the last convention in regard to this matter of dues.

We will only say in addition, that we have a law regulating the payment of dues, which law was plainly set forth in convention, pressed upon these delinquent chapters by their Grand Chapter, earnestly requested to come up to their duty by the ALPHA, and is still unrecognized and unfulfilled by these chapters. The existence and justice of the law can not be questioned, and all quibbling upon the matter is a manifestation of unpardonable penuriousness, and an utter lack of love for their Fraternity. On this matter we are compelled to speak boldly, and we are assured of the fact that we shall not be compelled to perform so painful a duty in the future. There is a remedy for such cases and it will be sought speedily.

CHAPTER REPORTS.

ALPHA LOCALS.

- Spring has struck Meadville.
- A Chapter base ball nine is talked of.
- At present writing about one-half of our members are afflicted with hard colds.
- There is some talk of holding the remainder of this term's meetings in the forenoon.
- Our Seniors, Bros. Bruce, Mitchell, McClurg and Mosier, are happy over the prospective Senior vacation.
- Bro. James Doughty, '78, paid us a visit last month. Being called on for some remarks, he responded in a happy manner. Come again, Jim.
- Now since battalion drill has commenced, Adjutant Judd Wann dons his uniform, and performs his military duties with promptness and dispatch.
- Young ladies wishing instruction in regard to the sun, moon or stars, can obtain the desired information by applying to any one of the eleven Deltas in the astronomy class. Address all applications to the editor-in-chief or local editor of ALPHA.
- In the approaching select performance of Allegheny Literary Society, we have three representatives. Bro. Richmond is on the debate, Bro. Mitchell delivers an oration, and Bro. Decker renders a declamation. These gentlemen will, without doubt, do honor to their Chapter, both in their productions and delivery.
- Last month the *picture fever* prevailed in the college to an alarming extent. The college buildings, the museum, the military battalion, the students and faculty were all photographed. ALPHA wishing to be up to the times, decided to have a group of her members taken, and succeeded in getting a very good picture.
- We are sorry to lose from Meadville such a devoted and enthusiastic Delta as is Bro. John Bolard, '78. Having secured a situation with a prominent dentist

in Davenport, Iowa, he departed last month for that city. ALPHA's kindest wishes for success will ever be with him. We clip the following from the *Meadville Republican*: "Mr. John Bolard, who graduated in the class of '78, Allegheny College, and has been studying dentistry with Dr. Maxwell since that time, departed on train 3, Monday, for Iowa, where he will complete his studies and enter into practice. Mr. Bolard is a young man of sterling qualities, a close student and genial gentleman, and is endowed with more than ordinary ability. Wherever he may cast his lot, success will surely attend his efforts."

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

NOTES FROM THE TAU.

The TAU is arranging to have a new large group picture taken.

Bro. Ben Bausman entertained "the boys" quite royally at his home on a recent evening.

Is there any significance in the fact that Harvey E. Bartholomew, lately expelled by the TAU from the Fraternity, has also been expelled by his college literary society?

Bro. Max Dumstreya has received and accepted a call to preach in German at Pittsburgh, Pa. Our good-looking Berliner will complete his theological studies here on May 8th.

Chapter TAU's committee on the revision of the Constitution have finished their labors, and as soon as possible will lay the result before the ALPHA and the Grand Chapters, so that action may be taken regularly at the Put-in-Bay Convention.

Bro. J. S. Hartzell has gone home to Allentown, Pa., to return next September. We will miss "our Jake" very much; he was father, censor, stimulator, and many other things unto us, and above all, said prayers for us with such unction o' Saturday nights that we fear his place can not be filled by any or all of us combined.

Chapter TAU is momentarily expecting a visit from Bro. Henry T. Bruck, well known to THE CRESCENT as the editor of RHO, at Hoboken. Mr. J. F. Newman, the Fraternity jeweler and engraver, of New York city, also writes us that he thinks of paying us a friendly and business call. We shall be glad to entertain everybody that comes interested in Deltaism.

Brother Zach. Loucks, of Princeton, is said to possess a most beautiful new fraternity badge. It is studded with pearls and rubies, and is the first square badge ordered by a member of our Chapter. We have always been firm in our adherence to the star-shaped pin, but now that jeweler Newman has improved the square style so greatly, it is more than likely that the Chapter will transfer their allegiance to these.

Bro. John Leonidas Keller, our lone Senior, is to be congratulated on his recovery from a late illness. John is a quaint and thoroughly reconstructed Virginian, so full of his original humor that in our own Delta household he has won the *soubriquet* of "Lark." But he is always ready for the transaction of business, and when in June he carries his "sheep-skin" into Dixie, an unfillable break will be made in our circle, and a great piece of TAU's big brotherly heart will regretfully follow him to his new home. After graduation at college, Bro. Keller will pursue the study of the law at the University of Virginia.

At our meeting of March 29th, it was voted unanimously to re-instate D. C. Lichliter, of Woodstock, Virginia, into regular fraternity membership. Bro. Lichliter was one of the five students at Franklin and Marshall who banded together in May, 1874, for the procuring of a charter to establish our Chapter, but resigned his membership not long thereafter, for reasons best known to himself. Since then he has been most honorable in his attitude toward the Chapter and Fraternity, and it was at his written request that we received him again into the fellowship he seems formerly to have conscientiously forsaken. We welcome him back and are glad to introduce him anew to Delta Tau Delta everywhere. Bro. Lichliter is about entering upon the practice of medicine, having graduated at Jefferson College in March.

At the anniversary of the Goethean Literary Society, to be held on May 9th, in the Lancaster Opera House, four of the eight representatives will be Deltas, three non-fraternity men in sympathy with Delta Tau Delta, and one Phi Kappa Psi. And this is saying a great deal, where "ancient" Chi Phi once held her ruling chapter, where Phi Psi plumes herself upon success, where Phi Kappa Sigma has had signal sway, and where the element opposed to fraternity has been fiercely strong. Of the Deltas, A. B. Reiser will be first orator, B. F. Bausman, eulogist, F. S. Elliott, second orator, and your servant, the editor, the poet. That is *nascitur* but non fit.

Our coat of arms has been received from the hands of the engraver, and stereotyped, and we are in every way pleased with it. The Chapter has had a number of impressions taken on heavy paper for the purpose of framing, and these will be distributed to the members here and absent. A brother, in a letter, speaks thus of our device: "Don't you think our 'arms' expressive? TAU, on the keystone, sits enthroned with GAMMA, NU, PI, RHO, and ETA BETA PRIME, subordinate Chapters of the First Division; the 'crescent knight' defends our emblem-embazoned shield, and bears aloft on his lance a pennon with the mystic initials of our eminently excellent Fraternity motto; the All-Seeing Eye flashes out above the shield, warding off all invaders by searching intensity of gaze, and Death, with his keen-edged scythe has his own mysterious warning symbolism."

J. H. GEISSINGER.

LANCASTER, Pa., April 15th.

DIVISION NOTES.

ETA BETA PRIME has made arrangements to have a coat-of-arms engraved, and Brother McBride is working at the History of Iota, the old Chapter at the Wesleyan University.

Chapter NU reports that they are having a Chapter crest engraved.

Chapter RHO does not deem herself able just now to afford the expense of a Chapter coat-of-arms, and NU also will fail of emblematical representation in the new catalogue. Both of these Chapters are working at present under adverse circumstances, but we have hope that they will be strongest of the strong in future days. Let *Nil Desperandum* be their individual motto, and success can not help but attend their efforts to carry forward the work of our noble Fraternity.

J. H. G.

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

THE BETA.

OHIO UNIVERSITY, ATHENS, O., }
April 14th, 1879. }

"Quality, not numbers, makes the chapter." We are of the opinion that both combined is the idea toward which every chapter should aim, always bearing in mind however, that numbers without quality is a dangerous shoal to be avoided with jealous care.

In choosing new men we have three requisites: *moral standing*, *scholarship*, and *social standing*; and the nearer the candidate approaches to the ideal in *all* of these, the more anxious are we to get him; but if he is found greatly deficient in any one of these, he is not our man.

Chapter BETA now numbers thirteen members, all active, valiant laborers for the "beautiful and the good." I would just here note that the PHI DELTA THETA chapter here numbers eight, and the BETA THETA PI four members. As an illustration of how closely we follow our standard, only one of our members uses tobacco in any form, and all but one are church members. In the past four years we have graduated twelve men who will about show the same standing in this respect. In our other two requisites we have been about as exact, and with as telling results. In the annual contests between the literary societies we have had over one-third of the contestants; this year we have two out of the five fraternity men on the contest. As to the third requisite—just ask the ladies about it.

In raising money to get our coat-of-arms, we were enabled through the liberality of our alumni, not less than through the activity of some of our members, to raise more than was necessary for that purpose, and ac-

cordingly the handsome surplus was set aside for the purpose of sending a delegate to the approaching annual convention.

Brothers Yohres, Johnson, and Porter, each of whom taught a successful term of school this winter, are with us again this term.

Brother A. H. Gunnett, after an absence of nearly two years, during most of which time he has been teaching near Springfield, Ill., returned to college this term. Abe. is now the oldest Delta in college.

Recently the faculty concluded that a new supply of trees was wanted in the College Campus. Accordingly last Friday we had a holiday, and all the students went to the woods after trees. An avenue of elms was to be set out down the front walk. It occurred to some brother that it would be a fine plan for old BETA to take a hand in the matter. Permission was readily obtained from the President, and the Delta boys quickly took possession of the east side of the walk; and when ten or a dozen sturdy Deltas were observed going toward China with all their might and main, the other fraternities began to "smell a mice," but when shortly a row of fifteen magnificent young elms stretched in faultless line from the college to the street, they said only too plainly by their blank countenances and queer looks, "Well, who would have thought of such a thing? I kind o' believe those Deltas have gotten ahead of us all. They are always up to some such trick." And I too, am of the opinion that we made a pretty good job of it, and worked the thing pretty fine.

We made one more name for the new catalogue the other evening. The new brother seemed to enjoy Delta songs, peanuts, candy and oranges finely, and gives promise of becoming one of the most valiant of the valiant of our brotherhood.

Faternally,

WILBER COLVIN.

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

The *I B'* is flourishing. Margerum, your hand!

W. H. Beckwith, of the *Ψ*, is one of the editors of *The Wabash*.

Will that Chapter in Michigan whose Corresponding Secretary has received so many letters relating to dues, please be kind enough to communicate with the Corresponding Secretary of this Chapter? Courtesy alone would demand that the letters should at least be acknowledged.

Owing to the fact that this division is composed of so many Chapters, involving a considerable amount of work, it has been deemed necessary to elect an assistant Corresponding Secretary to aid the Corresponding Secretary in his work. Bro. R. B. Milroy has been elected to this position, and has charge of the Indiana Chapters.

All letters from these Chapters should be addressed to him. The Michigan Chapters, as in the past, will address the regular Corresponding Secretary.

THE PHI.

The PHI feels quite proud of ALPHA's late action respecting her.

Smith, Sexton and Milroy are waiting patiently for our new Fraternity music.

O. E. Arbuckle, '78, paid us a flying visit in March. "Elliott" is becoming corpulent.

"My darling precious Mal." is enjoying good health. "Don't overwork yourself, Lovey."

"The Senator" is weary of life in Illinois. His future movements are shrouded in mystery. Possibly he will accept the crown of Bulgaria.

Gen. R. H. Milroy, of Olympia, W. T., on his return from Washington City (whither he had been called on official business with the President) paid a short visit to "Bruce and Walt," in early March.

"Harry, Ed. and Charlie" are all at home at Glendale, O. Charlie is *struck hard*. PHI members of '77-'8 may get resolutions of sympathy ready. Harry will, no doubt, remember "Cal. Jack" of '77. He has not been met by the boys of the *Φ*.

The contest of the Indiana Oratorical Association will be held at the Grand Opera House in Indianapolis, April 17. Two of the Executive Committee (the committee composed of five members of as many different colleges) are of the Fraternity. H. S. Slaughter is President of the Association, and H. L. Wilson, *Ψ*, Corresponding Secretary. This Association is productive of much good among the colleges, in fostering a friendly rivalry in oratory between them, and the contests are the events of the college year. The Fraternity has been tolerably successful in holding its own this year; we hope to do as well next.

The "spring exhibitions" of this college were held 25 and 26, March. On the literary exhibition of the 25th, we were represented by Bros. W. S. Christian and R. B. Milroy. Mr. Christian's oration, "The War Governor," was a glowing tribute to Indiana's greatest statesman—O. P. Morton. It did great honor to the gentleman, and showed more clearly than ever his capabilities as a writer. He was highly complimented. Bro. Milroy orated on the "Civilization of the Indians." The oration was delivered with that vigor and force for which "Bruce" is so well known, and during its delivery received hearty applause from the large and appreciative audience. Bro. Slaughter, on "Philol" exhibition of the 26th, gave an oration on "Political Catholicism." It was well received by the audience.

THE IOTA BETA PRIME.

ADRIAN, MICH., March 29, 1879.

Upon last evening the annual contest between the Star and Lambda Phi literary societies of our college, was held in the Baptist Church of Adrian. The contest was oratorical; the contestants consisted of a lady and gentleman from each of the societies, and a prize to be awarded to the successful contestant lent inspiration to the efforts of the rivals. Our brother Delta, W. A. Morris, was the gentleman representative of the Star Society; E. G. Brumbaugh, of the Lambda Phi. After the delivery of the orations, all of which were good, the decision of the judges was given, awarding the prize to Bro. Morris. Rev. Holmes presented the prize, which consists of "The Rise of the Dutch Republic," in three volumes, and the "History of the United Netherlands," four volumes, by Motley. Congratulations were then showered upon Bro. Morris, and the Deltas returned home highly exultant in the success of their brother, though most of us had to bear the defeat of the representatives of our literary society.

S. W. MARGERUM.

THE ZETA BETA PRIME.

IRVINGTON, Ind., April 20, 1879.

Bro. Slaughter, of PHI attended the last regular meeting of Z B' and gave us a great deal of good advice and encouragement.

Bro. J. M. Bloss, Superintendent of the Evansville city schools, was present at the Oratorical contest. He still takes a great interest in fraternity matters.

The $\Delta T \Delta$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, ΣX and $B \Theta \Pi$ fraternities combined in the convention of the Oratorical Association, against the $\Delta K E$ s, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s, $\Phi K \Psi$, and Barbs, and elected their ticket. Bro. Christian, of PHI, was elected Recording Secretary, and Bro. Beckwith, of Psi, 3d Delegate to the inter-State convention which meets at Iowa City, Ia., next month.

The fifth annual contest of the Indiana Inter-collegiate Oratorical Association took place on the 17th of April, at the Grand Opera House in Indianapolis.

A large audience was present. Bro. H. S. Slaughter, President of the Association, presided in a very efficient and satisfactory manner. There were seven contestants, representing the following colleges: Purdue, Butler, Franklin, Asbury, Wabash, State, and Hanover. Mr. Worth Reed, of Purdue, spoke on the "Responsibilities of Citizenship." Mr. Edward G. Laughlin, of Butler, chose for his subject, "The Lens." Bro. G. Sexson, of Franklin, gave his views on the "American Idea of Nationality." Mr. Augustus L. Mason, of Asbury, spoke on the "American Mind." Mr. A. B. Anderson, of Wabash, delivered an oration on the "Decay of Institutions." The sixth contestant was a lady, Miss Jennie Campbell, of the Indiana State

University. Her subject, "The Genius of Bryant," was treated in a very original and truly poetic manner.

The last speaker was H. N. Bethell, of Hanover, who spoke on "The Influence of Unsuccessful Men." There was a tie between Anderson and Mason, which was decided by lot, and the result was then announced to the audience as follows: Anderson, first; Mason, second; Laughlin, third; Miss Campbell, fourth; Sexson, fifth; Bethell, sixth; and Reed, seventh. The contest was the most successful of all that have been held, and was greatly due to the work of Bro. Slaughter. Reed, Laughlin, and Mason, belong to the ΣX fraternity, Sexson to the $\Delta T \Delta$, Anderson to the $\Phi K \Psi$, and Bethell to the $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$.

CLARENCE BOYLE, s. a.

*FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.**THE LAMBDA.*

The prospects for a grand re-union of the members of Chapter LAMBDA, at the close of the college year, is exceedingly encouraging, more than usual having already signified their intention to be present, with "more counties to hear from." This is good, in fact it would make our cup of happiness full to overflowing, and we would look forward to commencement week with the brightest of anticipations, were it not for the fact that we have got an oration on our hands, which a Professor has yet to examine, in order to allay, if possible, the intensity of the affliction upon a patient public sometime next June—the 16th is the date, the Junior Exhibition the occasion. Three Deltas will participate therein. LAMBDA also graduates four this year, as follows: J. W. Grubb, Douglass A. Myers, C. P. Hale, J. Ed. Webster.

LAMBDA's tallest man measures about six feet one inch. Her oldest scores twenty-seven.

Bro. Ezra P. Bostwick, of '78, and our delegate to the Akron convention, will forsake the farm, and enter upon the study of medicine. We wish him success.

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WATSON—HALL.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in this city, on Sunday, March 23d, 1879, by Rev. J. B. Seymour, Mr. John B. Watson to Miss Parmelia A. Hall.—*Barry, (Ill.) Adage.*

LAMBDA's hearty congratulations, Bro. Watson.

Bro. Irving S. Case was obliged to leave us during the winter term. He is domiciled on his father's farm in Peoria County, and at last accounts was breaking sod.

GALESBURG, Ill., April 14, '79.

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