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## A TOAST.

On Wednesday evening, October 22d, the members of the TAU were entertained at a banquet by Bros. A. B. Reiser, '80, and John L. Keller, '79, in commemoration of the twenty-fifth birthday of the first-named, and the departure for the west of the latter. The following rhymed toast, offered by Bro. J. Harry Geissinger, was a feature of the evening:

Do you ask me why our meeting? Why we come at Keller's call?

Why Reiser bids us celebrate this cheerless night of Fall?

Did I say *cheerless*? Bah! my friends; it's happy, filled with cheer.

Darkness and dampness are without, but light and warmth are here.

We've gathered to meet out good-bye to Dixie's honored son,  
Whose thread of life at Lancaster at last is fully spun;  
We've met to joy with him of Berks, the man we yet retain,  
Who adds a jewelled link to-day to life's short-stretching chain.

Be gone, dull care; come on, ye joys, that knit more tight the bond

Of friendship, plighted at a shrine of which each *frere* is fond;  
Make happy we the day still left to him who goes away,  
And deck with laurels of our love the other's natal day.

Dear Reiser, ere we knew you you had come to man's estate—  
A boon not often given ere one enters college gate—

To-night you stand within the flush of manhood's righteous pride.

Uplifted on the crested wave of life's ongoing tide.

You're twenty-five; be blest the day that celebrates your birth,  
The angels ne'er did better than in bringing you to earth;

May all your days be lit by love that streams from friendly eyes,

May all your years be warmed by beams that fall from sunny skies.

And John, old fellow, sadness steals athwart our struggling heart,

As, with the grip we've learned to love, we say the words that part;

We cover over all our woe with mirth that meets us here.

But, back of all, we fain would check the hotly rushing tear.

God bless you, boy; you take along the love we ever teach,

Don't think it can't go after you—we promise it will reach;

Time can not dull its edge, oh, no! afar, as well as nigh,

The love will hold that here is pledged; good-bye, old boy,  
good-bye!

## THE IDEAL DELTA BROTHER.

BY H. FAMBER.

All nature is composed of certain simple elements, and the infinite combinations of these form the numberless organized and unorganized bodies with which we are acquainted. I believe character, like the body, to be made up of certain elements fixed and unaltered in their elementary nature, but capable of entering into combinations of different proportions. If this be so, we may account for diversity of character by considering it the result of ever varying combinations of the elements of mind. Discarding the complicated analysis of phrenologists, mind is made up of first, passions, inclinations and tastes; second, intellectual capabilities and acquirements; and third, moral training and principles.

The passions constitute the animal nature of man. They are the coarser, the stronger elements of our character. I say stronger elements, yet often men of the strongest passion are thought to be very impassionate simply because the development of the higher faculties of mind has given them complete control of their strong passions. When under control their presence is not undesirable, but is indicative of superior strength of mind. Do not be deceived if their presence is readily suspected; for only the most acute observer can detect strong passion in an impassionate man. Natural inclinations and tastes, although partially dependent upon the whole mind, may be classed with passions as impulsive forces of mind. Now, if these impulsive forces are subject to control, how important the relative power of the controlling element becomes.

The intellect is the governing element. Not only this, it is also the executive force—the power which plans, acts, and accomplishes. Hence it is considered of the first importance in the mind of a man as men judge of him. If we judge, we should not overlook intellectual capabilities; for although intellectual requirements are the only available source of influence, yet the former may be far the more valuable when compared with the latter.



We have seen that passions are selfish and are governed by the intellect; and that intellect, in its farther development, is the executive force of the mind. Now if this has a field of action outside of self and selfish interests, there must be a force which serves as an incentive to its exertions. That force is man's moral nature; and, consequently, moral principles and moral training rank as the highest and noblest elements of mind. Dependent on them is our conduct to others; and upon our treatment of others depends our reputation; and upon our reputation depends our final success in life. No man who acts from purely selfish motives will ever attain true success. He serves himself best who serves his fellow man best. He will be most successful who is generous enough to take the world as it is, and can perceive his own insignificance on its field of action.

Brothers, we penned these thoughts on character, intending to rear from them our ideal of Delta manhood, of a Delta brother. One admires a certain character, another admires a cast of characters slightly different from that admired by the first. For this reason ideals must necessarily differ. Principles and general facts are the same to all, however, and from what has preceded you may judge of our ideal, or each may conceive one for himself.

Your ideal Delta must ever be an ideal gentleman. It is not the man who has not the full command of himself, even when placed under the most exasperating circumstances. It is not he who caters to his appetite. It is not he who lives for the pleasure of the hour, nor he who looks upon the world through a smoked glass and sees nothing but melancholy individuals, gloomy situations and forbidding aspects. It is not your forward and boastful freshman, your cheeky sophomore, your junior who prides himself on his power to "catch on," nor yet your senior with his graceful poise of big-head. It is not your boisterous, thoughtless, careless fellow, always ready for mischief. No! He is sociable, not talkative; modest, not cheeky; courteous and even-tempered—one who has a polite word of kindness for every respectable representative of humanity with whom he is thrown in contact. Finally, it is one whose noble qualities of mind and heart are such as would enable him to justly appreciate the brotherly love which makes the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity a band of brothers in heart as well as in name.

#### TRAVELS OF A DELTA.

The commencement of Franklin and Marshall College being earlier than some of her sister institutions, it was the pleasure of some of the Delta boys to spend part of their vacation in visiting some of the Brothers. After

spending some three or four days with Bro. A. B. Rieser, at his home in Leesport, we set out on a trip to Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, where various colleges are located in the above named places. We had no sooner arrived in Allentown, than we were caught up by a loyal Delta, son of TAU, Brother J. N. Lawfer, whose guest we were during our very pleasant visit to Allentown. During our stay there we met with Bros. Hartzel and Horn, the former of "Ancient Mysteries" fame, a corresponding editor of the CRESCENT and a loyal Delta; the latter a practicing physician in Cata-sauqua, Pa., and a graduate member of Chapter II. Having spent a very pleasant time at the hands of Bro. Lawfer and his numerous friends in Allentown, we set out for Bethlehem. The University being closed, necessarily all the II's boys were away and we were not able to see any of them. But after visiting the buildings, which certainly are very handsome, we started once more hoping to grasp the noble hands of the boys of NU.

It was on the very pleasant morning of the 1st of July that we set foot in the city of Easton. After securing quarters and making all those preliminary arrangements, which are necessary, we started out to hunt up some of the boys. After scouting around for a little while we soon ran across one or two of the boys, and were placed in safe hands. We found Bro. George W. Geiser in his office awaiting our arrival. After having a long talk on Fraternity and College matters, we were marched off to partake of Bro. Geiser's hospitality. It so happened that on that night the boys had determined to have a meeting before they parted for the vacation, and at the appointed time all were in attendance. Some of the Bros. during the process of the meeting proposed to hold a banquet. The time and place being selected, the boys all dispersed in different directions to make arrangements for one of the most pleasant times in the life of chapter "NU." About 10 o'clock on that night there was to be seen on a Northampton Street Car, as jolly a set of fellows as you could wish to see. On arriving at the Forest House, the celebrated place in Easton for banquets, the boys took possession of the parlor and were there entertained with music by the different brothers, while Bro. W. H. Woodring and Geiser made all things ready. The banquet being prepared we all marched to the dining room, where there was set a table which did credit to the experienced caterer. All being seated around the festive board, the Magister Epularum, W. A. Seibert, delivered in choice and suitable words, and in a very pleasant manner, the address of welcome. This being over, and the signal being given, all "pitched in," and in a short time this elegant feast showed that



the boys had enjoyed themselves and the inner man had been *fully* satisfied. The Brothers having partaken of the bounty to their utmost capacity, toasts of the evening were next in order. The first toast was then proposed by the Magister Epularum—

"Our Fraternity."—W. A. Miller, Chapter TAU, F. and M. College.

"Our Chapter."—M. J. Bliem.

"Chapter TAU."—A. B. Rieser, Chapter TAU, F. and M. College.

"The Class of '82."—Marcus B. Lambert.

"The Law."—George W. Geiser.

"The CRESCENT."—R. D. Walter.

"The Ladies."—W. H. Woodring.

The clock now indicating a very early hour, the boys bidding each other good-bye, it was determined that the best thing, now, was to wend our steps homeward, to get a little rest, in order to be able to stand the speeches of the next day.

"Nu" is but a new chapter as her name indicates, in the Fraternity, but she is made up the brightest and strongest material in Lafayette College. She has the brightest minds in the class of '82. She is weak in numbers and in experience in fraternity work, but she makes it *all up* in her enthusiasm and fire. She has, like all chapters, her ups and downs, but she has continued to ascend in spite of everything, and now bids fair to become one of the brightest lights in the East. She now numbers six members and has hopes of doubling it the next term. The success of the Chapter is partially owing to the untiring energy of Bro. George W. Geiser, and for their noble work. He, together with his co-laborers, deserve the highest praise of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. A.

## HISTORY OF THE PRESENT ALPHA CHAPTER.

BY CHAS. E. RICHMOND.

### PREFACE.

*Dear Brothers of Alpha:*

The greatest historian who ever picked up his pen to chronicle the history of some mighty empire felt not his own unworthiness more than your humble historian, as he makes this poor attempt to commemorate the life and deeds of our beloved Alpha.

The data from which we have drawn these following pages were taken principally from a private conversation with our founder, some of the charter members and the minute books; and although there are many traditions lurking around our earlier days, we present only those of whose truth we are assured. That any interesting facts have been omitted we feel most certain, but the wide separation between us and the fathers

possessing these facts has made it impossible for us to perfect this as we could wish.

Hoping that it will meet with your approval,

I remain, fraternally, your

HISTORIAN.

### CHAPTER I.

In that quaint old town of Kittanning, Pa., one day late in the fall of 1862, two young men might have been seen making their way towards the suburbs of the city. These young men were Robt. Robinson, who had just graduated from Jefferson College, and is now a practicing physician at East Brady, Pa., and Robt. G. Heiner, a citizen of Kittanning, now a Captain in the regular army. Soon they reached the outskirts of the city, and going upon a woody hillside, with a stump for an altar and the sun, just sinking fiery red over the hill-top, for the philosopher's lamp, Bro. Robinson initiated Bro. Heiner into the mysteries of our fraternity and transferred to him, from the ALPHA Chapter, then at Cannonsburg, full power to plant our royal purple banner upon the College hill at Meadville.

Later in 1862 Bro. Heiner came to Allegheny College, and with the valuable assistance of E. M. Williams, of Pittsburgh—now deceased—collected several of the boys together in one of the rooms in the second story of the small wooden building opposite the late residence of President Loomis, and there, with few pretensions but a stern determination to succeed, he organized Chapter THETA of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. The earliest records of this chapter are lost and all the information we could obtain is, that it had from seven to nine members and was in a very flourishing condition when General Lee made his celebrated northward movement and the call was sent out from Washington for volunteers. Then the fraters of THETA, perceiving their countries peril, left their College halls for the front. The book and pen were thrown aside and the musket and sword took their place. The sound of the college bell was replaced by the shrill clarions of war and leaving the royal purple banner of the four stars, they rallied out to fight for the red, white, blue and the thirty-six. They faced the enemies of our country at Gettysburg, and during the three days of that terrible conflict they stood at the front, and, like the Greeks of old, offered up their life's blood a willing sacrifice to their countries need. During the war, through camp and bivouac, in the forage and the fight, went these "Greeks of Modern Times." Some found graves on southern battle fields; and when all is shadowy darkness, the crescent in the sky sheds a soft and hallowed light o'er their graves and with a melancholy radiance looks it down, o'er the spots, where our brothers fell, fighting for liberty.



Thus our chapter sank into oblivion, but that oblivion was touched by the finger of Fame.

At the commencement of the college year of '63 and '64 there was only one Delta returned to Allegheny, Bro. E. M. Williams, but he was equal to the task. All the previous papers had been lost; so setting himself to work he obtained a new charter, and January 7th initiated Bro. J. M. Cooper, (now a practicing physician in Meadville) and they, together, on the 14th, initiated Bro. E. L. Boggs, (now a prominent druggist at Charlestown, West Va.) and a few days after W. B. Saxon, Moyer, Watrous, and so on, gaining power and strength at every step until the chapter had assumed a good footing, and the fraternity was an established institution at the College.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

### HISTORICAL SKETCH OF CHAPTER BETA.

WILBER COLVIN.

Having been chosen some time since to prepare an historical sketch of Chapter BETA for publication in the CRESCENT, I am able, after considerable labor, only to present some of the more prominent features of this venerable chapter, and these in rather a fragmentary manner. The early records were written in a very intricate cipher devised by Jno. R. Scott; but the key has been lost and the records are now rather more safe than convenient. Most of the data, especially as to the early history, had therefore to be obtained through correspondence with old members, some of whose memories appear to be a little rusty and inaccurate.

Chapter BETA was founded June 21, 1862, by J. J. K. Warren, of New Alexandria, Pa., at the residence of Jesse Van Law. The house, a frame and brick one story building, stands just east of the College Campus, and is now owned by Bro. E. J. Jones. It was for two or three years ETA Chapter, but was advanced to BETA when some college in Virginia closed its doors during the war. As to the rise and early progress of the chapter, I can do no better than to quote from the pen of Bro. Jno. R. Scott.

"The impelling cause of the establishment of our Chapter was the snobbery and exclusiveness of the then B Θ Π. They were about eight or ten in number, and assumed to monopolize the brains and breeding of the University. Their airs were irksome to some of us spunky outsiders, who esteemed ourselves as fully up to snuff, mentally and physically, as the average BETA. Partially to weaken and dismay the B Θ Π, but especially to publish our independence and equality, and to fraternize a number of staunch hearts, it was considered desirable to establish a chapter of some reputable fraternity. To my knowledge several movements were

made, within two years, to organize. One, and I think two attempts were made to unite with the Σ Χ; but, while there were enthusiasm and earnestness enough among those seekers after the Grecian mysteries, there was no leading spirit; so that zeal waxed and waned, and the arrogance of the Betas was inwardly resented and outwardly submitted to, until the spring of '62.

J. J. K. Warren was graduated from the University in '61. He was in our counsels, and going east became a member of the Δ T Δ. Early in '62 he opened a correspondence with me, with a view to establishing a chapter at the O. U. It took but little investigation to decide us. To be sure, none of us had ever heard of the Δ T Δ, and Warren told us that it was a young fraternity, with few chapters; but we reasoned that that was the better for us, as our chapter would, as the fraternity grew older, have the advantage of growing old with it and sharing its prestige, and would have a chance to help mould its destinies. Warren came on with credentials, charter, constitution and a supply of badges. Chapter ALPHA was then at Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, Pa.; and we were at first ETA Chapter, with thirteen charter members, or fourteen counting Warren. On commencement day the Delta "bugs" swarmed in lively fashion, and we were the "observed of all observing." The Betas turned green with chagrin, and we learned that they wore crape next the skin for the usual thirty days.

At the next convention, I think it was, after the establishment of our chapter, it was made BETA on account of its loyalty, zeal, and *morale*. During my stay in college the Deltas had things pretty much their own way. We had our choice of men and the Betas took the best of what was left."

Bro. Warren, our illustrious founder, after graduating here returned to Pennsylvania, and becoming intimate with a member of the Chapter at Jefferson College was induced to be initiated; and being in sympathy with the O. U. boys, he procured the necessary documents, these we have learned were drawn up by R. Robinson, now of East Brady, Pa., and returned to Athens, and founded the chapter with the following charter members: Jno. R. Scott, Jefferson Booth, R. R. Brown, M. S. Campbell, E. E. Ewing, F. S. Davis, L. E. Sleigh, Silas Truden, C. R. Hopkins, F. B. Buchwalter, W. T. Patterson, H. C. Martin and Jesse Van Law.

Previous to this time (25 B Θ Π, being the only fraternity in the O. U., never initiated a man until he entered the Junior class. The Δ T Δ formed with the desirable men of the Sophomore and Freshmen classes, with one Junior and three Seniors. The B Θ Π to save herself, immediately "took in" some "Preps." Says the same authority, Bro. W. S. Eversole, "the chapter start-



ed with men of ability and moral character, and still had the best students in college when I graduated in 1869." I can here confidently give assurance, that the old standard is still maintained.

Well, there is nothing like getting a good start. The subsequent history is more scattering and probably less interesting, but is dotted here and there with episodes that I think worthy of mention.

Our founder died while attending medical lectures at Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pa., during the winter of 1864-5. Four of the charter members also sleep beneath the sod.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

## HISTORY OF THE TAU

BY ROBERT C. BOWLING, A. B.

### A START FORWARD.

Geiser and Bowling, as mutual brethren in adversity, now remained alone, Bro. Zacharias having taken a vacation. These two brothers, like Grant, determined to "fight it out on that line" regardless of the time consumed. The meetings of the fraternity were now held in Bro. Geiser's room; nor would their boisterous character have endangered their being held almost anywhere. Affairs now looked gloomy enough. From every quarter enemies would remind us of the fact that we were about "swamped." We, being in ignorance of that fact, were gloriously edified and cheered by their "happy" suggestions. The questions challenged us, are we dead, or only dangerously ill? Can matter be totally annihilated? Can mind and intellect be totally destroyed? Can we not survive at all? And finally, can we not retain our charter and persuade some noble admirer of the Beautiful and the Good to enlist under our banner and fight for it, even though its folds be torn by the cruel blasts of angry opposition, and pierced by the hostile arrows of prodigal traitors? To all these questions a whispered "yes" was always the answer borne to us; perhaps from our own inner Delta-consciousness; perhaps from the upper regions; but most likely from Chapter ALPHA, to shame us for our weakness and unbelief. At least we became inspired by something, and that pretty little motto so well known 'o school-boys, "Find a way or make a way," now became the watchword for the isolated pair of TAU's sorrowful sons.

Just at this time our "Apostle" returned. We held a meeting. At that meeting a name was proposed. The vote was unanimous and he was elected. His mind seemed happily inclined towards us, and we had the exquisite good fortune of initiating into our little band one who has ever since been a grand primary in our

glorious galaxy; one who is known by every chapter where the CRESCENT is known; one who is worthy a poetic tribute even from the skillful pen of the much admired Carlton. A fact in history must be recorded, whether it demands censure or praise. J. S. Hartzel is a fact of well merited *praise* in the history of Chapter TAU.

We now changed our quarters as necessity and "hard times" seemed to dictate. Bro. Biery, a brave and noble youth, was next selected, on placing at defiance the will of the Faculty, and scorning to recognize the validity of an arbitrary pledge imposed upon "greenies" on their *debut* at college. Bro. Biery was a Senior and knew better things. He only pledged himself against Fraternities because it was "customary" to do so; he thought it gentlemanly to oblige the Faculty.

Brother Laury was next chosen, after he had been carefully "dissected." There were some objections in his way. That fearful pledge! Could he *ever* be forgiven, if he thus perjured himself. How he satisfied the accusations of his conscience is difficult to say; except that he defined his position logically from Scripture: "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Argument: *he* would not compel the Institution to subscribe to a paper that would rob it of *its* liberty; therefore, the Faculty should not compel *him* to do so. Happy thought! How many true and noble Deltas have followed in his footsteps.

At this period Bro. Zacharias proposed the name of Ben F. Bousman, as being a man of "congenial spirit," possessing the necessary sociable qualities of a good Delta. We succeeded in capturing him after some prolonged efforts, and found him at least equal, if not supreme, to all the representatives of the "Apostle." Furthermore, he seemed to be a man of some financial influence, and this we had about as great demand for as good moral stamina. Bro. Ben came with both and laid them humbly on our altar. We took him, and an epoch followed. Since then the TAU has never been compelled to turn all her members upside down in order to shake a dollar out; we could get a dollar without a squeeze.

We now held our meetings regularly in Bro. Zacharias' study, a beautiful room decorated with pictures, leaves, cotton, weeds, and so on, until it resembled either an art gallery or a "curiosity shop," according to the taste of the visitor.

Will Carlton was growing old; we felt that the TAU might furnish a worthy successor. In Alfred Franklin Dreisbach we beheld poetic genius. Pretty birds are always timid; so was "Dreisey." We determined to have him though, even if it were at the price of a few cents worth of pretzels and beer. Detail is unimportant.



tant. He became ours, Dreisbach, poetry, *all*. He has since jestingly remarked that he doubts the validity of his initiation, Bowling, W. P., having been absent without good reason, except on unfounded accusations of *delirium tremens*. It is but doing justice to the W. P., to excuse his apparent neglect of duty, to state that he was engaged that evening in making up the case of one of TAU's noblest and truest defenders, Bro. Will A. Miller, of York, Pa. Had W. P. not taken *tremens* that night, Bro. Will to-day might have been a CHI PHI, both to his own and TAU's regret. Like many, he was undecided; but finally concluded that "truth is mighty and must prevail." The TAU could have ill afforded to lose Brother Miller, even at the expense of a *tremens*. A few evenings after this the brother was triumphantly conducted to the Fraternity hall and initiated. Our number had now increased, so that we feared nothing. We felt that "our cause" was respected, that our enemies were routed, leaving us as conquerors to proudly wave our banner of victory over the former strongholds of the odious "Philistines."

Our meetings were now pleasant in the fullest sense of the term. One thing that added very much to their interest, and which deserves special notice, was a new and beautiful initiating service prepared and introduced by Bro. Hartzel, but which was not fully adopted by the Chapter until the 23d of September, 1876.

Commencement was approaching, and we began to make arrangements for a symposium. The attempt the year before did not reflect much credit on the Chapter, and Bros. Geiser and Biery had to leave us without the feast that was due them. It may be interesting just here to state that one or two alumni kept up correspondence with the chapter during the year, from which we learned that Bro. Biery was "doing well" as a student in Union Theological Seminary, and Bro. Geiser, (teaching at Bath,) was doing *better*, having already taken unto himself that dearest of masculine cares—a *wife*; and, also, that he was pursuing a course of study preparatory to entering the legal profession.

But to return to our symposium. Invitations were forwarded by our S. A. to the brethren abroad, and subjects selected for speeches about the festal board. On the evening of June 27th, 1876, accordingly, after listening for more than an hour to Hon. Harry White, M. C., who addressed the library societies of the College in the court-house, we repaired to Gruel's parlors (where we had for some time previous been holding our meetings,) and filled ourselves not only with the pabula of the stomach, but also of the brain. Hartzel, our recently chosen M. P., was "master of ceremonies." The brother showed himself worthy the title "master" in other ways, besides speedily food-concealing ability. After a

clean sweep had been made of the eatables, Bowling was called upon to say something about "Influences of Ladies' Society." Being posted he enlightened the fraternity hugely. "Anniversaries" was neatly and elegantly responded to by B. F. Bausman. Then followed a gem from the poetic brain of Dreisbach; followed by the Delta Tau Delta Song, well read by Miller. Laury would have made a speech on this occasion, "but felt too full" for utterance. The Valedictory was delivered by Bowling, and responded to by the W. P. in such tones of parting sadness that it almost drew moisture from the eyes of the "Apostle," who, by the way, did little but *eat* during the whole evening. Farewell words and good wishes were extended to the parting ones, and thus the meeting closed, sending two more graduates—Laury and Bowling—out to wrestle with the cold charities of the outside world. Thus the collegiate year of '75-6 ended, the Fraternity having in her history up to this time initiated thirteen members, including *Stem*, Boyle and Lichliter.

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#### GREEK WORLD.

Governor Andrews, of Connecticut, presided at the last ΨΥ Convention.

ΦΚΞ will hold its next annual Convention at Washington, D. C., in February, 1880.

ΑΔΦ held its last Convention at New Haven, Ct., the Hon. John Jay, of New York, ex-Minister to Austria, presiding.

The banquet and annual reunion of the Ω of ΦΚΣ, of the Northwestern University, took place at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, June 27th.

The Fifteenth General Convention of ΦΓΔ met at Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 15th. ΦΓΔ claims as members such prominent men as United States Senator Vance, of North Carolina; Gen. Lew Wallace, Governor of New Mexico; the Hon. J. H. Hopkins, Grand Master of the Knights Templar in the United States; Judge Cyrus L. Pershing, of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Edward Eggleston, D. D., the author; Gen. George A. Sheridan, and the Rt. Rev. Bishop McLaren, of Illinois.

Among the buildings recently erected in New York City, an odd-looking structure in Twenty-eighth street attracts especial attention from curious observers. Symbolic Greek letters and a large letter T upon the point of the quaint-looking peaked roof indicate that it is the chapter-house of the Delta Psi Fraternity of Columbia College. The building is in the style of the French Renaissance, three stories high, and very bold



in design. It is entirely of brick, the substantial parts being of red and all the trimmings of yellow brick, after a pattern seen in only one or two other buildings in New York. There are no windows in the third story, their place being supplied by ornamental brickwork. Upon the cornice is a pediment supported on pilasters and bearing a large stone owl, and underneath is a shield bearing the Greek symbols for Delta Psi. The sign referred to as the letter T upon the pointed roof is the badge of the fraternity. The interior of the building is fitted for all the purposes of a Greek-letter society, and none but the members of the  $\Delta \Psi$  are to be admitted within its portals. On the first and second floors are four handsome club rooms, finely finished in wood, and on the third story is the chap' hall, with an open rafter ceiling. In the rear of the building are symbolic stained glass windows, but the chapter hall is lighted only from within. Further details in regard to the building and its equipments are made known only to members of the  $\Delta \Psi$ . The  $\Delta \Psi$  was founded at Columbia College in 1847. It has now nine chapters and 1,800 members, and has been represented in eighteen different colleges. It has chapter houses at Trinity and Williams Colleges, and is about to build one at the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale. For many years the various fraternities having chapters in New York City have had under consideration plans for building chapter-houses, but the expense attendant upon such an enterprise has always deterred them from undertaking anything definite. Should the Delta Psi's experiment prove successful, Psi Upsilon will soon provide itself with a similar building, and the example will no doubt be followed by others.

HERE is a feather for SIGMA's cap. Brother Norton, formerly an active member of  $\Sigma$ , who is now attending Yale Law School, took part in the Athletic games of that institution the other day, and took the five mile "go-as-you-please" race, making the best collegiate time on record.

*Harper's Weekly* prints the following of Brother Godlove S. Orth, M. C., (old Z, '55) as told by an ex-Representative: "Mr. Orth, when once before a member of Congress, occupied a seat next to mine, so that we became well acquainted. Orth's name, as I remember, was just about the middle of the list of members, and the clerk in reading his name did not always speak it plainly. A man was sitting by me one day who had been a frequent listener to the proceedings of the House, and when some vote was taken he made the curious inquiry: Tell me, Mr. Myers, why does the clerk always, when he gets to the middle of the roll-call, say 'God love us all?' He was informed that what the clerk really said was Godlove S. Orth."

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THE CRESCENT is not ALPHA's paper. It belongs to us all. Her success depends upon us as individuals. Are you doing anything for the CRESCENT?

WE are much indebted to Bro. J. Harry Geissinger of THE TAU, for the "Greek World" and other valuable matter for this number of the CRESCENT.

CLARENCE W. TERWILLIGER, of the KAPPA Chapter, Hillsdale College, class of '81, was the captain and winning stroke of the famous "Hillsdale" crew, which won the great race at Saratoga in July.

MANY are the congratulations which we have received upon the first number of this volume of the CRESCENT, for which we tender thanks. Our neat typographical appearance is entirely due to Mr. Geo. W. Hand, foreman of the office in which our paper is printed.

THE Chapters, with only a few exceptions, are very slow about sending in their new subscription lists. This matter should receive due attention, immediately. Brothers, double the list in your respective chapters for the ensuing year! Every true, loyal Delta should subscribe for the CRESCENT; and if Bro. Bamber will pardon us, we would like to suggest this as another of the characteristics of "THE IDEAL DELTA BROTHER."

WE are much encouraged by the feelings of new interest manifested by some of the chapters which last year almost failed to recognize their alliance. A letter from EPSILON, published in this number, shows an invigoration among its members, and that its fealty will be true and certain in the future. We are glad for this intelligence and have much faith in the purposes of the boys of EPSILON.

WE introduce, with this number, what we propose to call "THE HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT." This is a feature of our paper which received some attention during the last year, but we are desirous of making this one of the



most interesting and attractive departments of the CRESCENT. The historians will, of course, be selected from their own chapters, and should be brothers who have had some experience. The histories ought to be as condensed as possible; written in a keen, witty style, and made as attractive as is in the power of the writer. Please remember that a redundancy of words, incidents, or facts, will occupy valuable space which might, more profitably, be devoted to some other important matter.

OUR Vice Editor has charge of the "Alumni News" of the CRESCENT. The alumni can assist greatly in making this an interesting department. Do not be too modest; if you can not send us items in regard to others, just write something about yourself on a postal card and mail it to Bro. Shilling. We regret much that our boys manifest so little interest in fraternity matters, after they have their diplomas nicely tucked under their arms. It is natural, perhaps; but, dear fellows, we do not want to loose trace of you altogether. Give an account of yourself occasionally. Expect the CRESCENT regularly; and, perhaps, some day, when the responsibilities and cares of active life are giving you nothing but worry and discouragements, a CRESCENT will be taken from your post-office box, which will suggest to you some reminiscence of bye-gone days, and your business complications will be forgotten in the happy remembrance of former days. Alumni news will be acceptable from any one of the brothers who has any information whatever for this department.

THE PI has a novel idea; a good one, too, to which we give our hearty support. It is the adoption of a fraternity cap, to be made out of silver-gray cloth, trimmed with purple silk, the whole surmounted with a button in the college color or colors. These caps can be made to order, in quantity, at a reasonable expense. As described they would be attractive and neat at the same time not gaudy. Let us have them! Agitate the subject and take some action in your respective chapters. This would be a distinctive feature and also one of those things which helps to keep alive our enthusiasm. In all the colleges in which our fraternity is represented, a casual observer without the assistance of *badges or caps*, finds no difficulty in selecting the "Delta boys" from a band of students. The cap suggestion is not then to put the notice "I am a Delta" on our heads, for that is unnecessary; but it is one of those things which will characterise the interest and wide-awake spirit of our fraternity. Bring the matter before your chapter promptly, and notify the G. S. A. as to your decision. Boys, we must have the caps!

## ALPHA LOCALS.

Go to room 58, Culver Hall, for energetic Deltas.

Bro. C. E. Richmond has been elected president of the Sophomore class.

Bro. Frank Lippitt does the locals for *The Campus*, the Allegheny College paper.

ALPHA returns her thanks for the many regards she receives through the correspondence with Bro. Ensign.

Bro. Jackson, one of our new men, was unluckily hit on the cheek bone with a ball club. He had a severe time with it, but is all right now.

We have the pleasure of introducing six new members to the fraternity: Brothers Plummer, Jackson, Hughes, Cullum, W. C. and C. W. Fish. They are all of the right sort and will help bear ALPHA's standard to new successes.

Brothers Roudebush, Bear, Sensor, Walker, Stewart, Koester and Woodring were among our Delta visitors the last month. Bro. Koester especially left a kind remembrance with us, for he said, "Boys, when you get hard up, just draw on me for twenty-five."

The military appointments have at last been given out and the boys relieved from the terrible suspense. To say that we fared well would not express it, for the subjoined report will show that we fared more than well:

Master of Infantry—Bro. Decker.

Adjutant—Bro. Wann.

Captains—Bros. Shilling, Lippitt and Chryst.

First Lieutenants—Bros. Gill, Nodine and Ensign.

Second Lieutenants—Bro. Richmond.

Sergeants—Hovis, White, Harper, Cullum, Anderson, Call White, Hughes.

## FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

### NOTES FROM THE TAU.

The first meeting of the term was held on Saturday evening, September 6th. Meetings are now held regularly on Saturday evenings.

Bro. D. C. Lichliter's address is No. 811 East Fifth street, Dayton, O.; Bro. B. F. Biery is at Mount Cory, Hancock county, O.

The officers for the present term, elected in constitutional order, are J. Harry Geissinger, H. S. Coblentz, Harry R. Friese, Frank S. Elliot, A. B. Rieser, Will A. Miller and C. W. Levan. O. R. Snyder is the Corresponding Secretary for the year. F. S. Elliot—"the Judge"—has been elected annual historian of the chapter.



Bro. H. S. Coblentz (familiarly "Doc.") delivered the first of a new series of chapter "talks," on our last meeting night, on the subject of "Electioneering." Brothers Snyder and Reber are next on the list of speakers. These chapter lectures are always interesting, and are an excellent means in fraternity matters.

On Sunday evening, October 12th, by agreement, "the boys" went to Grace Lutheran Church, in Lancaster, Bro. D. H. Geissinger, A '71, pastor. After the sermon an informal reception was held in the vestibule of the church. The collections enjoyed it, and so did "parson Dave," who has a broad smile and a hearty grip for Deltas, always and everywhere.

Bro. John L. Keller, '79, of Woodstock, La., was with us four or five days in October, on his way to Indianapolis, Ind., where he intends to settle in the study and practice of the law. He still gives to a Delta the warm Southern grip of his Senior days, and he deserves to have as bosom friends all the members of our fraternity who are in his Western neighborhood.

As Grand Chapter of the First Division, the Tau has received most encouraging reports from all the subordinate chapters, excepting the Eta Beta. The Gamma has initiated seven new members, the Nu two, the Pi three, and the Rho, which is warming into new life, one. Everything indicates a most prosperous year for our fraternity in the East.

The new members initiated this term are Morris R. Reber, '81, of Reading, Pa., Theo. N. Reiker, '82, of Huntingdon, Pa., and Isaac McHose, '83, of Reading. We are satisfied that our selections are the very best that could have been made, and the chapters of  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $X \Phi$ , and  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , located here, are forced to say with us that they are the most desirable of the new students. The  $X \Phi$ 's have initiated two members, the  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's one, and the  $\Phi K \Sigma$ 's none.

Our chapter novelties this term are a glee club and a euchre team. In the glee club B. F. Bausman, McHose and Geissinger sing air, Rieser and F. S. Elliot tenor, Reber and Hartzel alto, and Snyder and Levan bass. Reber and Geissinger are jointly the captains of this gallant crew. Reber plays the piano, and "the Judge" twangs the guitar. The euchre team consists of two pairs of players. Snyder and Coblentz, and Reiser and Hartzel, and this quartette of knights has entered upon a journey of no less than two hundred games.

The Commencement banquet of the chapter was held on Thursday night of last Commencement week. It was throughout a most enjoyable affair. Bros. Henry T. Bruck, of the Rho, and Silas F. Lowry and Daniel Gibbons, of the Tau, were present with us, and regrets

for inability to attend were read from very many more. Toasts were offered, songs were sung, college pranks were told again, all going to make the occasion a most pleasant one, and to knit more tightly the bond that binds us close together.

### THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

#### THE IOTA.

LANSING, Mich., Oct. 20, 1879.

Bro. W. W. Remington is teaching near Grand Rapids.

Bro. F. E. Robson, '78, is principal of the 1st ward school of Lansing.

Brothers A. B. Peebles, '77, and C. J. Strang, '78, are pursuing their theological studies at Oberlin.

Bro. J. A. Porter, '77, is principal of the school at Highland Lake, Col. He has been appointed songwriter for Iota.

Bro. W. L. Carpenter, '75, a rising young lawyer of Detroit, recently visited Lansing, to attend to a case in the Supreme Court.

C. A. French, formerly of Epsilon, dropped in on us during one of our meetings recently. We were all pleased to meet Bro. French, and we hope he will "drop in" again.

Bro. W. S. Holdsworth, '78, is draughtsman in the office of Watkins & Arnold, architects, Lansing, Mich. Bro. H. just recently completed a bird's-eye view of the college grounds, to be used in the new catalogue.

Iota has received the first number of the CRESCENT under the new management, and offers her heartiest congratulations. The CRESCENT is ever a welcome visitor to our circle; we believe it to be the "sun" of the fraternity.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. W. MCCURDY.

#### ZETA BETA.

Bro. Jos. Pisely, class '79, is superintendent of the Albion, Ill., public schools.

Elmer Phillips, New Castle, Pa., and Lewis Cooper, Indianapolis, have enrolled themselves among the chosen saints, otherwise  $\Delta T \Delta$ .

In the primary convention of the State Oratorical Association, held at Butler, the  $\Delta$  secured the presidency—Boyle, and first delegate—Kelsey.

Augustin Boice, B '69, attended a meeting of Z B recently, and gave the young gentlemen a pleasant speech. Bro. Boice has a lucrative law practice in Indianapolis.



The Phi Delta Thetas made a horrid onslaught among the "barbs" not long since, "pinning out" six men (?) one morning. An inquisitive Δ asked of a Φ what they meant by such unheard of proceedings. The adolescent youth replied: "We had to do something."

JOS. A. KELSEY.

### FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

#### AN ENCOURAGING WORD FROM "THE EPSILON."

ALBION, Mich., Oct. 24, 1879.

Editor Crescent:

I wonder if you can find room in your columns for a few lines from EPSILON, the bad chapter of Michigan, whose failure to comply with some of the weightier matters of the law of Deltaism awakened last year the righteous indignation of our worthy ALPHA chapter and our G. S. A.; and whose lack of representation at Put-in-Bay called down left-handed blessings from various quarters. If so, I would like to say, first of all, that *we are alive* here at EPSILON, if appearances *did* last year seem to indicate the contrary, and we mean during the coming year to put in some good work for Deltaism. The last year was a hard one upon us financially, the chapter laboring under debt and burdened with a heavy rent, which fact we now plead in extenuation of our apparent negligence in meeting the demands of ALPHA upon us. We intend to do better and ask the brothers to consider EPSILON as she really is, loyal to the core to the interests of the fraternity. We enter upon the new year with an active membership of fifteen, all of them good men, and true, chosen from the best students of the college, and with us for the purpose of earnest work. You will hear from us again. Allow me, in conclusion, a word of praise for the last number of the CRESCENT; it is excellent, bright, original and loyal to the cause, laboring for the beautiful and for the good. May our noble paper win all the success which it deserves.

Your frater,

R. M. YOUNG, S. A.

### NOTICES TO CHAPTERS.

—Send in your subscription lists.

—Copies of the Minutes of Convention, Constitution, and Initiatory Service have been sent to each chapter. Please notify the G. S. A. if they have been safely received.

—Let the S. A. of each chapter be prompt in sending in his term report. It is a matter of the greatest importance that these reports be sent in promptly.

—Several of the chapters are delinquent in the payment of last year's dues. It is unnecessary to give the

names, as the chapters that are in arrears are aware of the fact. We earnestly request these chapters to balance their accounts as soon as possible.

—By reference to the minutes of the last Convention, the method adopted for the distribution of catalogues will be found. Any member of the fraternity, not entitled to a catalogue, can procure one by enclosing fifty (50c) in a letter to the G. S. A.

### ALUMNI NEWS.

H. D. Cope, (Σ,) is earning laurels as an elocutionist.

Fred. Rosenberg (P, '81,) is now attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.

Seward V. Ramsey (formerly of Σ,) is now engaged in practicing law at Hanoverton, Columbiana Co., Ohio.

H. P. Smith (Σ, '79—K, '79,) is reading law in the office of J. C. Talcott, (Σ, '76,) at Jefferson, Ashtabula Co., Ohio.

Rev. W. P. Graham, (Σ, '77,) formerly pastor of the Wheatland M. E. Church, is now located at Rouseville, Pa.

Will H. Rowles (Σ, '77,) has removed from Bridgeport, Ohio, to Des Moines, Iowa, where he is now engaged in the practice of law.

J. H. Grove, (old A, '70,) principal of the preparatory department of Ohio Wesleyan University, is the author of a book on Latin Composition.

Bro. R. G. Heiner, well known as the founder of the present ALPHA, has been promoted to a captaincy, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Major Thornburgh in the Ute war. Bro. Heiner richly deserves this promotion and "his boys" at ALPHA send him their heartiest congratulations.

D. H. Post, of the chapter once located at the Jamestown Collegiate Institute, class of '68, is the author of the article on "Chautauqua," in *Harper's Magazine* for August, and Will Carleton (K, '69,) is represented in the "Drawer" of the same number, by a jolly little poem quoted from a western journal. Mrs. Phoebe Earle Gibbons, of Lancaster, Pa., whom Daniel Gibbons, of the TAU, stands related as only son, is also a frequent contributor to *Harper's*.

It affords us great pleasure to note the marriage of one of DELTA TAU's most loyal sons, Bro. Will A. Cullop, to Miss Kate S. Cobb, of Vincennes, Ind. The ceremony took place on Tuesday evening, at 8:30 o'clock, before a large number of invited guests, Bro. W. C. Buchanan, of Cincinnati, acting as one of the groomsmen. The presents were exceptionally fine and numerous and the entire affair passed off with great *eclat*. The DELTA TAU, for which Bro. Cullop has labored so long and faithfully, now wishes the happy couple *un tre's bon voyage* over the sea of life.



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

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