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## A SONG OF THE PI.

DEDICATED TO MISS R. A. C.

BY T. H. HARDCASTLE.

*Air—"Comin' Thro' the Rye."*

Chapter Pi with joy doth greet you,  
From her distant hill;  
Chapter Pi doth hope to meet you  
Like true Deltas will.

CHORUS:—

If we're close to one another,  
If we're far away,  
We'll be true to every brother  
Till our dying day.

Come what will to hurt or check us,  
Let us stand alone;  
Good hearts still can well protect us,  
And we make no moan.

For within us speaks a spirit,  
Counseling full oft;  
If we listen we can hear it,  
Though it murmurs soft.

Thus our pleasure and our duty,  
Cause us to obey  
What do prompt us Truth and Beauty,  
With soul-lighting ray.

But when foes without assail us,  
Let's together stand;  
Then our courage will not fail us,  
Fighting hand in hand.

## OUR PAST HISTORY.

J. F. MARCHAND.

There is much of the venerable and poetical, much of the romantic and picturesque in antiquity. A hoary ruin has its charms for the painter, the poet and the antiquarian; one loves to brush away the cobwebs of ages, to exhume from the ashes of volcanic buried cities, to rebuild in imagination Babylon, Pompeii, Herculaneum, or the Roman forum, and to clothe with new life the shadows of the great, brave and good heroes of

the past, and the glorious and noble women who have been the life and charm of bygone ages. The same feeling impels us to look back with a sort of tender regret on the days of our youth, and to cherish the memories of "auld lang syne." But this feeling, like many other emotions, may be carried to excess; we may cherish the memory of the dead at the expense of the living; we may dwell upon what we have lost, to the exclusion of a proper appreciation of what we retain. We should not forget that all which is old is not venerable; that the past has its errors to be deplored, as well as its glory to be regretted.

In a review of the past history of our Fraternity, many hallowed associations and recollections cannot fail to come before us; especially I think to the alumni who were in the fraternity in its infancy. Our present condition must seem to the alumni, as it does to us, to be in the best condition it has ever been.

When we view the fraternity as it was eighteen or twenty years ago, and then its present condition, with its honored alumni and bright prospects for the future, every true Delta's heart should beat high with emotion, and yearn for more glorious results. When the  $\Delta T \Delta$  Fraternity was organized it had old and well established fraternities to contend with; and the question whether it would survive and become a fraternity depended only on the volition of the founders. But they were men of mettle and will, and the benefits we enjoy from the fraternity can only be attributed to the founders of our common brotherhood. Their work is done. And many sleep the sleep of death. But as in all good enterprises their works live after them.

Thus, when we review the past and contemplate our future prosperity, we should go forth upon the new year just begun with renewed energy and with higher aims to lift our banner of royal purple up into the pure atmosphere that gives life and vitality. The most encouraging reports come to us from every chapter. Never was our eastern outlook more favorable than the present. With Upsilon at Troy, N. Y., we hope to be able to find our way into more eastern institutions.

Then, under such favorable circumstances, let every Delta be greatly encouraged and stimulated to more active and energetic work in the year just begun.



## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

*Dear Crescent:*

The December number of the CRESCENT came to hand, and we cannot find words to express the pleasure it gave us to peruse its many columns once more. First, "Thoughts by the Way" attracted our attention, and we had to read the article clear through before looking elsewhere, so interesting and instructive did we find it; then came "Chapter Periodicals," which contained many excellent thoughts, and are worthy the candid consideration of every chapter. Thus we read each article in its turn, till we had gone quite through "our beloved journal," closing it with the determination to work harder for its interests by way of securing, if possible, a few more subscriptions.

IOTA's halls are "silent and cold as a stone," the college, at which she is located, having closed its doors November 18th, for the usual winter vacation, to re-open again February 25th. Separated as we are, we can no longer enjoy our weekly meetings; but, as the Saturday evenings roll around, our thoughts go back to our Delta home, and each brother longs for the return of that day, when he may renew the grip which fills the heart of every frater with love for our Delta Tau. Twenty, more or less, true and faithful men will return next term to IOTA's helm and to help onward the cause so worthy of our efforts. A bright future seems to be dawning for Delta Tau Delta; the clouds which had gathered in various quarters are rising; their dark, forboding appearance is fading, and yonder, above the horizon, the silvery lining is visible. Let us watch and labor, brother Deltas, (individually and together) till no cloud shall dim the brightness of the fraternity; then shall our glorious Order unfurl her banner and step forward and claim equal recognition among the *best* fraternities in the land. The grand and noble principles which underlie the Δ T Δ Fraternity, and which animate the heart of every true Delta, must grow—the superstructure is strong and unyielding; the edifice must be broad and lasting.

We believe one of the best methods to further the interests of Delta Tau, and to brighten the coals of Delta love, is chapter correspondence. We are inclined to think that too little of this work is done by many chapters, hence their lack of enthusiasm. Let each secretary be up and doing, remembering that the growth and influence of his chapter will largely depend on her knowledge of the wants of sister chapters and of the Fraternity generally. We are aware of the fact that to maintain a regular correspondence with each chapter would require much care and attention, perhaps more than most brothers could give, but a quarterly exchange

of letters might be made, and not add very greatly to the duties of the Secretary.

We would urge upon each chapter the careful consideration of this subject; and, if the work is taken up, we predict that Chicago will next year witness the most enthusiastic body of Modern Greeks ever convened.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. W. McCURDY.

ONCE A MEMBER, ALWAYS A MEMBER.

It has been both with pleasure and profit that I have read the articles, recently published in the CRESCENT, relating to membership.

Brother Hartzel's article on "Membership" is a good one. It is timely, and to the point. His ideas are correct. If followed, in the main, it will be for good to our Fraternity.

Deltaism is comparatively in its infancy; that infancy we should desire to so shape that a permanent and noble manhood may be attained. Nor must I omit to mention Brother McClurg's sensible and good letter in the last issue of the CRESCENT, nor to make mention of Brother H. Bamber's article in the recent issue of our organ. Indeed, I am well pleased with the drift of the articles on the ideas of fraternity membership that have recently appeared in the late numbers of our paper. I approve of the position of the fraternity, as at present expressed, in regard to honorary members and membership.

It is true, we have initiated a few such members. Many of them are to-day a credit and an honor to us. They have done us good service in more ways than one. Their influence has been for good. But the time has come when we should cease to initiate such members. We have enough.

In our early infancy we needed a few such honorary members. We were young; aye, in our earliest infancy. We needed the advice of such members; we needed their influence and their guidance. We hope and believe we have received it. To them we are very grateful and sincerely thankful. They came at a time when they were needed. To them we extend the hand of true fellowship. They are a part of us. We do not want to give them up; nay, we will not give them up, now we have grown older and stronger. But the time has come when we should cease the initiation of such members. This is true both in application to our honorary members and to ourselves. Nor is it hardly fair, strictly speaking, to our honorary members that we keep on initiating honorary members. Should we have kept on initiating such members, as some fraternities have done and are doing, the honor of such a membership would cease being of much true honor



if every one, who has attained some eminence and distinction, was liable and likely to be initiated into such membership of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Let us stop where we are, and with those we have, and initiate no more.

But I have strayed away rather far from my subject. What I desire now to say is upon membership, as it applies to ourselves. I desire then to confine myself to my subject, "Once a Member, always a Member." I would not have our fraternity carry the subject as far and as rigidly as England does the subject of citizenship. We do not desire to take the *extremes* on the subject, but the *mean*.

We believe that when a member is initiated that he should keep up his membership. In college or out of college, he should remain a true son of the royal purple. This should apply to all members that have been initiated, both honorary and active, and to all that may hereafter be initiated. Every Delta Tau Delta should cling to the *Crescent Fraternity* as firmly and devotedly as the loyal subjects of Great Britain do to the *Cross of St. George*. Once a Delta, always a Delta. No matter where we are, upon the sea, upon the land, in storm or in calm, in prosperity or adversity, in honor or dishonor, let us be, while life shall remain, true, loyal fraters of our Brotherhood.

When once a member, until properly expelled, each Delta should be a Delta still. Expulsion should be resorted to only upon the best of grounds. I shall not raise the question whether a member can resign or not his membership. If he can it is sad. It is a privilege that should, if granted at all, be granted very seldom, indeed. We do not need, as I have said, to resort to the initiation of honorary members; we have enough of them. We must now look, as a brother has said—and wisely, too,—to our own members for honor. By our present membership, both honorary and active, we must gain our name and distinction. To do this most effectually we must strengthen and draw closer our membership. A Delta to-day and not to-morrow; a Delta in college, and not out of college, will never obtain this desired end. A membership that is lasting and permanent is what we want. If every member who has ever been initiated into our Fraternity, whether he graduated or not, still retained a deep interest in this fraternity, where would we be to-day? We should eradicate the lethargy from our minds and instil a zeal and energy that will not grow cold because we have been out of college a few short years. If we can keep up a warm feeling, an abiding faith and love in the breast of all whom we may hereafter initiate, or have initiated, we are safe. Whether a member is an alumnus or not, no matter; all who have ever been initiated, and re-

mained true, should be acknowledged as Deltas, and accorded all the pleasures and advantages of the order; and the fraternity should demand of them in return to be ever vigilant and active in her welfare. We can thus bind more firmly the active college members and those that are out of college. When we have done this our success is secured beyond a doubt. When old Deltas and young Deltas alike fight for the royal purple it will never fade.

I do not say that a member on leaving college should not join other orders, as Masons, and the like; but he should never neglect his first love for other loves. Rather than have them do so, I would not have them join.

Then let those Deltas who are in college, as well as those who have left college, labor on, for our common good, not letting their love grow cold, nor their interest flag, nor their membership die, but still remain active and ceaseless. Then will our noble Delta Tau Delta Fraternity grow strong and good, and our names, when once engraven upon the tablets of our beloved Fraternity, shall not be effaced, but shall remain bright and shine forth in the refulgent light of the *Crescent* as the true fraters of Delta Tau Delta.

J. P. L. WEEMS.

Vincennes, Ind., Dec. 18th, 1879.

#### LETTER FROM GERMANY—NO. 2.

DECEMBER, 1879.

Dear Bro. Deltas:

The steamer Schiedam having passed the red roofs and steeples of its maternal ancestress, the Stadt Schiedam, a town of considerable size and importance, soon brings the wanderer of the sea to the quay at Rotterdam. From its decks we saw the good-natured, chubby faces of men, women and children, who, in lieu of anything else to do, had come to the wharf to see the Schiedam. After the customary formalities of trunk inspection by the government authorities, the passengers are led by the doctor to the gangway and then conducted to the shores, where those who had been friends for fifteen days, separate, each going his own way. Our company consisting of the Colognese Fraulein, the doctor, Miss —, of Keokuk, Iowa, and myself, are taken to the hotel Leifgraff. Here, after an excellent dinner, we rest, until a desire seizes us to see something of Rotterdam in its Sunday garb. Here, as elsewhere in Europe, Sunday ceases at midday, and then each good Hollander takes his promenade with frau and kinder. Strange, yet very interesting sights await us. Now we are passing a peasant, who has on her head one of those quaint relics and heirlooms, peculiar to Holland peasant-life—the brass, helmet-shaped



cap, with its ear-ring projecting horizontally, instead of hanging perpendicularly, from the main part of this curious head-gear. This latter is shaped like a corkscrew, and evidently serves the purpose of holding the lace cap, which crowns this wondrous arrangement, and which the good Holland fraus take great pleasure in making as snow white as possible. These head-gears (as I may call them) are often of gold and are heirlooms in respective families. Words cannot describe the curious effect of these very picturesque adornments. The most beautiful costume I saw in Rotterdam in our walk was that of the Roman Catholic orphans. One passes us with a red skirt, black body and the most evenly arranged turban. As yet I have not seen anything which surpasses it in beauty. Many quaint costumes are seen elsewhere, but none in actual beauty, equal the above. Others may be more antique and characteristic, but none comparable to it in proper combination of shades of color.

I could say much of the pleasures of this walk, but will only refer to our visit to a Roman Catholic church. In all things have I found Baedeker correct, but in one—his reference to the Dutch churches. Very interesting did I find them, and it must be said that the Roman Catholic service I attended was less Roman Catholic than any I have ever attended in America. There was an air of home-life about it which the "Ecclesia Docceus" does not usually foster, but rather represses. We sat in the gallery. There were chairs with initials on each, instead of the bleak, bare benches, generally to be found in their churches. Below me sat the large congregation of men and women, who were intently listening to the sermon. The backs of the people were towards the altar, facing the priest, who was in the pulpit, which was placed near the centre of the church. At the close of the sermon, he went to the altar, which did not seem so distant from the congregation as in the Romanist churches of America. The people in the most quiet, noiseless way now changed their position, and faced the altar until the close of the service. One can hardly describe the difference, but be it said to their credit, the Roman church seemed less Roman here than in America, and less ignorant-looking was this congregation than the Roman churches in Cologne. Evidently the Reformed church in Holland has had a modifying effect upon the Roman church in Holland, at least in this particular, that it removes that severely cold atmosphere which one so often finds in their services.

Of picturesque costumes and national life have I now spoken, so let us now return to that which, perhaps, of all other things, is most characteristic of Holland, its flapping, lopping, good-natured looking wind-mills.

Here is one old fellow who for many, many years, has run in constant service. His great flopping ears go round and round again. Yet no signs of weariness appear; at all times he obeys the wind and his Dutch master. It is impossible to compare them to anything—they are unique and are only wind-mills as their grandfathers were. These inseparables from Dutch landscapes suggest contentment, peace and thrift. Yet not idle, lazy contentment, but continuous well-doing. They seem, like the Hollander, persevering and industrious, after which they can take a good rest, when the wind does not blow. In them is ever present contentment, repose, activity and thrift. Mines of frugal wealth have they proved to the energetic Hollanders, and it would be due them to have placed on the national escutcheon, a wind-mill.

Rotterdam is thoroughly Dutch. As one walks through its streets this is more and more evident, as it fulfils all that one has imagined as characteristic of Holland. Its houses and people seem true to the national type. The cleanliness of these people exceeds the desires of the most fastidious, as they are rubbing, scrubbing, washing and polishing everything. The brightness of a Rotterdam teapot is a feast for the eyes, and the tea from it tastes better for its brilliant exterior. The most cheery looking maids are seen flitting here and there with those shining cauldrons (little) of savory smelling tea. One comes to the conclusion that tea and coffee here are staple commodities, and that the Dutch are indeed lovers of these soothers of weary nature. The park in Rotterdam is like the people, prim, regular and exact. Here can be seen the most luxuriant growth of tropical plants. In this moist climate they thrive. The beauty of a Holland garden is in its intense regularity, which at times is so exact as to almost appear artificial. The grass is so green, the shrubbery so luxuriant and the flowers so bright, that the manufactories need only send a dry goods artist to study the effects of different groupings of colors. It would pay Claflin & Co., of New York to have a resident clerk here to take impressions for cotton goods. It was my good fortune to walk through the park with the father of the doctor, whilst the Fraulein and he led the way. Pleasant company adds much to the pleasure of a visit and the beauty of a scene. So it was in the present instance. I was walking beside a genuine Dutchman of the old school—an emeritus doctor of theology—one who had preached in the old St. Lawrence church of Rotterdam, its relic of mediæval life. We together then enjoyed a walk, and in due time we came to a house which he said was his home, and into which he invited me. Very courteously was I treated, and as I drank the coffee and ate Holland bread and



cheese, I recognized fully that I was in Holland, for I was enjoying true Dutch hospitality. Here we sat; I drank coffee, and the doctor smoked his pipe and said to me that I was only half fledged because I would not smoke also. This little recollection of Dutch hospitality I carry as the souvenir of Holland gentility and civility.

GEORGE MERLE ZACHARIAS.

### HISTORY OF THE TAU.

BY ROBERT C. BOWLING, A. B.

#### Continued.

The fall term of '76 opened with brilliant prospects for F. and M. College, but with better prospects for Chapter TAU. Dr. Nevin had resigned the presidency, and thus no longer did he shove the odious pledge before the wondering eyes of new students. The venerable Professor, W. M. Nevin, familiarly called "Billy," had succeeded as "grand mogul" *pro tem*. There seemed to be less terror in the tones of his voice; at least the pledge under his reign did not seem to intimidate the new Delta material, for Brothers Charlie Baker, of Westminster, Md., and John Lawfer, of Allentown, Pa., soon united with us, even at the hazard of one year in the Academy. At first these gentlemen desired silence; but sneaking secrecy was no part of their manly natures, and it was but a short time until two "preps" paraded the campus with glittering Delta badges, adorned with the royal purple.

Gruel's parlors being rather public, the TAU now decided to seek a more secluded spot, when by chance Mechanics' Hotel, at the eastern extremity of Chestnut street, opened its partially inviting German doors to her. Here we first initiated Brother Rheinsberg, after he had toiled in vain for some time to get a bite of the tempting apple that hung suspended from the ceiling. This case of Brother Rheinsberg is one, and the only instance in which the TAU has admitted a member who was not either a student in the college proper or academy. But Max seemed to be such a "good, jolly Dutchman" that we felt willing to stretch even into the theological seminary to get him. At the home of the Brothers Bausman, on the evening of Dec. 5th, '76, Brother A. B. Rieser learned the significance of  $\Delta T \Delta$  for her members. This was another good investment. Rieser was no counterfeit, and he has since labored earnestly and zealously for the good of the chapter.

We next captured Brother Gibbons. "Danny" was happy, and quite early became an earnest enthusiast in the interests of our Fraternity.

Levan, "the darling of the ladies," was next chosen. Satisfied with anything that is not incompatible with his popularity among the daughters of men, Levan has never given the chapter any reason to lament her choice.

Not feeling entirely satisfied with our place of meeting (the fumes of alcohol being too strong for the temperate nostrils of good Deltas), we now made strenuous efforts to obtain a room adapted to our wants; but rooms that suited us were generally either already occupied, or the rents demanded were too high for our treasury. A third-floor "cage" in Rohrer's building, corner of North Queen and Chestnut streets, was at length selected as an appropriate place; and here our meetings were uninterruptedly held for some time.

A little unpleasantness now occurred to mar the TAU's tranquility. The ever-mischievous Lawfer and Baker would have fun, even at the expense of a brother, and Gibbons became their victim. This caused some ill-feeling in the meetings, but was in the end happily settled, as we understood, privately. At this point the chapter also suffered some from the taunts and jeers of the other fraternities, occasioned either by the carelessness or enthusiastic imprudence of a brother. Some letters, properly the business alone of the TAU and her members, were allowed to come into outside hands, and thus our boys were put in "hot water" for some time. Greater caution was taken in word and action; nothing further was promulgated, and thus the spirit of persecution gradually died out.

The May of 1877 was made joyous to Chapter TAU by the initiation of three new members,—Geissinger, F. S. Elliot and Friese, the first a nephew of our Brother, D. W. Geissinger (pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Lancaster, and a former member of the ALPHA at Meadville). All were well chosen. The first, being an active, energetic man, has been the mover of many good measures for the chapter; the second a lively, mirth-producing fellow, who from the great judicial ability manifested has been aptly and appropriately styled "Judge;" the third, from the Academy, is one from whom the chapter may expect future blessings to shower down upon her in "wild" profusion.

Thinking ourselves now to be rather a fair specimen of college secret societies, and supposing that we would desire in the days to come to know what our boyish features were, we decided to have a group picture taken. All met at B. Frank Saylor's gallery on a beautiful afternoon in May of '77, and were just ready to be "shot at," when Rev. D. H. Geissinger put in an appearance. After some protracted coaxing on our part the reverend gentleman consented to form one of the group, but could not be persuaded to play the part of "centre pin." We had a severe siege, but finally the artist, to our great relief, dismissed us. The picture turned out to be "right good looking." We might just here remark that this was the first open acknowledgment that the reverend brother made before the college that he was a member



of Delta Tau Delta, although he had been in Lancaster from before the time of the founding of our chapter. History can but do him justice by commending his prudent silence prior to this time; for he could not have been in open sympathy with the college and with her secret societies at the same time.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

### HISTORY OF THE SIGMA.

BY ALBERT L. TALCOTT, PH. B.

It was in the fall of 1874, that several young men at Mount Union College, Mount Union, Ohio, after many serious and prolonged consultations, thought that the time was ripe for establishing a secret society; and decided to build partially upon the ruins of the old chapter of the Kappa Phi Lambda fraternity which had recently met with a violent death at the hands of a "blood-thirsty faculty." One of these students, Bro. C. F. Iddings, wrote to his friend, Bro. H. O. Patch of Warren, Ohio, then a member of our Chapter ALPHA, at Allegheny College, stating that there were several gentlemen at Mount Union who wished to join either the Delta Tau Delta or Phi Kappa Psi Fraternities. This letter fell into the hands of Bro. James S. Eaton, Alpha '75, who secured a charter with as little delay as possible, and the Sigma of to-day was then founded by Bro. Lewis Walker, Alpha, '76, in the parlors of the "Chase House," Alliance, Ohio, on the evening of January 4th, 1875. The following were its charter members: Bros. M. S. Sprowls, C. F. Iddings, O. E. Taylor, Joseph H. Roberts, G. P. Pettit, O. M. Waddle, Jno. F. Cox and Jno. Y. Williams. In order that this sketch may be more easily understood, it is necessary that the relation of our founders to the college, and to both of its literary societies, should be thoroughly comprehended, therefore I have found it necessary to insert some facts which are not a part of our history as a chapter.

At the time that the SIGMA was founded, there were two literary societies at Mount Union, the Republican and the Linnaean. Each of these societies had an active membership of from 100 to 175; and in each there were two great parties, the "Liberal" and the "Dead-Beat" parties. The founders of Chapter Sigma belonged to the former party, and were free-minded and open-hearted, as indeed their very name seems to imply. Untrammelled by bigotry, and absurd notion of propriety, they were to be admired for their independence and progressive ideas. Possessing minds, they depended upon them to point out the right and just course in their college affairs, and were not slow to remonstrate with the faculty against following or obeying any rule

or precedent that smacked of injustice or partiality. Hence from their start, as a party, they were almost unanimously opposed by the faculty, though there were several honored exceptions. They were also opposed by that class of students who "never thought of thinking for themselves at all"—known to wearers of the "royal purple" by the classical name of "Dead-Beats." The strife between these two parties had, for a number of years, been exceedingly bitter; and up to this time the efforts of the D. B's had usually been crowned by the victories. The more thoughtful members of the Liberal party saw that a close organization, composed of their high-stand men and men of influence, could accomplish much in secret, and yet appear to be inactive. They recognized the necessity of cultivating warm friendship between their party leaders. To secure their united counsel an *unseen motor* was established that would be at once a haven of rest from the fatigue of the study and class rooms, for the promotion of social intercourse, and a palace of political intrigue, having in view a more equitable distribution of the elective college honors than they had previously been able to obtain.

The SIGMA was, accordingly, organized about the middle of the winter term; but, during the remainder of that term, its founders were engaged mainly in drafting By-laws and securing a footing for the contemplated hard work of the spring and summer terms. They, however, found time to initiate Bros. Albert J. Woolf, John A. Metzler, Robert A. Kaufman, and Willis F. Park, of the defunct chapter of the K  $\Phi$  A, over the ruins of which they were placing the corner stone of a monument of noble mien. At the first meeting in the spring, Bro. C. S. Cobbs, who had been one of the most earnest advocates of the movement in the preceding fall term, was initiated. He had been engaged in teaching during the winter, or he would probably have been a charter member. The spring term of 1875 is the most successful period in our history, if we are to view it in the light of her increase in membership, having added sixteen to our band—fourteen of whom have since graduated, and twelve of this latter number receiving honors. Can any of our sister chapters show a better term's work? The following are the names of those admitted to membership during those eleven weeks, in the order initiated: Bros. C. S. Cobbs, H. H. Grafton, John H. Dussell, Dan. F. McQueen, Thomas A. Collins, H. S. Mulford, John B. Fleck, John S. Woods, James A. Martin, W. A. Ladd, T. P. McCorkle, G. W. Hamilton, James V. Welsh, William Penn Graham, J. M. Dinsmore and Albert S. Sprowls. Early in April of this term, Bro. Willis F. Park was chosen as the delegate to represent us in the convention at Meadville, Pa.

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## HISTORY OF THE PRESENT ALPHA CHAPTER.

BY CHAS. E. RICHMOND.

## CHAPTER III.

(Continued.)

The college year of '70 and '71 opened with a prosperous roll, and we carried on a winning warfare against the other fraternities. But nothing of much interest occurred except the founding of Chapter Rho, at North East, Pa., by Bro. James Silliman, who was also our delegate to convention. The annual banquet was held at the "Occidental," June 19th, at 3 p. m. Bro. Davie delivered the "valedic," and Bro. Hoffman the reply.

The college year of '71 and '72 also developed little of interest in fraternity matters, and with the exception of an occasional row in the literary societies, it passed off very quietly. Bro. Hunt represented us at the convention. Bro. Foltz was valedictorian and Bro. Wright replied, for the annual banquet at the "Occidental," Tuesday evening, June 18th.

The only event of interest in the years of '72 and '73 was the changing of our place of meeting to a room on the second floor of the Ki'chen Block. Bro. Stewart rendered the valedictory and Bro. Ritzell the reply, at the banquet held at the McHenry House, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

In the last three years of which we have spoken, there seems to have been a dearth of interesting events, but at the same time the following ones show such a marked improvement as could only be made by several years of previous preparation and a stern determination to take the lead; and although the brothers of '71, '72 and '73 worked along quietly, our chapter can yet feel the impulse which they gave to fraternity matters at Allegheny. The results followed quick upon the causes, for now we come to some years in the history of our chapter, around which, events seem to cluster as if to add a golden halo to the parting years of old Chapter DELTA.

The college year of '73 and '74 opened up with the Deltas of Delta taking a most decided lead. The boys were known as "the lively boys of the college," ready for fun upon the slightest provocation, taking the lead in everything that required energy and spirit, always respecting the faculty, yet never toadying to them. Their social qualities, as well as their brilliant literary ability, won them friends and admirers among the main body of students, so that in elections we carried the non-fraternity vote almost entire. But not only at college and in college affairs did our boys take the lead, but also in the city, in business circles, and especially in good society they became an important factor. Was a dance to be organized, a sleigh-ride to be manipulated, in fact

anything that required energy and social qualities, our boys were at the head and the leading spirits. The hall they had leased was fitted up in elegant style. In this the alumni assisted quite liberally. Bro. Frank W. Pierce, of Chapter Rho, of North East, Pa., presented us with a handsome silver waiter set, engraved with the fraternity symbols; which kindness we returned by presenting him with a Delta pin, engraved with the respects of our chapter. Bro. Blackmar gave us a handsome oil painting. The kindness of Bro. Knight, of Eta, was with us weekly in the shape of a newsy paper for our reading room. Bro. Reitzel did the same, and soon we were as nicely situated as we could wish. Not only in chapter matters but in the general fraternity affairs our boys took a renewed interest. Our Secretary placed himself in intimate communication with the secretaries of every chapter whose address he could ascertain. Here also we find a resolution passed instructing our Secretary to write to the other chapters on the advisability of publishing a monthly paper to be called "The Delta Tau Delta." Bro. Eaton about this time founded Chapter Omicron (now Tau), whose successful existence reflects great credit upon both founder and fraternity. Now, also, we sent an official challenge to play the rest of the college a match game of ball, but as we had Bro. Rus. McKelvey with us, who afterwards reached considerable prominence on the "diamond," they refused in the face of sure defeat, and we have held the base ball championship to this day. Here, too, alas! it becomes our sad duty as historian to touch upon some of the lingering remains of mortality, for at this time we came into possession of "Toussaint," who was initiated into our chapter with very appropriate ceremonies and great rejoicing. It would probably be well to remark here that "Toussaint" is a skeleton. In the year 1858 and preceding he was a man (whose name we are compelled to suppress), and we sorrow to say that many a time he rolled staggering through the streets of Meadville under the influence of strong liquor, but, alas! he commenced to see snakes—whiskey did it!—and at last while just before the footlights of this hideous panorama, he "shuffled off this mortal coil," that is to say, the alcoholic molecules affecting his protoplasm, they gave up the germs of life, and he was buried high above other men on "Denham's Heights" to rest in peace. But again, alas for human calculations! One dark and gloomy night, when all were asleep but the owl and the muskrat, "which roamed o'er 'Denham's Heights,'" Messrs. ———, and some other students at Allegheny, raised his corpse in the cause of science, and carried it up to "Dick's Glen," where, two men coming along they became frightened and left it all night. In the meantime, a sacrilegious and hungry dog "chawed" off his arm,



which accounts for his being left-handed to this day. He was afterwards recovered by the boys, dissected, boiled down, and sometime afterwards came into the possession of our chapter through the instrumentality of Bros. Frank Nodine and H. O. Patch. But the history of our hero, unlike that of other men, did not end at death, burial, nor even dissection. A student at Allegheny by the name of Richardson, a member of the  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  Fraternity, once read a selection in Society about Toussaint l'Overture, the Cuban patriot, and he did it so comically that he was nick-named "Toussaint." Well, one day, so runs the tale, Richardson was suddenly called away, and his most intimate friends did not know his whereabouts; at the same time some of our boys were seen carrying the skeleton just obtained into the lodge room, and the other fraternities, as was their custom then, immediately started the report that we had killed Richardson and had his skeleton in our possession. So we, in grand council assembled, named the mass of bones "Toussaint," and now, having given up to a great extent his bad habit of drinking, he makes a pretty respectable member of our Fraternity.

Bro. Frank Reitzel represented us at the Pittsburgh Convention of '74, and when he returned he brought with him the tune of the  $\Delta T \Delta$  song, which our boys have used ever since. The commencement week of this year was received by the boys of Delta with unusual ceremonies, all the "Chocks" coming out in royal purple neckties, cut in the shape of a  $\Delta$ . Bro. J. M. Hunt was chosen to address the alumni at the banquet Wednesday evening, June 24th, at the McHenry House, Bro. Wright was valedictorian and Bro. McKelvey repplier. Thus ended a very prosperous year of our chapter's existence.

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### THE GREEK WORLD.

$\Phi K \Psi$  has a song-book in course of preparation.

The University of California has abolished fraternities.

The annual convention of  $\Delta K E$  was held at Hanover, N. H., in October.

$Z \Psi$ 's next Convention was held at Philadelphia, Pa., January 4th, 1880.

But three Greek-letter fraternities were in existence in 1830; namely,  $\Sigma \Phi$ ,  $K A$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$ .

The  $\Phi K \Psi$  *Shield* is now being published monthly, and the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's *Scroll* is *sub rosa*.

Goodwin, the captain of the famous Columbia crew, was a member of  $\Psi \Upsilon$ , Chapter Lambda.

$\Theta \Delta X$  denies that her chapter at Kenyon is defunct, and exhibits one lone Freshman as proof of the fact.

$\Delta \Psi$  (pseudo anti-frat) held its convention this year with its Union Chapter, during the month of October.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  established a chapter at the University of Vermont the first part of November.  $\Sigma \Phi$  and  $\Delta \Psi$  are likely to prove unwieldy rivals to the new venture.

The editor of the college department of the New York *World* is Mr. Lyman H. Bogy, author of "Four Years at Yale," and a member of the Beta of  $\Psi \Upsilon$ , class of '69.

Both of Indiana's Senators are members of  $B \Theta \Pi$ , and two of her Congressmen are members of  $\Delta T \Delta$ .  $B \Theta \Pi$  is one of the few fraternities which does not admit honorary members.

The Omega of  $\Psi \Upsilon$ , at Chicago University, was formed from members of  $\Phi K \Psi$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , in 1869. The Delta of  $\Delta K E$ , at the same institution, was formed from members of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Phi K \Psi$ , in 1870.

W. U. Hensel, Esq., editor of the Lancaster (Pa.) *Intelligencer*, delivered the oration before the Triennial Convocation of the  $\Phi K \Sigma$  Fraternity of the United States, at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, December 30th.

The " $B \Theta \Pi$ " is perhaps the largest of the fraternity monthlies, is in its VII Vol. and well managed. It is published in Cincinnati and no doubt is of good assistance to the fraternity. It is a pity to keep it *sub rosa*.

The *Chi Phi Quarterly* is a very neat journal of sixty-four pages. The first number has an extremely well written article on "The War against Fraternities" at the University of California. It also has two pages of very poor rhymes.

$X \Phi$  will hold its next convention with its Beta chapter at Allentown, Penna., on the third Wednesday of October, 1880. A new song-book has been issued which is very tastefully arranged and printed. It contains about sixty songs.

$\Phi B K$  is the especial patron of letters in our first-class colleges and universities. For it have been written the best poem of Dr. Holmes and the best of Longfellow. The mother chapter of the society was established at William and Mary College in 1776.

$\Psi \Upsilon$ 's publication, the *Diamond*, has had a short existence. Published for one year by certain members of the Cornell chapter, it was adopted as the official organ of the fraternity by the Convention of '78, but has not made an appearance since, as no one seemed willing to take charge of it.

$A \Gamma$  was founded at Cumberland University, Tenn., in 1867, by W. T. Nixon, A. B. Goodbar, M. S. Matheny, L. Black, C. N. Campbell, and W. G. Campbell. The Alpha, at Washington and Jefferson College, and the Zeta, at Mercersburg College, Pa., are the only Northern chapters of the fraternity.



The night before Thanksgiving printed copies of the Constitution and Ritual of  $\Phi K \Psi$ —to the disgust of her Ohio Alpha—were posted about Delaware for the benefit of the students of the O. W. U. and the townsfolk at large. Besides these, many fraternity men received copies through the mails. The guilt seems to lie between  $X \Phi$  and  $\Sigma X$ .

$X \Phi$ . Rev. John McLean, D. D., whom this fraternity claims as its founder, says he never heard of the  $X \Phi$  Fraternity until 1854, and that it is his belief that it had no existence prior to that date. This is rather a disagreeable assertion for  $X \Phi$ , as it claims 1824 as the year of its organization. Perhaps Dr. McLean is an honorary member about whom this legend has grown.

The Ohio Wesleyan University now boasts not only of seven male Greek Letter Societies, but one for the ladies also—the  $\Delta X A$ . This fraternity was founded at Monnett Hall, O. W. U., in May, 1878, and its standard of membership has continually been high. Composed, as it is, of first-class ladies, it is a magnificent sisterhood, and worthy the respect of the entire "Greek World."

Contrary to the statement in Mr. Baird's new book on "American College Fraternities," the Theta of  $B \Theta \Pi$ , at the Ohio Wesleyan University, is far from being in a flourishing condition. After the departure of  $\Delta T \Delta$  in 1875 she claimed supremacy over the other fraternities at Delaware, but in '78-'79 her prospects began to look doubtful, and when, at the opening of the present college year, she was compelled to start out with but two men, her doom seemed well-nigh sealed. To these two men have been added four or five, but as they are men that no other fraternity has sought, the former glory of  $B \Theta \Pi$  does not seem likely soon to return.

The late Bayard Taylor was an honorary member of  $\Delta K E$ , elected by the Omicron, at the University of Michigan. At his funeral at Kennett Square, Pa., the Beta, of Columbia College, and the Nu, of the College of the City of New York, united in presenting a floral tribute three and a half feet long. This was in the form of a diamond, representing the pin of the Order. Two members were sent on with the body as a guard of honor. They went with the body to Longwood cemetery and laid the floral tribute on the coffin as it was lowered into the grave. It was composed of violets, japonicas, red roses, and white and red pinks, the whole bordered with laurel and smilax.

A  $\Delta \Phi$  was founded at Hamilton College, in 1832, by Samuel Eels, John C. Underwood, Lorenzo Latham, Oliver A. Morse and Henry L. Storrs. There are sixteen chapters of the fraternity at present, and of these the Phi Kappa is the newest, having been formed from the old local  $\Phi K$  at Trinity College in 1877. Seven chap-

ters of the fraternity have become defunct. A  $\Delta \Phi$ 's rolls contain the names of more eminent men; among them Bishops Coxe and Huntington, of New York; Revs. Phillips Brooks, Edward Everett Hale and O. B. Frothingham; ex-Governors Denison, of Ohio, and Chamberlain, of Maine; Hon. John Jay, ex-Minister to Austria; Hon. Horace Maynard, ex-Minister to Turkey; Hon. E. F. Noyes, ex-Minister to France; Hon. George W. Curtis, editor of *Harper's Weekly*; James Russell Lowell, the poet, and many others.

The following notice of the decorations of the rooms of the chapter-house of the Xi of  $\Psi Y$  is taken from a Middletown (Ct.) journal:—"The first thing that attracts the attention as one enters the new chapter-house is the Pompeian style of frescoing in the hall. On each side are three figures with Greek mottoes. The first is a table scene with the words *Mia Psyche* in Greek; the second is the head of Apollo with his lyre, and the motto *Guothi Seanton*; the third is a group of flowers with *Amphithales Eros*; the fourth figure has *Chaire?* in the centre, and underneath is the answer *Polloi Kagathoi* (from the Eleusinian ceremonies); the fifth picture is an owl resting upon a bundle of fasces, indicative of secrecy and power,—the motto is *Dextris Dare*; sixth is a burning lamp resting upon a book, and its motto is *Integer Vitae*. The reception and dining rooms were carpeted with Brussels by A. T. Stewart & Co., and the frescoing is in harmony, and in the Queen Anne style. The bronze and nickel chandelier is in the same style."

Franklin and Marshall College: The Pennsylvania Eta of  $\Phi K \Psi$  has gone into a new fourth-story hall.  $X \Phi$  has occupied a fine hall on one of the prominent streets of Lancaster for two years, but the chapter (the Zeta) is heavily in debt, and will likely be thrust out in the cold before long.  $\Phi K \Sigma$  has no place of meeting, and although its Zeta used to be the strongest fraternity chapter at the college, it now barely maintains an organization. The Tau of  $\Delta T \Delta$  occupies the second story of Odd Fellows' Hall, and meets regularly on Thursday evening of each week.  $\Phi K \Psi$  has an active membership of fourteen, viz.: 4 seniors, 1 junior, 8 sophomores, and 1 freshman.  $X \Phi$  has twelve active members,—2 seniors, 5 juniors, 4 sophomores, and 1 freshman.  $\Phi K \Sigma$  has three members in college,—2 seniors, and 1 junior.  $\Delta T \Delta$  has sixteen active members; of these 6 are seniors, 2 juniors, 6 sophomores, and 2 freshmen. Of the members of the faculty at F. of M., F. K. Smyth, A. B., Professor of Mathematics, is a  $\Psi Y$ , an alumnus of the famous Bowdoin chapter; and Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D., Professor of History and Archaeology, was one of the early members of the Zeta of  $X \Phi$ .  $\Phi K \Sigma$  has been in the college since 1855,  $X \Phi$  since 1856,  $\Phi K \Psi$  since 1860, and  $\Delta T \Delta$  since 1864.





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THE new year is opening with glorious prospects for Delta Tauism.

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LET a fresh interest be revived in each of the chapters for the success of our beloved CRESCENT.

If every member of our Fraternity will take one copy of the CRESCENT, during this year, our publication will prove a glorious success financially.

BRO. GEO. E. BRECK writes from Hudson, N. Y.:—"I wish to say through your columns, to the boys of the IOTA, that a sudden departure for the east has made it impossible for me to get the chapter history ready for the January number of the CRESCENT.

ON account of some irregularities, occasioned by a change in the postal laws, a few subscribers experienced a little inconvenience in getting the last number of the CRESCENT. Great care will be exercised by the mailing committee in the future in order to avoid a like occurrence.

BRO. J. P. L. WEEMS sends us the following:

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 Please accept our congratulation.

THE TAU is one of our most vigorous and effective chapters. It has just issued a piece of music, entitled "Delta Tau Delta Grand Polka," composed by Max Dumstreya, and published by N. R. Smith, 135 N. Eighth street, Philadelphia, Pa. We have received a copy of the music and find it neatly and handsomely printed. It is destined to become exceedingly popular on account of its artistic beauty. The boys of the ALPHA are highly pleased with it, and recommend it to the fraters. All should be in possession of at least one copy. Send to the TAU for it without delay.

WE can feel the pulse of the whole fraternity by reading the Division Notes, as published regularly in the CRESCENT. A good report from any chapter is fuel thrown into the flame of general enthusiasm. It should become the imperative duty of the Secretary of each chapter to keep the organization-at-large informed as to its condition. Our paper is published for the sole benefit of our fraternity, and if the different Divisions would vie with each other in sending the most encouraging reports, a novel interest would be immediately commenced.

THE Extension Committee has been added to the list of officers at the head of our editorial columns. This committee was appointed at the last convention, and should have been before recognized by the CRESCENT, but it was inadvertently overlooked. The members of this committee are energetic and enthusiastic Deltas; they have already entered upon their duties and are doing some very creditable work. To extend the influence of our organization and to plant our colors in many well-established institutions which have, up to this time, closed their doors to our young fraternity, is the object of this Extension Committee. Their work is a most laudable and responsible one. They have the encouragement of all true Deltas, and we shall look, with increasing interest, for the results of their labors.

**ALPHA LOCALS.**

O, see Snyder.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Bro. Hileman, of the NU, during the holidays.

We have just received the Delta Tau Delta Polka, dedicated to the TAU by Max Dumstreya. It is a very excellent piece of light music and we commend it to our music lovers as more than worthy of their attention.

The boys have all returned from their holiday vacation and report good times. We are awe-struck at the numberless silk handkerchiefs and embroidered slip-pers. "From your girl?" "No!" "Who then?" "Oh, somebody."



"Whereas, in the course of human events," it is necessary for "two legged animals, without feathers," to eat, and whereas this is the last meeting of the term, "I move we eat the slippery bivalves" came from between two rows of sharp whetted teeth on Saturday evening, the 26th. A smile crept over the chronically hungry face of the "Adjutant" as he seconded the motion. The speaker licked his lips as he put the question and the unanimous shout that went up in the affirmative would have put to flight a whole oyster bed, figuratively speaking. All was silent. The wind whistled shrill up the deserted streets of Meadville—shrieking around corners like devils after their prey—the heavy signs swung in creaking agony, and the street lights were the only beings who *went out* on such a night. It was just such a moment when wild and imaginative authors delight to start a tale. But the stage manager whistles, the scene changes to one rivaling in magnificence Tom Moore's "palace of the veiled prophet," and seated around a table in a brilliantly lighted room sat the "Chocks," all unmindful of the driving winds without. It was Pentz's Palace of Sweets. "Stew, raw or fry." Harper wanted his drowned in *juce de bovine*. Hovis would take his the same way. "The son of a Gamboleer" took his corn cider, etc. They came, they went. Snyder wanted to know "why these stews were like American dollars?" We all gave it up and after a protracted struggle with his conscience, Snyder replied, "Because it takes *pence* (Pentz) to make them." This was too much for Blair's weak constitution; he was carried out on an oyster shell. Gill tried to sing a little Pinafore, but amidst the storm of knives, forks, dishes and oyster crackers he changed his mind. The "Bold Pirate" and Tim Flukes were both there. White "banged" himself and said he belonged to the "blondes," which somebody, well posted on the subject, denied. Wann "took the cake;" there wasn't an oyster, a cracker or a crumb of eatable matter left on the table when he quit. Hughes "Wann-dered how he could eat so much." Jackson thought Hughes' mind was Wann-dering. Plummer then remarked that Jack was Wann ahead. Alas! this was too much, and lest some one would be injured for life, we cast a sigh at the empty dishes and departed.

## FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

### NOTES FROM THE TAU.

Brother J. Harry Geissinger has joined the editorial staff of the Lancaster *Daily Intelligencer*.

Brother Bert Elliot is now the proud possessor of a most handsome diamond-eyed, pearl-and-rubby-studded badge, with chapter attachment.

Brother Bert Elliot is one of the TAU's very best workers in canvassing for new men. We owe at least a quartette of Deltas to his untiring energy.

Brother Dan Gibbons, from Wilmington, Del., burst in upon us one day in December like a streak of unexpected sunshine. He expects to come again at the commencement of '80.

Brother D. H. Geissinger, Convention Orator for 1880, will leave us for New York City about the middle of January, having accepted a call to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity there.

Wallace Bruce, Esq., of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., (Yale, '67,) has been engaged by the TAU to deliver his lecture on "Womanhood in Shakespeare," in Fulton Opera House, Lancaster, January 16th.

Come to see us, fraters; whatever we have or do not have at the TAU, you will be welcomed with as warm a grip as you can get anywhere in Deltadom. Nothing sends a glow through our boyish frames quicker than the announcement that a strange Delta (what a paradox!) is here or coming.

Brother George M. Zacharias, (the GAMMA, '72, the TAU, '77,) the founder and father of our chapter, has contributed two interesting letters from Germany for publication in the CRESCENT. Brother Zacharias expects to remain abroad a year, and is making a special study, we believe, of the old cathedrals of Europe.

Brothers R. C. Bowling, of '76, and Max Dumstre, of '79, paid us flying visits in November. Brother Bowling is preaching in Allegheny, and Dumstre, as elsewhere noted, in Pittsburg. We think perhaps Dumstre came to get away from "somebody," and we know Bowling came especially to get to the same indefinite being. But so runs the world. Come again, boys.

Brothers Reber, '81, Reiter, '82, and McHose, '83—our new members—have already shown themselves to be among the most active of our chapter workers. In committee, on the floor, in the free fraternity circle, at college, and in society, they are the peers of any three men that any chapter here has ever initiated. We are proud of them, and so will all Deltas be who are privileged to meet and know them.

Brother Max Dumstre, '79, is pastor of St. Luke's Reformed Church (German), on Forty-fourth street, Pittsburg, Pa. On August 14th, 1879, Brother Dumstre was married to Miss Annie Thoma, of Pittsburgh, by the Revs. Massalsky and Fritze, and we take occasion here to congratulate him and his new wife on their nuptials. Our chapter is only five years old, but Dumstre is the second member that has gone into matrimony, which doesn't speak badly for the courage and



pluck and success of the boys Mother TAU has sent into the world.

Brother Will Miller visited the RHO on the occasion of her banquet on Wednesday evening, November 26th. He reports having a very pleasant time with about a score of Deltas there. Brother Bissell came to Lancaster with Brother Miller, and on Friday evening, the 28th, the TAU had the pleasure of entertaining him at an informal banquet. Our visitor left us again for Rensselaer on the morning of the 29th, having won for himself the friendship of every frater of the TAU, and carrying back with him to the UPSILON, our new charge, our warmest congratulations and wishes for success.

The TAU is looking about for a hall that will better suit her purpose than the one now occupied. We have met for a year or more, once a week, in the second-story hall of Odd Fellows' Building, and have had royal times there, but we want to secure a commodious room in some prominent location, and make of it a permanent fraternity home, a place to which we can go by day or night, when we will. The building we are in is a handsome one near the centre of the city, but we are of the opinion that it is too "lodgey" for our purpose as a college fraternity, and we want to abandon it for something that is cosier and more in agreement with the "Fraternity idea." Give us a little time and we will have this, with warmth and beauty and good carpets and easy chairs and pictures and books, and all that is implied in the complete furnishing of a fraternity room.

Brother Louis J. Brueck, of the RHO, writes as follows in a private letter to a brother of the TAU: "The RHO is booming. Two men have been initiated this term, and there are good prospects for more. We have regular weekly meetings with good attendance, plenty of enthusiasm, and good committee work. Our newest member is a Mexican, named Arroyo. A funny thing in connection with Brother Arroyo's membership is that the question was popped to him in a crowd of 'THETAS,' out loud, in Spanish, by one of our men who speaks that language, and after he had consented, our man Martinez turned to the rest of the students about him and asked them in the most innocent manner, 'Isn't that the correct solution?' This is becoming one of the chapter jokes. The RHO is just booming; a decided change from last year."

The TAU, as Grand Chapter, has reason to be proud of the work done by the chapters of the First Division of our Fraternity this term. All have gone to work with the true spirit of our fraternity life, and the result has been a big stride forward in the East. With one exception, all the chapters have done good work, and even the delinquent ETA BETA shows signs of warming

into life. The GAMMA has stepped to the front rank at Washington and Jefferson; the PI, always select, is a power at Lehigh; the NU has come out boldly and promises to do much more in a fraternity way than she has ever done before, while the RHO, as has been noted by Brother Brueck, has started off with a boom that will give us all the glory that we want at Stevens, always standard among the technic schools. The UPSILON, whose foundation we owe to Brother Rosenberg, formerly of the RHO, and the Extension Committee of the Fraternity has entered into life with every prospect of being a bright success. The brothers there are full of fraternity spirit, and if this is an earnest of what is to follow, the babe of to-day will soon be as strong as the strongest, where rivals are plenty and of the most formidable kind.

### THE GAMMA.

On the evening of December 5th, 1879, there could be seen gathering at the Fulton House, members and alumni of Chapter GAMMA of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Preparations having been made by the members for a banquet on that evening, the boys were on hand and in the best mood. The alumni of the town, and members from ETA BETA PRIME and SIGMA were present. At 8 p. m. the parlor was filled to its utmost, twenty-seven being present. Half an hour later all proceeded in a body, double file, to the college buildings to attend the "Loan Exhibition," which was then open. Here quite an enjoyable time was spent till 10, when all repaired again to the Fulton House. At 11:30, preparations being fully completed and every one ready to partake of the viands that awaited us, we proceeded to the dining hall which was tastefully arranged with a table, spread in the form of a cross, loaded with all the delicacies that the season could afford. After all were seated around the table, the address of welcome was delivered by W. D. Hamaker, President. Response by J. F. Patterson, Σ, '78. Then came the merry time when twenty-seven Deltas joked and laughed while they partook of the good things of life. Bro. Joe Moore was in his usual mood and kept up a continued roar of laughter during the whole time. Bro. D. R. Jones, Σ, '78, also added greatly to the mirth of the evening. After the banquet, Mr. Geo. P. Miller, toast master of the evening, offered the following toasts:

"The ALPHA."—Response by Jas. S. Beacom.

"The CRESCENT."—Response by J. F. Marchand.

"The GAMMA."—Response by J. F. Taylor.

"The Ladies."—Response by P. P. Lewis.

"ETA BETA PRIME."—Response by Jno. B. Gibson.

"SIGMA."—Response by A. S. Sprowls.

"Our Fraternity."—Response by D. R. Jones.

After the toasts were offered and responded to, Delta songs were sung which made the hall resound with the united voices of all present. Thus the evening of Dec. 5th passed, leaving only the most pleasant recollections, and binding us more firmly in the bonds of our common brotherhood.

J. F. M.

### GAMMA LOCALS.

Bro. Bert Agnew had a flying time during his vacation at his home in Philadelphia, Pa.

The TAU will accept the GAMMA's best wishes for banquet greetings received Friday, Dec. 5th.

Bro. Joe H. Bausman will represent the Philo and



Union Literary Society at its next contest on essay. Bro. Jack Swart has turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. May you ever prosper, Jack, in your new pursuits is the earnest desire of all the brethren of the GAMMA.

Charley B. Reid had the pleasure of dining at the Female Seminary a few days ago. May he introduce the rest of his fraters to the principal, whose pleasure it will be to meet the fair sex of the W. Female Seminary.

Will M. Stevenson, '76, has fulfilled a promise made in his German letter from Dresden, and has written Prof. Simonton a letter in very creditable French, although as yet he has only studied that language in Germany. Will is devoting himself wholly to the study of the modern languages and music. To his credit it may be said that he received praise for his paper (written in German) upon the "Chinese in California," read before the Geographical and Ethnological Society of Dresden. He purposes passing the present winter in Leipzig in the study of Philology in the University of that place. Before returning home he is to pass some time in the study of French in Paris. We predict for Will some day a professorship of modern languages.—*Washington Jeffersonian*.

### THE RHO.

HOME OF DELTAISM,  
STEVENS INSTITUTE, HOBOKEN, JAN. 15, 1880. }

Bro. A. P. Trautwein, '76, has charge of the alumni correspondence of the chapter.

Bro. W. L. Breath, '82, has left us and is now with Edison, of electric light fame, at Menlo Park, N. J.

Bro. "Dave" Jardine, '81, is studying architecture with his father, one of the most prominent architects of New York.

We have had flying visits from Bros. T. Rosenberg and Masses, UPSILON; W. T. Goodnow, PI, and A. L. Talcott, SIGMA, '77. Come again boys, we will always make you welcome.

We take pleasure in introducing our new brothers to the fraternity; they are, Jno. W. Lieb, '80, Newark, N. J.; Theo. A. Elliot, '80, Orange, N. J.; A. C. Arroyo, '81, Salatierra, Mexico, and Wm. L. Breath, '82, Newark, N. J.

Bro. Trautwein wishes a correction to be made in the reference to him in the December number of the CRESCENT. He is not a superintendent but simply a draughtsman in the employ of the Continental Iron Works, Greenpoint, N. Y.

The term just closed has witnessed the successful revival at Stevens of the interest in everything connected with Delta Tau. The bright prospects of a speedy return to our old prosperity lies before us. In the reorganization of the chapter, the experience of the past has enabled us to avoid many pitfalls. Our plans have been laid with an eye to the future, and we venture to predict that the benefits of some of our arrangements will be felt and acknowledged in the future to a much greater extent than they are now.

The chapter had a reunion on the night of the 26th of November, at which we had the pleasure of entertaining a number of visiting brothers. Among the guests of the evening were Bro. W. A. Miller, TAU; G. H. Mosier, ALPHA, '79; T. H. Hardcastle, PI; West Bissell, UPSILON; Prof. Jas. E. Denton, RHO, '75; A. G. Brinkerhoff, RHO, '77, and Harry S. Pope, RHO, '81. After the edibles had been duly disposed of, according to the capacity and inclinations of each individual, and the tables cleared, toasts and songs followed and the even-

ing passed in the social enjoyment always to be found when Deltas meet. We broke up early (in the morning) and soon naught remained but a pleasant memory of the first of the re-unions among the "yellow sands of New Jersey."  
BRICK.

## SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

### GLEANINGS FROM THE ETA.

WHERE SOME OF THE FRATERS ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

AKRON, OHIO, January 19, 1880.

L. K. Ranney is farming near Hudson, Ohio.

O. C. Beatty, '79, is studying law at Massillon, O.

W. H. Sanford teaches young ideas how to shoot.

R. F. Paine is a reporter for the *Plain Dealer*, Cleveland.

O. P. Sperra, of Ravenna, O., wears the *ermine* to the extent of J. P.

Akron has twenty resident Deltas. Who can equal, or beat this?

E. C. Moon is in the mercantile business at Wilmington, O. Selling calico is popular in Ohio, since the *chief* is at the helm—of the ship of State.

A certain  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  of Buchtel claims to have the constitutions of twelve or fifteen different college fraternities. Granting that this is the case, the enquiring mind naturally asks where and how did he get them?

I have the pleasure of introducing to the fraternity the following brethren, initiated last term: N. A. Stall, S. M. Pence, M. E. Bourne, F. W. Garber and A. Billhardt. The ETA's outlook is bright and hopeful.

The election in Bryant Literary Society of Buchtel College was almost a clean walk-over for the  $\Delta$ 's; the following were elected: Pres., H. T. Willson; Sec., F. W. Garber; Critic, J. O. Simmons; Treas., J. A. Matz; Librarian, M. E. Bourne. A non-fraternity man was elected V. P.

"Frank B. Skeels, a former student of Buchtel College, was united in marriage with Rosa B. Barber, of Ravenna, O., at the residence of the bride's parents, Jan. 1st, 1880, Prof. G. A. Peckham officiating."—*Akron Daily Tribune*. That the pathway of Bro. Skeels and his bride may ever be bright with Fortune's smile, is the wish of the boys of the ETA.

Fraternally,

J. O. SIMMONS.

### THE SIGMA.

"Is the Sigma dead?" This question might well be asked by distant Deltas, who judge her condition by the meagre reports of her workings which have of late appeared in the columns of the CRESCENT. However, our chapter still survives, despite the hordes of jealous "barbs" and members of a hostile faculty which surround us. That cloud which so "obscured our crescent" during the summer and fall of '78 has entirely vanished and peace, harmony and prosperity now prevail. Our past term may be ranked among the most successful in the history of Deltaism at this institution. Meetings were held each week and five new "crescent knights" were added to our number. Six of our most active



members, absent during the present term, will return next spring, when we anticipate a period of still greater prosperity.

The anti-fraternity spirit is now more bitter than ever before. The mere rumor that a secret organization existed here *sub rosa* was sufficient to call for a most thorough investigation (?) by the college authorities and to arouse the most bitter denunciations by the non-fraternity students. But as our honored President didn't detect us, nobody was visited with the threatened expulsion at the hands of the enraged faculty, nor debarred from holding positions in literary societies by the "barbs." The only result they have accomplished is to lead us to exercise increased vigilance in maintaining our perfect secrecy, while the frequency and enthusiasm of our meetings are not in the least affected. M.

### THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

#### THE EPSILON.

C. S. Miller, '79, is studying law in Madison, Wis.

C. M. Ranger, '77, is principal of the Elk Rapids schools.

"Does" Bailey, '76, of Battle Creek, and Parmeter, of Albion, are EPSILON's enterprising medics.

F. E. Clark, '77, occupies the Chair of Mathematics at the Michigan Military Academy at Orchard Lake.

Regular meetings of EPSILON are held on Monday evening. Twelve active members in ranks this term.

C. H. Chase, of '78, is principal of the schools at Lecland. We heard rumors of another wedding during the holidays.

J. C. Jocelyn, '76, was married October 16th to Miss Hattie L. Chandler, at the residence of the bride's father, Coldwater, Mich.

At a regular meeting of EPSILON, Monday evening, Dec. 9th, H. W. Mosher, '81, was granted an honorable dismissal from the fraternity.

R. M. Young, '80, is suffering from a severe attack of paralysis. He has been removed to his home at Mosherville, and is slowly recovering. EPSILON misses him.

W. D. Farley, '79, one of EPSILON's solid boys, is principal of the schools at Algonac. We were surprised a few weeks ago to receive an announcement of his marriage. It looks as if Will was bound to have the silver cup.

On Thanksgiving eve a jolly time was enjoyed by our boys in the chapter rooms. For several weeks it had been talked up in our meetings, and during that time the boys were all eyes for turkeys, chickens and other thank-offerings. Contributions (?) from citizens and farmers came flowing in, and by that evening an abundant supply was on hand. Our board was neatly spread in bachelor style, and until far past midnight our rooms rang with the cheer of good old Delta Tau.

More in the future.

Yours fraternally,

A. DeCAMP.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

##### Brother Deltas:

I wish to obtain as complete a collection of the autographs of the members of  $\Delta T \Delta$  as possible, to present to Chapter Rho. I would, therefore, ask each Delta who reads this to send me a Delta sentiment over his signature, on pieces of paper  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 3$  inches, in duplicate.

Fraternally,

L. J. BRUECK,

28 Hudson St., Hoboken, N. J.

#### NOTICES TO CHAPTERS.

The regular annual assessment is now due. Each Corresponding Secretary is requested to collect the amount due from his chapter and forward to the proper place without delay.

The fraternity at large is hereby notified that, at a regular meeting of the ALPHA, in December, 1879, the charter of Chapter Eta Beta Prime was withdrawn.

All members of the fraternity, active or alumni, not entitled to a catalogue by the provision of the last Convention, can obtain one by sending 50 cents to C. A. Ensign, Lock Box 1348, Meadville, Pa.

#### NOTICE OF EXPULSION.

GREENCASTLE, IND., Jan. 19, 1880.

Notice is hereby given that E. A. Spinks was this day expelled from the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity by the OMICRON. [Signed] D. H. JACKSON, Cor. Sec'y.

#### ALUMNI NEWS.

J. Lockard (of  $\Sigma$ ), is attending college at Wooster.

D. R. Jones ( $\Sigma$ , '78,) is reading law in Pittsburgh.

Jas. V. Welsh ( $\Sigma$ , '75,) is practicing law in Akron, Ohio.

Oliver M. Foster ( $\Sigma$ , '79,) is practicing law in Silby, Iowa.

J. R. Gibson (E B, '79,) is reporter on the Pittsburgh Leader.

T. A. Collins ( $\Sigma$ , '75,) is practicing law in Salineville, O.

Warren W. Hole ( $\Sigma$ , '78,) is reading law in Salem, O.

H. H. Fuller (B, '78,) has charge of a school at Mansfield, Ohio.

H. J. Hunter (B, '81,) is teaching near Hamden, Vinton county, Ohio.

Phil. M. Smith and D. S. Rose ( $\Sigma$ , '78,) are practicing law in Wellsville, O.

Jas. A. Marlin ( $\Sigma$ , '76,) is superintendent of the West Salem schools, West Salem, O.

The North Eastern Ohio Teacher's Association held its annual meeting at Cleveland, O., Dec. 13. Bro. W. W. Gist, (B, '74,) President of Willoughby College, is Secretary of the Association. M. S. Campbell, (B, '64,) Principal of Rayen High School, Youngstown, O., read the essay.

The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Ohio University, branch of the Ohio Collegiate Association, are members of our Beta Chapter at that institution. For the Home Contest, which decides the orator and essayist, from O. U. there are five Deltas, two Betas, two K A Os (ladies), and one Theta.

Hon. James Prendergast, of Jamestown, N. Y., the well-known and popular young member of assembly from Chautauqua county, died in Buffalo on Sunday night last from the effects of a surgical operation. By this untimely death Jamestown is called to mourn the loss of probably the most popular young man that town has known for years.—*Index*. Bro. Prendergast was a member of the class of '70, at the Jamestown Collegiate Institute, and a member of the chapter we had there for about two years.



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

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
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