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Of our good old Delta Tau."*

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OUR VOYAGE.

DEDICATED TO THE IOTA.

H. W. COLLINGWOOD, '83.

In the dear old Delta harbor,
Rocked by the sleepy tide,
Away from the storms and tempests of life,
Our vessels at anchor ride.

Behind the sheltering headlands,
We feel no touch of the gale;
Our anchors lie deep in the seaweed.
And furled is each snowy sail.

But out of our quiet harbor,
On the deep, broad ocean of life,
The gale heaps high the billows of care,
And the white-capped breakers of strife.

Urged by the wind, the rolling waves,
Dash over the harbor bar;
While the lowering clouds of trouble,
Rise in the West afar,

We know as we lie at anchor,
That the day must surely come
When out on the stormy ocean,
We must sail from our Delta home.

Out on the rolling waters,
Through the breakers of care and strife,
To steer for the beautiful harbor,
That lies o'er the ocean of life.

Out with the tide we'll go drifting,
Where the foaming billows roar,
With one last farewell to our Delta home,
To rest in her harbor no more.

Take courage, brother Deltas!
The voyage will not be long,
And we all shall pass in safety,
If our vessels are staunch and strong.

And now, as we lie at anchor,
Let us strengthen each weak part,
Then spread our sails to the tempest,
With a loyal Delta heart.

And when far out on the ocean,
'Mid storms that beat wild and fast,
We see through the gloom and darkness
The lights of the harbor at last.

May the memory of "good old Delta Tau"
Help us to steer aright,
Past all the treacherous rocks and shoals,
To the gates of the "city of light."

WE STILL AS BROTHERS MEET.

A. F. DREISBACH, T, '77.

Hail, brothers, hail! to-night let us look back,
And cast our eyes upon life's charming track,
A track now laid for twenty years and one,
E'er since our history has begun.
And lo! our wheel of progress onward moves:
A fact that clearly demonstrates and proves
That Deltaism still is gaining fast
In numbers as it did in years now past.
But 'tis not numbers that we glory in,
Nay, something nobler do we strive to win;
A thing which we with one another share,
And what that is each brother is aware.

In times of peace, when this fair world of ours
Lies slumbering 'neath its Eden bowers;
When mankind moves along without a jar,
And all thus free from strife and conflict are,
We still as brothers meet.

In times of war, in times of sad affray,
When bloodshed is the order of the day,
When dying soldiers breathe their final breath,
And yield themselves into the hand of death,
We still as brothers meet.

In times when sorrows' darkest beams are shed
Upon our paths, when all our hopes are fled,
E'en then as we thus cross this world's grand plain,
And share each others sorrow, grief and pain,
We still as brothers meet.

In times when death's cold, stern and sullen hand
Lays hold upon a member of our band,
And bears him up to yon celestial shore,
Where tears of grief and death are shed no more,
We still as brothers meet.

was a member of BETA. In the afternoon as Bro. Mitchell and I were walking down Main street I told him of the discovery; and before we separated we met Prof. Scott, he returned our salutation immediately, but expressed his surprise at meeting Deltas at Mt. Union, whence they had been forever banished by a decree of a supreme (?) faculty. We invited him to meet with the Chapter that very evening (Jan. 20th, 1877), and he assured us that he would be on hand promptly if he could escape from Prof. Armstrong, with whom he was staying, without making him suspicious. He recited the Delta Tau Delta song to us, and also told of his experience in designing the "coat-of-arms" to be found on the cover of the fraternity catalogue. We had a rousing time with Bro. Scott at this meeting; and, when we bade each other good-night, we did so feeling more than ever before the firmness and strength of the tie,

"Which binds us to each other
And the good old Delta Tau."

HISTORY OF THE ETA.

BY H. T. WILLSON.

In undertaking the production of a history of this chapter, the writer is fully aware that there are other pens which would perform the task better. But, since nothing has been done in the matter, it seems best to make at least an endeavor in the right direction. It is hoped that the alumni members, if they can correct any error, or supply any omission in this article, will do so through the columns of the CRESCENT. 1872-73 was the first year of the existence of Buchtel College. During the first term there were no secret societies in the institution. But, among the students were Bro. Knight, who was initiated at the LAMBDA, and Bro. Peckham, who was "invested with the purple" at Bethany Collège. They were not unmindful of the advancement of Delta Tau, and found suitable men to constitute a chapter. Accordingly, on the 3d of February, 1873, the ETA Chapter was established by Bro. Knight. The following were the charter members: Jas. B. Pierce, Harry R. Lewis, Geo. A. Peckham, Lines I. Pope, C. R. Knight, Julian L. Murphy, Clarence Rumphrey, Robert F. Paine. The appearance of the Delta pins doubtless aroused the curiosity of the "barbarians." One gentleman asked what sort of an institution the badges represented, and expressed a desire to join. He did not join, however. A number of new men were obtained during the remainder of the college year. In the Spring the General Convention of the Fraternity was held here. At commencement the ETA had two members in the first graduating class, J.

B. Pierce and C. T. Saxe. During '73-'74 some new converts entered the mystic circle; and as yet no rival society made its appearance. The year '74-'75 brought the boys together again, with three members in the Senior class. Early in 1875, certain "barbs" resolved to found a chapter of another society. They were refused a charter by one fraternity, but fared better in the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ camp. Accordingly, they went to Wooster and duly received the protection of Phi Delta's shield. In February the sons of the ERA decided to have a sleigh-ride. So they equipped themselves, and invaded the neighboring village of Kent. Of course, an enjoyable time was had. In the Spring Term Bro. A. H. Welch, then a professor in the college, delivered a public lecture in the chapel, under the auspices of the ERA. During the same term the boys became so impressed with their good looks that they had their photographs taken in a group. This year, Bro. A. E. Clevenger was selected by the faculty to represent Butchel in the State Oratorical Contest. The beginning of '75-'76 found the Deltas at their posts to battle with their new opponents. When gentle Spring appeared, they obtained canes with the names of all the active members cut upon them. Bro. S. R. Ladd was sent as delegate to the Annual Convention at Ann Arbor. This year Bro. A. B. Tucker was sent as orator to the State Contest, where he received honorable mention. During '76-'77 the boys were active and initiated ten men. In the mellow days of autumn, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $\Delta T \Delta$ met in battle on the base-ball ground. The score was 22 to 2, in favor of ΔT . At the Home Oratorical Contest, this term, Bro. N. C. Chisnell took the first honor; and later in the year, at the State Contest, he received second honor. This year Bro. A. R. Ginn was sent as delegate to the General Convention at Bethlehem, Pa. Up to the Spring of 1877 the boys had always met either in private rooms or in the "study room" of the college. But now they felt the need of a chapter hall, especially since the next Convention was to be held here. So, after looking around, they secured a suitable room on Howard street, which they have ever since retained. On Monday night of commencement week, the new hall was dedicated, the principal exercise being an able address by Gen. T. F. Wildes. On returning to Academic halls, in the Fall of '77, the Deltas found plenty of material wherewith to amuse the goat; and, during '77-'78, eleven men were brought within the mystic circle. In the first term of this year the lecture fever attacked the boys. They did not entirely recover till Commencement had almost come. The General Convention of the Fraternity was held here in May. It was voted a success, as was also the banquet with which it closed. This term, to show their respect for a sister Fraternity, the boys invited

the K K I's to their hall one evening, and had a very pleasant time. In June the familiar faces of Doyle and Carter left us. During '78-'79 four men were initiated. On Monday before commencement a reception was given to Bro. O. C. Beatty, of the graduating class, at the residence of Gen. T. F. Wildes. The events of this year have been principally told in the CRESCENT. The chapter will soon rejoice in a new coat of arms. In conclusion, the writer can only hope that the ETA may ever bask in the brightest of Fortune's smiles.

HISTORY OF THE IOTA.

BY GEO. E. BRECK.

CHAPTER I.

The history of the present IOTA Chapter involves so many facts, so many pleasures, and advantages accruing to her members that her historian will be obliged to be quite general to avoid being tedious.

Whatever may have been IOTA's beginning, or for whatever reason her star was allowed to set at Western Pennsylvania University, sure it is that it had a very humble rising at the place over which its light is now radiated. It was as a strong pressure in a forbidden place. The end for which it made its appearance was a mystery to all save a chosen few. The time of its final setting has many times been named by its enemies, and extended by its admiring friends till it has become fixed beyond the reach of mere opposition. Opposed, from the start by those already in command of the position, by all who were naturally and even superstitiously opposed to every new departure, even from old traditions, the early history of IOTA was as one, who, having strong enemies, has the more tenacious admirers.

For five years Chapter KAPPA had been struggling alone for the merits of Deltaism in the Pennsylvania State. She knew of its advantages as one knows a tried friend. To be the first Delta Chapter in Michigan was honor enough to take away all fears of rivalry, and to extend to others the privilege of such lights KAPPA resolved on raising up others in some of the many colleges of our State. Where should it be? Those were times when to the average western student secret societies were as tares among the wheat,—an evil to be avoided. It was only in schools managed by liberal-minded men, men who would acknowledge the good wherever found, that such an enterprise could be begun. Then, too, it was only to men who have in their very nature the spirit of fraternity that it would be safe to mention the subject of organizing a secret society. But such a man was found in the person of Bro. C. L. Ingersoll, and in the hands of such a man it was thought safe to

venture on the forbidden grounds of the Agricultural College. To Bro. George B. Smith, Chapter KAPPA, had been delegated the power of establishing the IOTA, on whom, with Bro. Ingersoll, the members of IOTA will always look as the heroes who raised a light on a dangerous spot.

To find ten men who could be relied upon for such an effort was the work of Bro. Ingersoll, subject, however, to examination by Bro. Smith. Ten reliable men were found. From our personal knowledge of the members we know that however reluctantly they may have entered upon the work, they saw something more than a novelty in it. They were all men of brain, blood, and nerve, and heart. In society and out they were known as men in whom is found a genial spirit, scholarly ability, moral force and fortitude. With ten such men, led by him who has ever been as a father to IOTA, proud of her, and ever ready to promote her welfare, and peculiarly free from all selfish motives, Bro. Smith set the gem IOTA. So far its existence was known to no barbarians. This first and several subsequent meetings were held in Bro. Frank Galley's room. But a system of spying and prying for secrets being inaugurated, drove IOTA from place to place, to which place her loyal sons were wont to come by circuitous routes to escape the vulgar eyes of curious warriors.

College talk all turned on a discussion of the course of these mysterious gatherings at unseemly hours. No conceivable object was left unsuggested. The facts were real, their cause unknown. Bro. Carpenter was known to be given to attempts to get music out of a two-stringed violin, and to listen to one of his concerts was suggested as the cause of these meetings. But the meetings were held when Bro. C. was gone. Next comment turned upon Bro. Gulley's propensities for feast-making and decided a sufficient attraction, but Bro. G. outgrew these epicurean habits and had become satisfied with college fare. Bro. Haigh was an artist. He could bring a smile from the most stoical with his pencil, and to study art under Bro. H. was next believed to be the object of secret meetings. But no new artist appeared.

The Youngs brothers were known to hold conflicting views regarding the honesty of apple getting in college ways, and it was finally thought that this must be a court of equity to settle muted questions for them; but this proved wrong. Bros. Groner and Shafer must attend to the wants of the ladies before the duties of college life, and to remonstrate against this in a good-natured way was next proposed. The brothers did no better, so that was no adequate cause for secret meetings. Bro. Charles Goodwin was known to be such a straight, dare-to-be-good fellow, that to see him a member of such a class mystified all guessers. And when

Bro. Simonson, slim, dignified and scholarly in appearance, was seen skipping from clumps of evergreens to secret places all guessing was abandoned, and eavesdropping systematically begun.

Bothered thus beyond endurance and with many misgivings, a petition was presented to the faculty for a room in which to meet. For the faculty to know it was a secret society would be instant death. The President called a few of the petitioners before him, took a general survey of them, and asked to see a copy of the constitution and by-laws. That they could not do. A committee was appointed to draw one for the purpose, using a few things from the original, and filling several sheets of paper, making so long a roll that it was thought doubtful about their stopping to read it all; the committee presented the required papers. On taking hold of the large roll and unrolling, the Professor remarked: "Pretty long constitution for so young a society." No student ever knew whether that constitution was read or not, but the use of the Agricultural room was granted. For years IOTA had no home she could call her own. She was given many and curious names by outsiders, but external relation grew better till after one year the meetings were unmolested. The attention and ability was now given to internal affairs. New members were initiated, regular exercises introduced, and social pleasures soon held the members together as with bands of steel. The relation of IOTA to the fraternity seems to have been appreciated at this early time, and measures adopted to bring her into more intimate relations with other chapters.

(To be continued.)

GREEK WORLD.

B Θ Π has revived its chapters at Cumberland and Iowa Universities.

Lewisburg University no longer forbids fraternities; one by one the fetters fall.

Δ Υ has organized a chapter at Northwestern University much to the disgust of the fraternities there.

The Φ Κ Ψ *Shield* reports that six or seven B Θ Π badges have appeared at the University of Pennsylvania.

Φ Γ Δ is reported to be gazing at Michigan University with covetous eyes, and are about to attempt a chapter there.

Φ Κ Ψ has transferred the office of Grand Chapter from its Lafayette to its Columbian Chapter at Washington, D. C.

X Φ charges a member of Δ Β Φ with having written the articles which appeared not long since in *Puck*, and signed *Chi Phi*.

Σ Α Ε has re-established its chapter at Freeman University, South Carolina, and withdrawn its chapter at East Tennessee University.

Α Δ Φ. It is rumored that this fraternity is beginning to look on the University of Pennsylvania, Indiana and Iowa as favorable places for establishing chapters.

The Kappa charge of Θ Δ Χ, at Tufts' College, has just managed very successfully its third annual ball, which was given in the Medford (Mass.) Music Hall.

The Annual Convention of Ψ Υ will be held with the Phi, at Michigan University, on May 19th. The Hon. Clarkson N. Potter, of New York, will deliver an oration.

The State Normal School, at Millersville, Pa., in sight of Franklin and Marshall College, has assumed the dignity of a Greek letter society, which we presume is secret—the Ι Κ Δ.

B Θ Π has recently established a chapter of *thirty-eight* members at Brown, by absorbing Φ Κ Α, local there, though it once had a chapter at Rochester, which Α Ξ Χ took in but which died soon after.

The late trouble at the O. W. U. resulted rather disastrously to some of her fraternities. Φ Κ Ψ and Χ Φ each lost three of their best men, and one or two of the other fraternities narrowly escaped.

Φ Κ Σ has come up from two members to five at Franklin and Marshall. The resident graduate membership, at Lancaster, is large and strong, and arrangements have been made to hold a banquet and reunion at the approaching college commencement.

B Θ Π hesitates about reviving its chapters at Western Reserve. The work on that fraternity's catalogue is being pushed and good results are promised. One chapter's coat of arms cost one hundred and twenty-five dollars, others cost fifty and sixty dollars.

The Board of Regents of the University of California have rescinded their resolution which authorized the faculty to publish the *Ban*, and the faculty have withdrawn the same. Lambda is, therefore, in active college existence, and a grand fraternity revival is anticipated this spring and autumn.—*Chi Phi Quarterly*.

At Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Δ Κ Ε has ten members; Θ Ξ, six; Ζ Ψ, five, and Δ Τ Δ, nine. The election for "Grand Marshall" at R. P. I., which officer holds the same position, relatively, to all the classes that a class president does to an individual class, is soon to come off, and the contest promises to be a lively one. There will probably be Δ Κ Ε, Δ Φ, and Θ Ξ candidates in the field.



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MR. JNO. T. BURKE, of Lehigh University, has the thanks of the Editor-in-Chief for a copy of the *Epitome*, a publication of the Sophomore Class, of Lehigh.

WE had the pleasure of meeting Bro. J. H. Harper, formerly of the ALPHA, on a railroad train the other day, and found him on his way to the Switzerland of Arizona.

THE class of '80 at Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio, will issue a college annual during the latter part of May. The $\Delta T \Delta$ editor, Bro. H. T. Willson, would be glad to exchange with any Deltas who may be engaged in similar publications.

THE Extension Committee is still undefatigable in the discharge of duty, and is becoming an important feature in fraternity work. It is now engaged in a good deal of *sub rosa* work, of which the fraternity will be apprised in due time.

THE time for choosing delegates to the Convention is rapidly approaching. Every chapter must be well represented. Let enthusiastic representatives be sent, those with clear heads and good judgment, that the interests of Delta Tauism may be prospered.

AS will be seen in an official notice in another column the banner of Delta Tau Delta is again unfurled at Michigan University, and we can add, with the most flattering prospects. Although we are not permitted to particularize, yet we can take the liberty to say that

the re-organization of Chapter Delta promises to reflect great honor and credit upon the whole fraternity. The character and calibre of the charter members will make the Delta the rival of the best chapter at Ann Arbor.

THE members of the Tau presented Miss Emma Abbott with an elegant basket of cut flowers on her recent appearance in Lancaster in the opera of "Paul and Virginia." Miss Abbott was loudly applauded, and repeatedly encored, in her rendition of the role of Virginia, by one of the most select audiences that ever gathered in the Lancaster Opera House. She appeared before the curtain at the end of the first act of the opera, and gracefully acknowledged the gift of the Deltas.

THE next Annual Convention of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity will be held in Chicago on the second Wednesday of October, as decided by the last convention at Put-in-Bay. As it is to be held in the great metropolis of the west, the city will not be one of the least of the many attractions. Chicago is also a center for many of our alumni, they will lend their enthusiasm and loyalty to the meeting, and altogether the coming convention promises to be one of the best and most profitable ever held.

IT will be seen by official notices from our General Secretary that several charters have been withdrawn during the past few days. We regret that circumstances seem to have militated against the success of some of our chapters, but unless every chapter stands independent it is a dead weight to the interests of the fraternity at large, and we cannot afford to weaken ourselves by nursing those which do not seem disposed to help themselves. Every parasitical chapter, if it would live, must change its *modus operandi*, or it will receive neither assistance nor sympathy from the general organization. We congratulate ourselves on the scarcity of these dependent chapters.

THE last number, but one, of the CRESCENT is before you. The current volume of our paper will close with the next issue. We are very desirous that the next CRESCENT shall be the most attractive of this year's publication. In order that it shall be so, we earnestly request the Secretary of every chapter to send in a communication including a condensed report of his chapter for the present year. As we look back over the college year of '79 and '80, we are assured that it has been one of the most successful periods in the history of the fraternity. The results of continual labor in the interests of Deltaism are most gratifying, especially during the past year has a bright page been added to our records. Delta Tau Delta is —, but, beg pardon, we are trespassing on our valedictory, so this editorial will be continued in our next.

Alpha Locals.

The ALPHA boys have organized a glee club.

Quime Whistler is organist of the First Presbyterian Church of this city.

Bro. Ed. Hughes was at home several days last month, on the sick list, but has now returned.

W. C. Bear is again in this city and will remain with one of our best law firms, until admitted to the bar.

Chas. Bruce was with us a few hours last week. He expects to have charge of a congregation near Meadville this summer, but in the fall will resume his studies in Allegheny City.

Ex-Editor-in-Chief, Chas. Mitchell, expects to be with us about the 20th of June, to stay through the commencement season. There are some strong attractions in Western Penn'a for Charley.

ALPHA lately received, as a present from the RHO, the fac-simile autographs of two of the founders of our fraternity. It is an interesting and valuable gift and will be framed and hung up in our hall.

Quite a number of our boys, along with their lady friends, recently spent a delightful evening at Mrs. Lew Walker's. It would be an utter impossibility not to enjoy themselves under the management of such a hostess.

Bros. C. W. and W. C. Fish, of Sharpsville, who are attending college here, will soon be able to call Meadville their home. We understand that their father has purchased a lot on the upper end of Chestnut street, and will remove his family here as soon as he can build a dwelling.

A few days ago Dr. F. O. Nodine cut his finger with a knife which he had used a short time before in a post mortem examination, and though the cut was scarcely deep enough to draw blood, it poisoned him so that in less than 24 hours he was dangerously ill. He is now much better, but it will be many days before he will be recovered from its effects.

We take pleasure in introducing to the readers of the CRESCENT Bros. E. Rice, of Riceville, Pa., and E. Q. Whistler, of Mercer, Pa., whom we have adopted into our mystic order since our last issue. Both the boys were initiated on the same evening, and by the time the performance was over the goat was in an exceedingly dilapidated condition. Dr. Woodring was present and lent a helping hand in the line of his profession.

Second Grand Division.

THE THETA.

We have within the last year had some very interesting talks with two of our founders, J. S. Low, of Ohio, and Eugene Tarr, of West Virginia.

The THETA boys still cling to the star pins.

The prettiest thing out is the $\Delta T \Delta$ sleeve button.

The THETA will doubtless send out four graduates with the class of '80, viz: J. W. McGarvey, C. W. Morris, W. H. McKinley and S. L. Van Meter, all from Kentucky.

T. H. Stuckey recently graduated at the Louisville Medical College with honor.

We have lately received a brotherly letter from Bro. Jas. H. Shinn, who was the THETA's worker of '78. Glad to hear that he is the proprietor of "the big brick" store of Russelville, Pope Co., Arkansas.

Bro. E. T. Robards has lately written "well wishes" to his mother chapter.

At the annual exhibition of the Blue Grass Sheep Breeders Association, of April 30th, at Lexington, Ky., Bro. R. C. Estill, of Class '74, took quite a number of first prizes. He is one of the principal breeders of fine sheep of his State.

THE MU.

The present term opened April 7th, all of our boys having returned except Bro. Burnham, whom we regret to lose. He is engaged in banking at his home in Mechanicsburgh, O.

We now have nine members, not having initiated any one this term.

The "Greeks" are pretty quiet just now on all sides—the $X \Phi$'s and ΣX 's being the only ones who have donned their colors for some time. This gives the latter but five men, which is not saying much for the executive head of a fraternity having ΣX 's reputation. The $B \Theta \Pi$'s have one less than they, and, while they do not hesitate to boast a little of a victory at $\Delta T \Delta$'s expense, a few years ago, they seem to recognize the fact that such a thing is not likely to be repeated.

Bros. Marchant and Jefferson are very busy just now preparing themselves for the "Spring Publics." The former will be Chrestomatheia's declaimer, the latter Athenia's middle orator. Besides this work we were fairly represented at the Sophomore banquet, held in the parlors of the American House, Feb. 27th. Bro. Hetzler was president of the evening. Bro. Close delivered the address of welcome, and Bro. Marchant responded to the toast, "Our Gate Post." Bro. Cheney was Freshman orator Feb. 22d.

M. E. Ketcham, of '79, after spending a year at Drew, has returned to his home, Cincinnati, O. He has the thanks of our boys for some unique designs of monograms from his hands. A.

O. W. U., April 21, 1880.

THE SIGMA.

The SIGMA is booming! We now have sixteen active members, and good prospects of increasing that number soon. The present term bids fair to be one of the most successful of any since our organization, not in additions to our number, but in real fraternity work performed. We have just adopted a new order of exercises, consisting of music, periodical, oration, and other literary exercises in addition to our regular work. Another long felt need has been supplied. Our old mode of meeting being so manifestly unsafe and inconvenient has led to the engagement of the rooms in which Bro. Walker organized our Chapter in '75. We hope by this new departure to make our meetings much more attractive and profitable than they have been heretofore. There yet remains one need which is keenly felt, viz: that of a sufficient number of fraternity songs. Our boys are nearly all singers and our new room is furnished with a good piano, consequently we are favored with plenty of music; but, as the Delta productions at our command are very few, we must either enjoy them but seldom or render them insipid by successive repetition. What we need and what every Chapter needs, is the new Delta Song Book, and it is with regret that we note the few responses to Bro. Richmond's card appearing in the October No. of the CRESCENT has received. Stir up, Bro. Deltas, and let this good work drag no longer! If one-half of you who can write a good production for this book in a single evening, will do so immediately, I venture to say that ere another month has ended the collection will be as large as the publication committee could desire. Will you not do this?

Bros. John S. Woods, '76; Geo. R. Woolf, '78, and W. W. Hole, '78, have paid us visits during the past month. Come again boys, we are happy to meet you. M.

Third Grand Division.

THE IOTA.

Dear Crescent:

I have just finished reading the late number of our journal, and think it good, very good. So say we all. One thing we miss, however. No good word appears

from the Third Division. Is the *third* asleep, or had the brothers no time to prepare a few thoughts?

Our boys returned from their vacation full of life and energy, and the chapter already bears evidence of their zeal. Various measures for the improvement of the chapter rooms are under consideration, some of which will go into effect ere long.

Hand-shaking and receiving of congratulations are now in order among the boys over our new frater, John I. Breck, '83. The gentleman is a brother of our honored brother of '78, and we think has just as large a heart for Deltaism.

Bro. Bamber, our able alumni secretary, has been "shaking" secretary of late, and has given up his studies and gone home to recuperate. Come back soon, "Herb," the IOTA misses you.

The IOTA has had a law suit. Bros. L. W. Hoyt and Smith, as senior counsel, sustained their respective sides credibly, and gave evidence of possessing superior legal qualifications. Bro. H. Collingwood, as witness, acted the Irishman to perfection. For further particulars enquire of Bro. Oebund.

C. L. Bemis, '74, has been "home" once more. Bro. Bemis is principal of the Portland High School, in which seven teachers are employed. The brother is reported as giving excellent satisfaction.

From the Greeley (Col.) *Tribune* we clip the following with reference to J. A. Porter, '77, who has had charge of the school at Hiland Lake for several months:

"Mr. Porter has shown himself thoroughly qualified and particularly adapted to the calling he has chosen; and the only thing that troubles us is a fear that somebody will be asking him to 'come up higher,' so that we cannot have him for our next term."

We had the pleasure of visiting the KAPPA twice during the winter, and though most of her sons were away teaching, yet Bros. Stone, Rodgers and Moss were there to entertain fraters from abroad, and right good men we found them, too. No meetings of the chapter had been held very recently, owing to the absence of the brothers. The spirit seemed to be sleeping only to burst forth, we hope, with renewed enthusiasm upon the return of the brothers.

A brief halt was made at Albion to exchange the grip with a few of the EPSILON's men, who reported progress and brighter prospects for the future. Write, brothers, write. Fraternally yours,

CHAS. W. McCURDY.

THE ZETA BETA.

BUTLER UNIVERSITY, May 5th, 1880.

James B. Curtis, class '80, and Charles Philipps, '85, are the latest victims to the irresistible pleadings of the ZETA BETA's Big Medicine.

In the State Oratorical Convention, held at Indianapolis, April 15th, the Δ T A fraternity secured the two secretaryships—recording and corresponding. Bro. Bruce Milroy, of the PHI, was elected to the former, and Bro. Elmer Philipps, of the ZETA BETA, to the latter.

Bro. Harry Allen, Better known as the "Kid," has left college for this year, and taken a position in his father's drug store in Indianapolis.

Bro. John Olives reached his majority on April 16th, and in honor of the event treated the members of his chapter to an excellent supper.

"The Butler," our college publication, will be issued the latter part of this month. Jos. A. Kelsey represents ZETA BETA on the staff of editors.

The young men of the ZETA BETA had been planning for two months previous to the oratorical contest, to entertain the visiting statesmen of the Δ T A persuasion during their stay here. Wednesday evening, May 14th, was the time selected, and a banquet and dance the attraction offered. The affair took place at the residence of Bro. Boyle, on College Avenue, and was a complete success in every particular. Fourteen couples sat down to the elegant supper prepared for the occasion, and there was not a dyspeptic in the crowd. Among the visitors were J. L. McMaster, B., '69; Joseph Crow, O., '71; PHI was represented by the two Milroys, both strawberry-blondes, and that prince of good fellows, Cy. Smith. It was not until four o'clock A. M., that the gay throng took its departure from the house of mirth and revelry.

With this number my duties as S. A., terminate, as well as my college life. I shall leave this week for Denver, Col., and want all Deltas that may wander that way to call and see me. No matter if you cannot remain any length of time, stop long enough to give the grip to one who has a pride in our glorious order that the sands of the plains will never efface.

Fraternally,

JOS. A. KELSEY.

Fourth Grand Division.

THE LAMBDA.

There are three Deltas in the class of '80. They are now busily at work on their commencement orations.

"The Bi-weekly Budget" is the latest. It is a paper read before the LAMBDA at each meeting. Bro. Carney was editor of the first number.

Some of the Deltas may frequently be seen playing croquet. It is not decided yet who is champion of the LAMBDA, but the wearers of purple are victors when they play with other college boys.

Bro. Samuel Kerr, 69, is to deliver the oration before the Alumni Association, of Lombard, the 15th of June.

Bro. Ed. Webster, '79, recently went to Chicago on "business." He said that he was in a hurry, so didn't stop to see any of the resident Bros.

Bro. Brewster has been afflicted with the measles. He however is out once more and just as ready to make a "speech" as ever.

The annual reunion of the Chapter will probably be held Wednesday evening, June 16th. Let all who can be present.

Notices to Chapters.

Notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the ALPHA, held May 8th, 1880, the chapter of CHI, 4th Division, was withdrawn.

We wish to call the attention of corresponding secretaries to the matter of Term Reports. A large number of the chapters have failed to send in reports for last winter term. As it is *absolutely necessary* to have these reports we trust the proper officers will attend to the matter without further delay.

Any chapter knowing itself to be indebted to either the Catalogue Fund or Extension Fund, will do well to attend to the prompt payment of the same before June 1st.

Notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the ALPHA, held May 8th, 1880, the chapter of the OMICRON, 3d Division, was withdrawn.

Official notice is hereby given that on March 2d, 1880, the Delta Chapter, of Michigan University, was organized. For a more detailed report see the following notice from Bro. McClurg:

C. A. ENSIGN, Gen. Sec. of Convention.

CHICAGO, April 26th, 1880.

To the Chapter of Δ T A, Brother Deltas:—It gives me much pleasure to report on the behalf of your Extension Committee, the re-organization of the Δ Chapter at the University of Michigan. This was accomplished March 2d, but not announced before that the boys might get better settled in their new quarters before

their rivals heard of it. The necessary arrangements having been made the Δ takes her place with her sister chapters, and should receive a prompt recognition from them. Let the various corresponding secretaries see that they do their duty.

The address of the corresponding secretary of the Δ is H. C. ALEXANDER, Lock Box 154, Ann Arbor Mich.

Yours in the bonds of Δ T Δ,

W. L. McCLURG, Sec. of the Extension Committee.

Alumni News

Wilbur T. Reed (Δ, '76,) has been acting as physician for the State prison at Ionia, Michigan, for some time.

Rolla C. Carpenter (I, '73,) is chairman of a committee on the preparation of a Surveyor and Engineers' Manual for Michigan.

John A. Bolard (A, '78,) is already a successful dentist in Millville, N. J. Men of John's perseverance always succeed.

The alumni of Cincinnati will hold a banquet on the 15th of this month, at which they will consider the advisability of establishing an Alumni Chapter. We hope the decision will be favorable.

L. L. Davis (A '78,) was admitted to the Pittsburgh bar at its last examination. There were eighteen up for examination, eight of whom passed. Bro. Davis, as usual, proved to be the best in his class.

G. E. Kedzie (I, '74,) late surveyor of Lenawee Co., Mich., is located at Georgetown, Col., 8,400 feet above sea level. When last heard from, he was among the mountains, instruments in hand.

Chas. H. Bruce (A '79,) has been attending Allegheny Theological Seminary during the last year. He passed a very creditable examination before the Erie Synod during the last month, and has now become an itinerant minister. Success to you, Charley, in your new role.

A. J. Tullock (Δ, '76,) is one of our enthusiasts; he has had a beautiful badge manufactured for him, and he wears it too. He is with a Bridge Company, at 475 Randolph street, Chicago, Ill. By some oversight his name does not appear in the present catalogue, but he says it shall in the next if he has to have it printed himself.

H. F. Norcross, (Z, '72,) of the law firm of Norcross & McDowdne, 29 Tribune Building, Chicago, Ill., and both of them members of our fraternity, served as a delegate from the State of Illinois to the Convention which Φ K Ψ held in Philadelphia in 1876. We humbly bow in recognition of the honor conferred on us.

Hon. James Prendergast, who recently died, bequeathed to Jamestown his splendid block, valued at \$50,000, the rentals to be used in the erection of a fire-proof library building, and all revenues from the Prendergast block hereafter to be devoted to the maintenance of the library. Such a munificent and thoughtful gift will doubtless be heartily appreciated by the citizens of Jamestown. It is rumored that Mr. Alexander Prendergast, the father of the deceased, who is a very wealthy man, has expressed his willingness to do all in his power to aid Jamestown, and it is thought that his action will be very generous.—*Meadville Index*. Our deceased brother was very generous with his money, and, what is better, knew how to use it judiciously.

The following was taken from the Cincinnati *Daily Gazette* in reference to the recent Republican nominations in Ohio:

EXCELLENCE OF THE TICKET.

The ticket met with almost universal approbation, but perhaps almost equal approval might have been expressed if any other of the candidates before the convention had been nominated. The material to select from was unusually good, and the convention could scarcely have made a mistake by striking on any name.

MAJ. CHARLES TOWNSEND.

The name at the head of the ticket possesses peculiar fitness for the position. The Hon. Charles Townsend, the nominee for Secretary of State, is a practicing attorney in Athens, and a member of the present Legislature. In the last Legislature he was a recognized leader of the minority, and with one or two others conducted some of the best political contests ever seen in Ohio. The minority in the O'Connor Legislature was barely half as large as the majority, yet they fought the majority so tenaciously and so ably that the majority were compelled to devote almost all their time to the work of political reorganization and their arguments then were strong enough to furnish abundant text for the campaign. Maj. Townsend led the opposition to all the Hamilton County schemes, and his knowledge of Hamilton County affairs and his Legislative skill were so valuable to the delegation in the present Legislature that they looked to him for and obtained his aid in repealing the O'Connor iniquities. He took the same part in all other political measures in each Legislature, and made a reputation for sagacity, sterling integrity, sound judgment in political matters, and forensic ability, which few members of the Legislature will ever attain. He is about forty years of age, and served gallantly in the army from which he retired at the close of the war with the rank of Major.

Bro. Townsend was a member of Beta in '61. We are pleased to note his success. His leading opponent was Bro. Wildes, of Akron, O. "When Greek meets Greek," etc., etc.

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