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Of our good old Delta Tau."*

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OUR BROTHERHOOD.

BY A. J. CULP, SIGMA, '79,

Air—"How the Gates Came Ajar."

The homes of Greece have crumbled
Beneath the touch of time;
Her gems of art are scattered
Through many an alien clime;
The glory that adorned her
In the halcyon days of yore,
Has passed from her forever,
And Greece is Greece no more.

CHORUS:—

Yet still the Grecian spirit
Lives amid our brotherhood,
As they fight life's solemn battle
For the beautiful and good.

The Grecian hero slumbers
On many a storied mount,
By many a sacred river,
And many a classic fount;
Under the deep blue waters
Of the old Aegean seas,
Or in the dim recesses
Of the sunlit Cyclades.

CHORUS:—Yet still, etc.

And yet in thrilling story
Or in the deathless song,
With all her ancient glory
Greece lives forever young;
For the spirit that fired the poet
Or flamed on the warrior's brow,
Was kept through benighted ages
For the loyal Delta Tau.

CHORUS:—And still that, etc.

No more with marshaled legions
We march to the tented field,
Nor strive in the deadly conflict
With sword and spear and shield,

But here and there a soldier,
In the midst of a venal throng,
We conquer as we struggle
For the right against the wrong.

CHORUS:—For still the Grecian spirit, etc.

THOUGHTS BY THE WAY.

THIRD ASSORTMENT.

J. S. HARTZEL.

I. I read Bro. McClurg's article in the December number of the CRESCENT, with a great deal of interest. But my motives are not understood by it. My article on "Membership" was not a thrust at $\Phi K \Psi$ only. It was launched at all fraternities that countenance honorary members, and reference was made to $\Phi K \Psi$ at the opening of the article, only because the quotation used was the best acknowledgement of this practice I had then at hand. Any other fraternity of this class would have done as well. The treatment of the subject was as general as it could have been made, and I meant others as much as $\Phi K \Psi$ to take it to heart. This is plain from the explanation in the first paragraph.

II. The article of Bro. McC. in the December number of the CRESCENT, and of Bro. Weems in the last number, are misleading when they refer to our own Fraternity. They convey the impression to "the profane" that the practice of initiating honorary members was, until lately, very common among us, and that such members are numerous. "The action of the last Convention makes an honorary member a practicable impossibility," implies that the Fraternity, before that action was taken, either had provisions authorizing and regulating the initiation of such members, or had by inaction and silence given its sanction to the practice. But the "KAPPA Constitution," adopted about eight years ago, makes such a practice equally as impossible as the action of the last Convention; and as far as my knowledge extends, not a single revision of the Constitution of the Fraternity, directly or indirectly, sanctions such practice. A few of our old chapters initiated a number of such members, but they were in each case graduates of the institution at which the chapter initiating them was situated; and they were initiated because

of no clause or law in the Constitution prohibiting such a course. They were much needed then, and welcome; these men we greatly honor and praise for their work. But the action of the last Convention is only the official acknowledgement of the position and principle always held and advocated by the larger number of chapters which never fell a prey to this habit. The Fraternity has always been in spirit and principle, if not in every case in practice, "among the few fraternities that do not admit honorary members."

III. I was told by a member of the *TAU* that a certain college fraternity author tried his best to induce several of our members to furnish him with a copy of our Constitution. Such an attempt is one of the most dishonorable that can be made. True, as far as the Constitution is concerned, not containing any secrets strictly so-called, no harm could be done by giving it into other hands. But it is a private document, the property of our Fraternity only, and no other persons have a right to know what is in it, or a moral right to ask for it. The Constitutions of the great secret orders contain no secret, strictly speaking, and may now and then be obtained for good reasons, yet they are not scattered broadcast, but are kept well guarded. Our brothers did well in refusing it, and it is hoped no one will so far forget himself, his duties and obligation, as to be guilty of such an offense.

IV. The last topic leads me to another—the rumor that other fraternities possess our Constitution. Suppose they do; is that going to hurt us any? How can they hurt us, unless by our unwritten law. This is not given in the Constitution, and has no place in a Constitution. If they have copies of it, they have nothing with which to campaign against us; but rather abundant matter from which to take example when they come to a revision of their own. Our Constitution was completely altered and re-arranged at the last Convention; that copy they cannot have, or if they do, what would it matter? During the last ten or twelve years the Constitution underwent a number of great changes and revisions. If they have one of these old issues, all of which were superseded, what does it matter? All that can be said is, that they, in that case, have the Constitution of *no* fraternity. The best way to treat these rumors is to laugh them to scorn and look well to the future. The Constitution of last August is the Constitution of the Fraternity. If they have any other than this, they do not have our Constitution. Moreover, our Constitution is not a secret document, strictly speaking. It is printed at a public printing and publishing establishment, and as far as the proprietors, printers and employes are concerned, it is known to "the profane." It should not trouble us, then, if more of the outside world,

besides printers, should (unlawfully) gain possession of it and know its contents. Were it strictly secret, it would be only in writing, and never allowed to go to a printer.

These facts do not furnish a single reason why any member should unwittingly favor with a copy any one not lawfully permitted to possess it. However much we might desire a few of its things slightly altered or differently put, we are not ashamed of it, nor do we fear any harm. Such persons or organizations which claim to be in possession of it, may, if their claim is true, thank some perjuring members for it, while their sense of honor and moral principle will restrain them from any use of it to which they may put it, however harmless.

Feb. 4th, 1880.

A LETTER FROM AN ALUMNUS.

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 31, 1880.

Brother Deltas:

I have just finished reading the Feb. number of the *CRESCENT*, and as usual feel moved to write a letter. I never read a more encouraging number. Re-unions seem to have been the order of the hour, and I am glad to see this, for nothing arouses such enthusiasm or pays better. I have been hunting up the old boys here, a little timidly at first I confess, for while in college the idea seemed prevalent that alumni felt more *bothered* than *brothered* when fraternity matters were brought before them, but I have found this to be a slander of the worst kind. Not only have the Chicago alumni cordially welcomed me as a brother Delta, but they have eagerly inquired for news from the fraternity. I find most of them are lawyers, and all who have been here any length of time are in good paying practices. The sooner our active members get it out of their heads that we alumni wish to be let alone the better it will be for them. Wait till Convention time, we'll show you what our opinion of the *Crescent fraternity* is then. There must be more than thirty of us here, as I have already found out twenty-five and the list is growing, from day to day. The *KAPPA* has eight representatives; *DELTA*, six; *LAMBDA*, three; *ALPHA*, two; *THETA*, two; *BETA*, one; *GAMMA*, one; *IOTA BETA*, one, and *ZETA*, one. I am on the track of others and expect to see the list much larger. Will Carlton is one of us and very enthusiastic. I called on him the other evening and met with a regular Delta reception. He spoke of the great enthusiasm which seemed to pervade the fraternity, and recalled with evident pleasure the receptions the boys of *ALPHA*, *XI*, *OMEGA* and *EPSILON BETA* had given him as he happened to be in their vicinity in lecturing. You remember that something was said in the *CRESCENT* last year about A K Φ Fratern-

ity claiming him as a member, and this I believe was circulated among the different fraternities. I asked him concerning the truth of this, and for a time he seemed at a loss to know what I meant; then he laughed, and said the only $\Delta K \Phi$ he had ever heard of was an open literary society at Hillsdale College. He seemed concerned that the boys should think that he would become even an honorary member of another fraternity. He took the addresses of the different chapters and says he will give them a call if he gets in their neighborhood during his tours.

There is one word of advice I should like to give the active members concerning the CRESCENT. You are too chary in approaching alumni on this subject. Don't be afraid of them; go boldly to them and tell them you want them to subscribe, and nine cases out of ten you will find them more than willing. A little personal solicitation is all that is needed. The cities of New York, Jamestown, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Akron and Chicago alone have enough of alumni to pay two-thirds the expenses of the paper, and we have active members within easy access of these alumni. Why don't they make out a list and hunt them up? Let the RUO take New York; ALPHA has members at Jamestown; Akron would naturally fall to ETA; Pittsburgh could be worked by both GAMMA and ALPHA; while the MU boys are acquainted with Cincinnati, and would find a ready assistant in Bro. Buchanan. If this were done you would be surprised at the results. We, of this city, have a good many plans in our heads, and some of them will become evident soon. We are going to collect soon to take action on them, and the fraternity will likely be called upon to furnish some *charters*; but as no definite conclusion has as yet been arrived at, I will not go into particulars, but you will hear from me soon again.

W. L. McCLURG, A, '79.

GREEK WORLD.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has nominally revived its chapter at the University of Wisconsin by organizing among the law students.

ΣX 's chapter at Randolph, Macon, erroneously reported dead in "American College Fraternities," is alive with nine members.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

$\Phi K \Sigma$ is on its last pins at Franklin and Marshall, having only two members, and they are members of '80. Its chapter at Dickenson has given up the ghost.

$B \Theta \Pi$ is knocking at the doors of Columbia, Brown, University of Penna, and Princeton, and expects to enter the first three institutions some time in February.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ is contending with $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ for an honorary member, Hon. Thos. H. Nelson. He has been out of college more than twenty-five years, but $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ initiated him in 1878.

The following fraternities, given in the order of establishment, have chapters at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.: $\Theta \Xi$ (the Alpha), $\Delta \Phi$ (the Lambda), $Z \Psi$ (the Pi), $\Delta K E$ (the Psi Omega), $X \Phi$ (the Eta), and $\Delta T \Delta$ (the Upsilon). ΣN and ΣX were represented by students in '78-'79, but had no organization.

$Z \Psi$, for the time being, has gotten the upperhand with the faculty at the University of California, as the courts have granted an injunction restraining the faculty from interfering with its members, as $Z \Psi$ is an incorporated society in California. If this fraternity is successful there is no reason why others should not be.

$X \Phi$ is "making itself disliked" at Franklin and Marshall, and Ohio Wesleyan University, by the underhand way with which it acts toward its rivals, trying to injure them by publishing what it knows of their inner workings. $\Phi K \Psi$ was the principal victim at both places, but it is needless to say that no great harm was done.

The *Phi Gamma Delta* is responsible for the following: "The faculty of Butler University at Indianapolis, Ind., have forbidden young ladies to belong to secret societies with the young men. This order was caused by a belief that, in the initiation ceremonies, each female candidate was kissed by all the male members in turn, as she was led between two lines of them."

$B \Theta \Pi$. The chapter of this fraternity, which was founded at Kenyon in '79, is reported as being in a prosperous condition, and with good prospects. Perhaps in the near future some of the "Eastern" fraternities will be compelled to acknowledge that their despised "Western" neighbors, the "General fraternities," have at least sufficient vitality to succeed where they fail.

$B B$, a local society at Trinity College, Conn., will in February become a chapter of $\Psi \Upsilon$. This society was founded in 1842 and has had a very successful career. A building association was formed in 1872, and the intention was to erect a fine hall. This new move may stop work in this direction. The fraternities represented at Trinity are $\Delta \Psi$, $\Delta \Delta \Phi$, $\Delta K E$ and the local $I K A$.

$A \Gamma$ was founded at Marietta College, O., in 1859, by R. B. Brownell, W. H. Fleek, J. C. Garrison, A. J. McKenrir, J. H. Jenkins, and others. The fraternity has had but two chapters, and perhaps 175 members. Among the prominent graduates are Maj. E. C. Dawes, of Cincinnati; Gen. R. R. Dawes, of Marietta, and Oakley Johnson, Judge of the Supreme Court of West Virginia.

Φ Δ Θ claims Prof. Swing, of Chicago, as one of its distinguished members, but there are those who can remember the time that he was expelled from that fraternity while an active member of the Miami chapter. They can also remember that the reasons given were his *non-orthodox* views. He now belongs to Δ Δ Φ and wore that badge when he recently lectured at Michigan University.

The Goetheon Literary Society of Franklin and Marshall College have elected Bro. J. Harry Geissinger poet and Bros. A. B. Rieser and Frank S. Elliot orators for the Forty-Fifth Anniversary, to be held in May, 1880. The same brothers are among ten men from the class of '80, selected by the Faculty to pronounce public orations on the Twenty-second of February. Φ K Ψ takes *one* Anniversary honor, and X Φ *one*. Both the President and the Vice-President of the literary society are Δ T Δ's.

Φ Δ Θ has gotten itself into trouble with another fraternity on account of the loose way in which the *Scroll* speaks of its rivals. This time it is Β Θ Π. Φ Δ Θ's seem to have no idea how to use such an edged tool as an official journal, and they pay no regard to the rights of others. The November *Scroll* had an article in it, speaking in a scurrilous way of the Beta's chapter at the University of Mississippi; that body was naturally very indignant, and one of the members justly cow-hided the writer of the piece. Will Φ Δ Θ never learn to respect the rights of others.

HISTORY OF THE PRESENT ALPHA CHAPTER.

BY CHAS. E. RICHMOND.

CHAPTER IV.

(Continued.)

The college year of '74 and '75 opened with even more brilliant prospects than the preceeding one. In the college we carried elections against the combined power of the other fraternities, and in the city the ladies, "Bless 'em," were all converts to Deltaism. Thus it was when on the morning of the 27th of November, our secretary might have been seen hastening up college hill with a letter in his hand and a small box under his arm. His face presented excitement in every feature, and as he rushed around among the boys to call a meeting, one could plainly see that "there was trouble in the air," and many of the Choctaw warriors avowed that the night before "the owl had hooted more plaintively and that there was blood on the face of the moon." The meeting took place, and from the expressions of sadness upon the faces of the boys, and the low muttering maledictions, one would easily know that it was that day when the ALPHA Chapter at Delaware, having sunk ignominiously out of existence, sent her

papers to our Delta, and like a dying monarch, even in the midst of her disgrace, pointed toward her successor. The papers she sent us were a ragged constitution and some dirty letters, which, like the "greenback doctrine," only represented our fraternity's honor and treasury. The boys of the Delta rose with the occasion and immediately dispatched Bro. Jim Eaton to Delaware to inquire into the affairs. Upon his return he reported that its members were very reticent in speaking of the dissolution; that the cause was evidently a disruption among themselves, and that everything was lost. What was to be done? The entire fraternity, like a ship without a rudder, would drive at the mercy of every wind and wave. It would take months to write and receive an answer from every chapter, and months more to come to a decision, and as the convention would convene at Meadville in a short time, Chapter Delta, after gaining the consent of the nearest chapters, assumed control of the affairs, with Bro. Eaton, our Secretary, acting as General Secretary, and to "Modoc Jim" the fraternity owes a great deal for his perseverance and energy in straightening up the general fraternity business. Our first official act, as the Grand Chapter, was to grant a charter to Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., and soon after one to the SIGMA, which was founded by Bro. Lewis Walker. In the month of May, 1875, the National Convention assembled at Meadville, and her first act of importance was to confer upon our Delta the highest honor in its power. It constituted us THE ALPHA—THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY. The convention was a most successful one; not only as regards the number of delegates and business transacted, but also in giving the inhabitants of Meadville a full idea of our importance and powers. The literary exercises of the convention were held in the Opera House, and everything was done in a style that reflected great credit upon the fraternity; and even now, although years have passed, we quite frequently hear the Meadville ladies speak of "the time when the Delta boys met here." A charter was granted to Ann Arbor, and one also to Abington, Ill., during the spring of this year. The Annual banquet was held on Wednesday evening. Bro. Eaton delivered the "Valedic," and Bro. Koester the "Reply."

The college year of '75 and '76 found the new fledged ALPHA fully imbued with all the stateliness of her late honor, and the "choctaw warriors" smoked the calumet with more dignity than ever before. The Centennial then being the great subject of conversation, it somehow crept into our councils, and resulted in sending the Centennial Register to the St. Cloud Hotel, at Philadelphia, where it received the signature of many a Delta from east and west. The patriotic contagion, then so prevalent, also broke out in our chapter, and resulted in

the holding of a banquet on the birthday of Washington, at which the following toasts were made and replied to: "Our Fraternity," by Lewis Walker. "The Girls of the Period," by Ernest Koester. "The Boys of the Period," by Will C. Bear. "The Old Boarding Hall," by Frank Reitzel. Thus did we honor our nation's father.

Bros. J. N. White and W. C. Bear represented us at the Ann Arbor Convention, and the annual banquet was held at the Commercial. Bro. Woodring delivered the "Valedic," and Bro. Sensor the "Reply."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

HISTORY OF THE SIGMA.

BY ALBERT L. TALCOTT, PH. B.

(Continued.)

During the summer term seven converts were secured, Bros. W. A. Dickey, Jno. N. Boucher, Jno. C. Talcott, Philip M. Smith, Jas. L. Dilworth, Seward W. Ramsey and A. J. Culp, thus, at the close of the first college year, making a total of thirty-five. Now for the first time we were strong enough to wage an aggressive warfare against our adversaries, and by so doing captured five out of the six honors given. It was the first of a series of victories; and ever since we have placed in nomination the successful candidates.

In the Fall term of 1875 we could bring only eighteen of our number together, though I doubt if many chapters of any fraternity could graduate a class of ten and have as large a number assemble at the first meeting of the succeeding college year. Seven were initiated during this term, viz: Bros. I. N. Sprowls, D. S. Kindig, Chas. B. Mitchell, Jno. F. Patterson, J. P. Fawcett, Jonas Cook, and H. J. Hays. Eight were secured in the following Winter, viz: Bros. G. H. Dunham, C. E. Locke, A. L. Rabe, Jr., A. L. Talcott, Edwin D. Scott, H. Hirst Millard, J. W. Clarke, and P. C. Pettit. Bros. J. A. McDowell and D. R. Jones entered in the Spring; and Bros. Will H. Rowles, H. T. Smith, D. W. Henry, and W. W. Bird in the Summer term—making a total of twenty-one for our second year. It is a noteworthy feature of our existence as a fraternity at the SIGMA, that the supply of available timber (of most excellent growth and well fitted for fraternity life) has never failed us and we have never fallen below a dozen in membership. I do not believe the statement that "a large membership breeds discord." It does not apply to the SIGMA at any rate. At no time during our first year did we have less than twenty-five in attendance. Our contests had always been with the D. B. party in the open literaries of the college; and were maintained, so far as we were concerned, with a united force. Not a sign of discord because of our nu-

merical strength had ever been noticeable within our ranks.

At our meeting held on Saturday evening, March 11th, 1876, the following petition was announced: "The persons whose names are subscribed to this paper would request an honorable dismissal from the Sigma Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, and would submit the annexed reasons for the consideration of our brothers." This was followed by five specifications, setting forth imaginary grievances, and was signed by eight of our members who belonged to the Republican Society in the college, but two of our members from that society having refused to sign the *secession papers*. These two were Bros. Albert L. Rabe and C. F. Iddings, and none proved themselves firmer, truer friends of the cause in its hour of peril, than they. The first reason assigned by the eight for their action was, that owing to our large membership we could not meet in any one of our rooms without embarrassing those who occupied it. It will be remembered that our meetings were generally held either in the "parsonage," (a house once occupied by the minister of the M. E. Church, but then rented by Bros. J. C. and A. L. Talcott,) or in the office of Bro. J. L. Dilworth. As to this first reason it was no reason at all, for neither of the parties who would have had cause for complaint, had even hinted of their being subjected to any inconvenience. In fact my brother and I rented the "parsonage" partly to secure a hall in which we could meet, without encountering the danger of exposure which always attended our meetings in rooms hired at some boarding house, or at the college boarding hall. We wished to have the chapter meet with us on that account and did not regard it as an inconvenience. I am sure that we were also welcome to whatever accommodation Bro. Dilworth extended to us. Another reason alleged was that the business transacted at our meetings pertained exclusively to either the Republican or Linnaean societies; and, in their opinion, only the members belonging to such society, should participate in the transaction of its business. This was considered a valid reason, and our by-laws were amended at our next meeting so as to effect the desired remedy. We regarded this as a cause for dissatisfaction, but did not think it sufficient to warrant the withdrawal of anyone. For that matter it was even of secondary consideration in the minds of the petitioners. Their real purpose was revealed in the concluding section of the petition, in which they requested the privilege of uniting with any other college fraternity with which they might at any time desire to connect themselves. They desired to have a distinct fraternity organization in each society of the college, and expected to accomplish their object by confining our membership to the Linnaean, and by

organizing a chapter of some other fraternity from the Republican Society. As Deltas we could not consent to such a plan. We appointed a committee of five, consisting of Bros. Martin, Woolf, Ramsey, Rabe and Dilworth, to draft a reply to the petition, and after mature deliberation they presented the following report which was unanimously adopted: "We, the members of the SIGMA Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, after duly considering the petition of withdrawal offered by certain members of the fraternity, do not consider it proper or expedient to grant the petition as requested; but recommend to any member who wishes to withdraw to present an individual request, and the fraternity will act thereupon according to the 'Constitution and By-Laws.'" They probably inferred from this that, if they resigned, they would not be allowed to join any other fraternity, and no more was ever said about the matter. In their petition they had assigned three other reasons for their action, viz: That we were obliged to meet in a secret manner, thus necessitating irregular meetings; that we were compelled to meet at times "when we should be locked in the embrace of sleep;" and that with the Chapter's growth the liability to detection was also increasing. I have not referred to these reasons at length, because it was plainly their object to found another fraternity, to which precisely the same objection could be urged; and they must have been entirely without influence with the ones who drafted the petition. "In conclusion," according to the tenor of the petition, "we would assure you, that we do not entertain ill-feelings toward a single member of this Chapter; that we deeply regret that we have found it necessary to make this move; and that we do it feeling satisfied that it is required, to promote the interests of *Liberalism*, not only in the Linnaean, but also in the Republican Society." In justice to the petitioners it must be remembered that they did present one real grievance, viz:—that business was often transacted which related exclusively to the one or the other of the literary societies; and in the consideration of which all of our member had previously participated. It must also be said, to the credit of the other members, that they were prompt in affording the proper remedy. There was great rejoicing in our little band when it was found that the petitioners would remain steadfast in their allegiance, and re-unite with us in our work. Great credit is due to all concerned for the amicable settlement of the causes which had so nearly involved our dismemberment. Owing to the amount of time given, in our meetings of this Spring term, to this matter, and to the uncertainty hanging over the actions of our Republican members, the term drew to a close with little having been done in the way of working in new members. At our last meeting, however, Bros. McDowell and Jones were welcomed among us. Our active members, at this time, numbered as high as twenty-five.

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THE noblest aim of the College Fraternity is to strengthen the attachments formed in student life, and to bring together into more intimate associations those of congenial dispositions and like natures. That is a selfish motive which seeks only political preferment; and that fraternity abandons nobility of principle when it pursues, with grasping efforts, only those things which are acquired by chicanery and trickstering. The dignified name of fraternity is often made a subterfuge for the unprincipled artifice of a few scheming individuals, who care for nothing but their own personal aggrandizement, willing rather that the unblemished brotherhood should be defiled than that they should not accomplish their selfish designs.

We can hardly conceive of the baseness and profligacy of those individuals who surreptitiously obtained and published the constitution of a rival fraternity. They have what they deserve,—the contempt of every respectable secret society man. There can scarcely be left a spark of manhood in the heart of any one who will thus criminate himself and disgrace his brotherhood. Who were the perpetrators of this vile thing in *Ohio Wesleyan University* is, as yet, generally unknown, but investigation is not proving fruitless.

Every fraternity has rights which other fraternities are bound to respect.

A good, lively competition is healthy, and develops the contestants; but no apology can be granted to that one who endeavors to destroy the sanctity of an opposing fraternity, by divulging its most sacred documents. We blush with shame when we think of the stigma

which must rest upon the chapter of the fraternity in which this disreputable work was accomplished.

BROTHER R. B. Wetherill, of the PI, was the orator on Washington's birthday, Feb 23d, at Lehigh University.

OUR Business Manager is without any extra copies of Nos. 1 and 2 of the current volume of the CRESCENT. Any of the brothers who can spare these numbers will confer a favor by sending them immediately to Bro. Chryst.

AT Ohio University, in the contest for choosing representatives to the State Oratorical Contest, Bro. Colvin was selected as Essayist, and Bro. Gunnett as Orator. The reputation of the University will not be at stake when any of the ZETA's boys are her representatives.

WE have just received from Mr. Newman, several newly wrought Delta badges. They excel in skill and design any which we have ever before seen. Those with a plain and ornamental border are neat and attractive; but the one set in pearls with a garnet in each corner, surpasses in beauty, and is exceedingly handsome. Mr. Newman is increasing in popularity as a designer of fraternity badges.

A SESSION of the Grand Arch Council of $\Phi K \Psi$ has just been held at Washington, D. C. Over ninety delegates presented credentials. Judge M. C. Herman, of the Pennsylvania ZETA, was chosen presiding officer. A reception was given at the Masonic Temple, for which over four hundred invitations were issued. A banquet was held at St. Marc's Hotel, and the President was visited by the delegates. The convention was held under the direction of Columbia ALPHA.

IT WILL be seen by an official notice elsewhere, that an Alumni Chapter has been founded at Chicago. This has been accomplished through the untiring efforts of Bro. McClurg. There are a number of enthusiastic Delta Alumni in that city, who have no thought of allowing the cares of profession and business to separate them from their old college associations. We will make them feel like boys again at the next convention.

THE prospects that the ALPHA will, in the near future, have a Chapter Temple, are most flattering. Some of our honored alumni, among whom are Bros. Walker, Koester and McClurg, have come to the front with very liberal subscriptions. A committee has been appointed, with Bro. Walker as chairman, which is instructed to take immediate action. The move has created so much enthusiasm and has received such hearty support, that the success of the project is even now almost secured.

OUR old friend and brother D. F. McQueen, an alumnus of the SIGMA, came to the surface long enough to breathe, at East Palestine, Ohio, the other day, and then struck out again. He writes: "Since the SIGMA's glorious reunion I have been roaming over the great west; I have seen the boundaries of the northwest of the American continent; I have gazed up on the 'twilight of the gods;' have seen the 'triple winter' and 'the new earth rising from another sea.'"

Of course we never can forget Dan, for side by side we waded through the intricacies of the Latin Grammar. Nobody ever told Dan he was handsome, in fact it would be dangerous to intimate any such thing, but a larger hearted friend and a truer Delta we do not know.

NOTICES TO CHAPTERS.

The fraternity has not given the Committee on publishing a Song Book sufficient encouragement, by showing any great desire to have such a publication. We have had only two new songs added to our olio this year, and have received as yet but one chapter song. We wish to bring before the chapters the fact that if they wish to be fittingly represented in this book, they should have their songs written at once and forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee. *We also desire very much to gain possession of a song book from some other fraternity, and anyone will do us a great favor by sending us such a publication.*

CHAS. E. RICHMOND, Chairman,
Meadville, Pa.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an "Alumni Chapter" has been organized at Chicago, Ill., to be known as *The Chicago Delta Tau Delta Alumni Chapter*. The charter for said chapter was granted by the ALPHA, February 21st, 1880.

C. A. ENSIGN, Gen. Sec'y.

NOTICE OF EXPULSION.

IRVINGTON, IND., Feb. 28th, 1880.

Notice is hereby given that Lewis W. Cooper was this day expelled from the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity by the ZETA BETA.

Signed,

JOS. A. KELSEY, Cor. Sec'y.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, It has pleased All-wise Providence to remove from our midst and our brotherhood, Chas. W. Beattie, of the CHI, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the ALPHA, realize that in his death we have lost an enthusiastic and effective worker, and one who was intensely interested in the fraternity work. And further, be it

Resolved, That we extend our deep sympathy to the

brothers who were intimately connected with him in chapter relations; also to his parents and friends who are suffering this sad bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the CRESCENT, and a copy of them be sent to the CH and to his parents.

C. E. LOCKE,
C. A. ENSIGN,
H. W. PLUMMER,
Committee.

ALPHA LOCALS.

The following lines are dedicated to our General Secretary:

Why that pale and haggard face,
Those bloodshot eyes, that limping pace,
That swollen head, that matted hair,
Those nerveless hands, that look of care?
Does some great crime thy conscience smite,
Of deed performed at dead of night,
Or didst thou o'er thy lessons toil,
Until thou burnst the midnight oil?
"You have not struck it yet," quoth he;
"It was a Leap Year parti-e!"

Ben Hogan says he is so nick-named because he has reformed.

The smiling face of Bro. Jim Andrews is seen quite frequently in Meadville.

Bro. George Davis is attending the Pittsburgh Business college. He found time to stop off for a day and shake hands with the boys.

Bro. Woodring, our rising M. D., has been appointed "Big Medicine Man" for Crawford county, and all the undertakers have gone into bankruptcy on the strength of it.

"Put him out, Sine! Put him out!" exclaimed Sol, rather excitedly, as Ben Hogan shoved a shaving brush in his ear. Ben retired at the end of a red hot poker.

The chromo sale was considerable of a sell, and Sol still enlarges upon their beauty and delicacy of expression; at the same time he mourns that the study of art should be so much neglected at Allegheny.

The recent trial of "Sol vs. Hogan" was decided by an impartial and intelligent (?) jury in favor of the defendant. Judd Wann presided with dignity on the bench, deciding the most intricate points of the law with the most refreshing ease. After proving Sol and Hogan both to be men of the most disreputable character, the able advocates, Messrs. Decker and Blair, for the defendant and plaintiff respectively, presented the case to the jury.

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

THE MU.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, February, 1880.

Σ X's ALPHA, at O. W. University, has but six active members. The students regard it as the least significant of their eight fraternities.

Φ Δ Θ's ETA chapter, established in October, '79, has seven active members. This is her third attempt here, and judging from her initiates, as a unit, the future will be a repetition of the past.

The THETA DEUTERON of Φ Γ Δ is said to be her best

chapter. Her fourteen men certainly are, for the most part, very fine fellows, but at present they seem to be having some serious internal trouble that may ultimately prove disastrous.

Some of Φ K Ψ's men recently made their appearance in what was supposed to be a fraternity cap; but, unfortunately, the Preps took a fancy to the same article, so that now it is difficult to distinguish the one from the other.

Our chapter is in a splendid condition and full of anticipations for the future. We have leased, for a term of years, a beautiful hall, where we have a home for Δ T Δ, and a hearty welcome for every knight of the purple. Come and see us! We have three men in the class of '83, six men in the class of '82, and three alumni of the class of '79.

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

THE THETA.

We think Bro. McClurg's letter advocates a good cause and we will try to support him.

Our popular young Bro., W. W. Pendleton, has left us to engage in business in Richmond, Va. Success to you, Billy.

The THETA can boast of her musicians. She has among her members six guitars and two flutes, besides a violin, a piccalo, a triangle, a tambourine, bones, french harps, etc.

Bro. W. C. Buchanan was at home a few days ago on the sick list. We did not hear of him until the day he left, then we called and found that he had, like the Arab, folded his tent and—

The entertainment given by the Delta Minstrel Troupe, on Christmas, was considered a very fine amateur performance, and numerous calls were made by the citizens for an exhibition in the neighboring towns.

The natal place of the Δ T Δ Fraternity is an old brick house in Bethany. We would like to preserve it for future generations. It is a very meager dwelling now, although in '59 it was considered fine. We often turn our eyes upon it with sacred love and reverence.

We have noticed in the former issues some mention of college honors, and are proud to say that the THETA may well boast of past honors received. Last year the college gave three "first honors." Bro. Stephenson and Bro. Winn took the Latin Salutatory and Valedictory. A non-fraternity man took the English Salutatory.

Bro. C. H. Garvey delivered the oration at the Senior Class performance.

The THETA's greeting to all Deltas.

VAN.

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

THE ZETA BETA.

IRVINGTON, IND., February, 1880.

Bro. Phillips wears a new jeweled badge. It is by all odds the handsomest pin in college.

The last number of *The Scroll* states that the members of Z B "spiked" Sulgrove, an addition to Φ Δ Θ's camp, but were left. The truth is, that we have had the "refusal" of the gentleman for the last eight months, but did not want him.

Bro. Boyle, who has been coquetting with the "teens" for some years past, glided onto the "twenty" scale a few weeks since, and celebrated it as all loyal Deltas should, by inviting his suffering brothers to assist in

demolishing an elegant supper. O'Connor, of "Rich American blood" fame, was there in all his glory.

Sub Rosa is a favorite expression of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s. The official "organ" of the fraternity, *The Scroll*, is *sub rosa*, but we read it all the same. The February copy states that Ira W. Christian has started a *sub rosa* $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ chapter at Ann Arbor. "Ira W." only left Butler during the holidays, so it seems that he has gone to work with his usual energy; but, for all that, aspirants for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ honors had better go a little slow, as Mr. Christian was not enjoying the full confidence of his fraters at this place when he left.

Butler will soon have a foot-ball team in the field.

"At the request of numerous friends," President Burgess has consented to the use of his name before the Republican Gubernatorial convention. The eminent divine stands about as much show of being nominated as Spotted Tail.

Bro. Oliver, ('79,) lost a \$25.00 "stiff" in the late Medical College fire. It was a total loss, as John never insures.

Butler University is probably the best advertised institution in the country. Some enterprising youth wrote the city papers that the President had forbidden ladies attending the "horrid male" literary societies. The President, however, denies giving any such order. The Cincinnati, Chicago, New York, and even the London papers fastened to it, as an argument against co-education, and drew their conclusions accordingly; but a "flash" paper capped the climax by illustrating the affair, in which a young lady was strolling along between two rows of male Butlerites, bestowing an "osculatory favor on each and every one of the sinners.

Fraternally,

JOS. A. KELSEY.

THE PHI.

Editor Crescent:

The Third Division has entered upon a new term with very flattering prospects. During the last term the Third Division consisted of eighty-nine good and true fraters. With the present outlook we will be able to report over a hundred by the end of the year.

Chapter PHI is still the PHI of old, so well known by all.

Bro. F. L. Christy has gone to Texas to "settle the country."

Bro. G. L. Cline spent a few days in Hanover during the holidays. Bro. C. is a disciple of Aesculapius.

Bro. Sexton did not return to college this term.

Bro. Bagah has gone east to attend Eastman's Business College.

Chapter PHI took her share of speakerships in the late exhibitions, and in the last elections, *somehow*, come out like Jim Smiley's horse.

R. B. M.

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

THE LAMBDA.

February 6th was a gala day for the Lambda. She has just entered her "teens," and celebrated the occasion on Friday evening, the 6th, at the residence of C. W. Tomlinson. Everything seemed to conspire to the happiness of every one. Active members and resident alumni mingled together. With song and dance they passed the evening till all were summoned to the feast. LAMBDA gets hungry occasionally, and then the pres-

ence of the young ladies is necessary to the full enjoyment of a feast. This has been proved by experience, and LAMBDA now contends with the inevitable. Having feasted, the dance was resumed, and continued until the big hours were nearly gone. Then all of one accord took their departure. The LAMBDA cannot fully thank Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson for their hospitality. They are assured that the remembrance of that evening will be cherished by all, as one of the most pleasant spent evenings that has fallen to our lot to enjoy.

Lombard celebrated the birth of Washington, on the 23d, at the Universalist Church. The LAMBDA was represented by the following brothers: Jas. W. Carney, "Washington at Valley Forge." W. H. Livingstone, "Franklin." H. M. Chase, "Grant and Lee at Richmond." Bros. W. A. Parker and C. E. Brewster furnished sentiments, respectively, for "Western Colleges" and "Grant and Lee."

Brothers of '82 and '83 are greatly agitated over the fact that the annual "Fresh" and "Soph" exhibition is to take place at the close of the present term. Further particulars next month.

Bro. D. W. McNeal, '77, contemplates leaving the legal ranks and will turn his attention to farming, stock raising, etc., making a specialty of wool growing. He is prosperous and happy.

Bro. J. B. Watson, '77, is a happy "daddy." A "bouncing big boy," is the cause of his happiness. John is also part owner of the Barry, (Ill.) *Adage*.

Bro. J. E. Hinchliff, '78, was married sometime before or during the holidays. He is a prosperous farmer at Rio, Ill.

Bro. C. E. Hoyt, '80, of Lacon, called at the college a few weeks ago. The boys only got a glimpse of him.

A few of the brothers have been a little under the weather, fighting chills, colds, etc. They are, however, returning to their normal condition.

ALUMNI NEWS.

H. E. Allen (A B, '76,) is editing a paper at Augusta, Ill.

O. A. Janes (K, '68,) is Judge of Probate at Hillsdale, Mich.

Geo. F. Baker (A, '77,) is running a large farm near Crete, Ill.

Gay L. Dorn (A, '75,) is a prominent merchant of Batavia, Ill.

Horace G. Myers (A, '78,) is at present in the Columbia Law School.

Wayland B. Augir (K, '77,) is practicing law at Minneapolis, Minn.

Cyrus Cline (K, '76,) is Principal of the Union Schools at Angola, Ind.

Israel C. Stocton (A, '70,) is Principal of the schools of Kirkwood, Ill.

Hon. Abram M. Brown (A, '70,) is State Attorney for Galesburg, Ill.

Jay J. Reed (A, '78,) is now pursuing the practice of law in Chicago.

Ed. L. House (A, '76,) is Cashier of the First National Bank of Cameron, Mo.

Volney Kent (K, '75,) is pursuing the practice of law at Marshalltown, Iowa.

Hon. Robert A. Johnston (Phi) is Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Cincinnati.

Geo. Newton Tillman (Theta, '70,) is Ass't United States Attorney at Shelbyville, Tenn.

B. S. Hunting (K, '73,) occupies the chair of Languages in Berea College, Berea, Kentucky.

T. L. McGirr (A B, '77,) is Principal of the Public Schools in St. Augustine, Ill.

Frank Garrison (Δ, '78,) died last year while pursuing his studies at the Albany Law School.

J. I. Van Doran (K, '75,) is a partner in a large iron manufacturing company at Phoenix, N. Y.

J. B. Fisk (Ξ, '77,) is Professor of Natural Science in Simpson Centenary College, Indianola, Iowa.

Weller D. Bishopp (K, '71,) has a law office at 137 Madison street, Chicago. He has a paying practice.

Rolla C. Carpenter (I, '73,) occupies the chair of Mathematics in the Michigan Agricultural College.

J. M. DeLong (Ξ, '79,) fills with dignity and exactness the chair of Mathematics at the Iowa Central University.

R. M. Lawrence (K, '73,) is stationed as a missionary at Midnapore, India, not Midnaforil, as the catalogue has it.

Wm. W. Cook (K, '80,) has recently been elected to the position of Orator for Class Day at the University of Michigan.

L. French (K, '72,) formerly of Constantine, Mich., has gone into a very promising practice of law in Yankton, D. T.

Patrick Talent (Δ, '69,) has quit the position of teacher for the more profitable one of State Attorney at Butler City, Mon.

Madison R. Harris (A, '71,) has been appointed Civil Engineer in the survey for the improvement of the Mississippi.

Hon. James O'Donnell, (A, '68,) since serving his term in the State Legislature, has been State Attorney at Cherokee, Ill.

D. S. Harris (A B, '75,) has resigned from his professorship in Abingdon College, and is now teaching in Abingdon, Ill.

W. M. Keenan (Δ, '73,) is a member of the firm of Albright & Keenan, dry goods commission merchants, 236 Monroe street, Chicago.

Frank Prouty (Ξ, '77,) is Professor of Greek in the Iowa Central University, Iowa. This is one of the best institutions in the State.

Opian C. Simonds (Δ, '78,) has already obtained the reputation as a reliable architect. His office is in room 30, Portland Block, Chicago, Illinois.

Samuel Kerr, (A, '69,) 82 Bryan Block, Chicago, is recognized by associates and clients as one of the safest lawyers with whom to leave a case.

George Horton (Δ, '78,) has gone out West to make his fortune. He has obtained a very desirable position as teacher at Grass Valley, California.

Will M. Carleton (K, '69,) is to act as poet at the next regular meeting of the Hillsdale Alumni. He is living at 479 Vernon Avenue, Chicago.

J. N. Crittenden (K, '73,) is at present located at Elizabeth, South Africa, where he is looking after the interests of an English Railroad Company.

Eugene E. Brunson, (A, '74,) whose whereabouts could not be discovered for the present catalogue, is quite a prominent M. D. of Allegan, Mich.

J. S. Badger, (A B, '75,) who was formerly editor of the *Leader* at Abingdon, Ill., has quit journalizing and is now Principal of the schools at Altona, in the same State.

Chas. L. Ingersoll, (I, '74,) who formerly was Professor of Agriculture at the Michigan Agricultural College, now fills the same position at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

F. F. Wiley, (K, '73,) who has an extensive law practice at Moberly, Mo., is at present a prominent member of the State Legislature, to which he was elected in 1878.

Chas. S. Bentley (K, '70,) was elected Vice President of the Hillsdale College Alumni Association in 1876. He still occupies that position. He has a very paying law practice at Bryan, Ohio.

Paul H. Hanns (Δ, '78,) bids fair to take a high position as a teacher. He starts out well, having been elected Professor of Mathematics in the University of Colorado, Boulder City, Col.

James F. Ray, (I, '71,) who has hitherto been tutor of Mathematics at the University of Wooster, Wooster, O., is now travelling in Europe, striving to recover his health, lost by too much application to his work.

Florus A. Barbour and John S. Crombie (Δ, '77,) are upholding the reputation of the fraternity in a fine way at Cold Water, Mich. The former is Principal of the High School, and the latter Sup't of the Public Schools.

The name of Lewis C. Donaldson (Δ, '76,) should have an asterisk before it in the catalogue. He was appointed in '76 Civil Engineer on the governmental surveys taken for improving the navigation of the Mississippi, and died of a sickness brought on by exposure.

Fire Insurance; C. R. Hopkins, (B, '64,) 155 La Salle street, Chicago, is the way it reads on the card of one of the Beta's charter members, but that gives no show of the fine business which the firm of Hopkins & Hasbrouck does.

J. R. Wagner (K, '73,) died the latter part of last year, at Groome, Iowa. He has always been a hard worker, and at the time of his death he was engaged in teaching, and performing journalistic labors on the best papers of the place.

Henry F. Norcross and Thos A. McEldowney, (Z, '71,) after backing each other in chapter life, have decided to try it still further. They are a well-known firm among the legal fraternity of Chicago, and may be found in room 29, Tribune Building.

Frank D. Shaver (Δ, '76,) has already obtained a high reputation as a conscientious student, and an able instructor, from the way he handles Latin and Greek roots at Leland University, New Orleans, La. He is very popular as a Professor.

A. E. Haynes, (K, '75,) though still quite a young man, is taking prominent positions at his college. He is Professor of Mathematics at Hillsdale, a member of the Endowment Committee, and Treasurer of the Alumni Association, elected in 1876.

J. B. Smith (K, '73,) is Principal of Pike Seminary, at Pike, N. Y. Few men can have it recorded of them that they were elected to the Board of Trustees of their college the year after graduation, but this can be said of Bro. Smith. He was elected in 1874, and still serves.

The Bloomington, (Ill.) *Leader* pays Prof. Brown, (B, '62,) of the Illinois Wesleyan University, quite a compliment on his lectures on all the subjects in his department. It says: "Prof. Brown has, in fact, so perfected his appliances in the several branches of Natural Science that the Wesleyan students have facilities quite equal to students of Eastern Colleges." Prof. Brown was one of the charter members of the Beta; he also organized the first free school in the State of West Virginia, at Parkersburg in 1865.

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
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
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