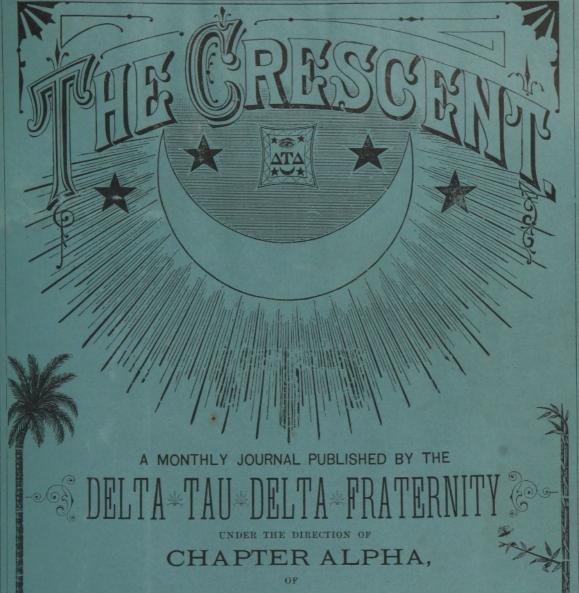
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#### DELTA TAU DELTA'S

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION, CHICAGO, ILL., OCTOBER 13TH, 14TH AND 15TH, 1880.

HE XXII Annual Convention of our fraternity has just come to a close, and those to whose lot it fell, and who had the pleasure of being present at the assemblage of the delegations, feel convinced that it was a thoroughly successful one, and one which could not but help to advance the interests of Delta Tau Delta in a great degree.

Through the care and foresight of members of the Chicago Alumni Chapter, the use of the spacious "club room" of the Palmer House had been secured for the purposes of the convention, and the interest of the manager of the hotel secured so as to render our attendance there as pleasant as possible.

At ten o'clock on the morning of the 13th, Bro. Jas. L. Allen, (9 '67,) the Grand Presiding Officer, called the convention to order, and in a few brief words welcomed the delegates to Chicago. Immediately thereafter the convention settled down to work with Bro. Baldy, the regular elected secretary at his desk, and the necessary officers, and the committees requisite to simplify the work, were appointed. Nineteen chapters answered to the roll call, thus showing this to have been the best attended convention upon record. The first and fourth divisions were fully represented, and the second and third partially so. The officers of the fraternity being called upon for their report, reported the affairs of the fraternity as being in a very prosperous condition. The Grand Treasurer reported a handsome balance in both departments of the treasury. The Grand Corresponding Secretary reported the refusal of several applications for charters, the granting of three charters and the withdrawal of four. The charters withdrawn during the year, in accordance with the instructions of the last convention, were those of the ETA BETA PRIME, at Western University of Penn'a.; the OMICRON, at the Indiana Asbury University; the Epsilon Beta, at the Illinois Wesleyan University; and

the Chi, at the Iowa Wesleyan University. The charters granted were those to the Upsilon, at the Rensselaer Polytechnic; to the Delta, re-established at the University of Michigan; and to the Psi, at Wooster University. All three of these institutions rank high among the colleges of the United States, and the character of the men forming the chapters is a sufficient guarantee of the permanency of their organizations, and the rank they will take in their respective colleges and in the fraternity.

The Alpha, and the grand and subordinate chapters, reported through their delegates a most prosperous state of affairs. All weak chapters had been strengthened, and none of those reporting had deteriorated, and the fraternity has good reason to be proud of the record these individual chapters have been making for themselves.

The Committee of Arrangements reported the inability of the Orator and Poet to be present at convention, their professional engagements requiring their attention elsewhere.

The Extension Committee in its report presented an idea of the work accomplished in the past year, and briefly outlined the programme for the immediate future. Brilliant as had been the success attendant upon its labors in the past year, the prospects held out for the year to come were still more promising. It urged upon the convention the necessity of the continued existance of this committee, and recommended the incorporation of such a committee as part of the Executive government of the fraternity.

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments acknowledged the receipt of two amendments to the Constitution. These amendments were duly discussed, and one of them, that to article 2, section 7, adopted. The chapters of the fraternity will be duly notified of the import of this amendment through the proper channel. On motion, this amendment went into effect immediately.

The report of the Crescent editors and managers was read, from which the convention learned that the Crescent, instead of being a burden and an expense to the fraternity, and a continual drain upon the Extension Fund, had now become entirely self-supporting. Through the careful management of the Alpha, a neat sum remained over and above all expenses, offsetting the deficiencies of previous years. The Crescent was recommitted to the Alpha for the ensuing year, and a vote of thanks tendered for the earnestness, zeal and capability exhibited in its management.

The question of a revision of the initiatory service having arisen, the matter was given into the hands of a committee, and upon receipt of their report, it was decided not to change the present form for the ensuing year.

The Song-book Committee in its report complained of the lack of interest in the matter of fraternity songs, and expressed the hope that the ensuing year would find the song-book an accomplished fact. On motion, the committee was continued for another year, and C. E. Richmond (A, '82,) having resigned, was reorganized as follows: M. W. Jones, (I, '79,) Chairman, J. H. Geissinger, (T '80,) and West Bissel, (Y, 81).

On motion, the Extension Committee was continued for the ensuing year, and H. S. Slaughter,  $(\Phi, {}^{2}80,)$  having resigned, H. H. Fitzsimmons,  $(\Delta, {}^{2}81,)$  was elected to fill his place. Uniformity in ribbons of the Delta colors having come up for discussion, Chapter Rho was on motion appointed a committee to secure and keep on hand and for sale a supply of ribbons of suitable widths and colors. This chapter being situated so conveniently as regards the ribbon factories in the vicinity of New York, it was thought that it would have better facilities for securing the necessary materials.

It being found very difficult to determine just how much was due the Extension Fund from each chapter, at the suggestion of the Grand Corresponding Secretary it was ordered that each chapter forward to the Alpha, between the first and the fifteenth of January next, a correct list of the active members of the chapters, from which list the Grand Treasurer shall make up his accounts.

A letter was read from W. R. Cunningham,  $(\theta, 61,)$  one of the founders of Delta Tau Delta, and in fact the prime mover in the movement which led to its foundation, announcing to the convention that he had formally withdrawn from the B  $\theta$  II fraternity. The receipt of this letter was received with applause. It may be well to state here that Bro. Cunningham joined B  $\theta$  II after founding  $\Delta$  T  $\Delta$ , a proceeding which was allowable at that time though not at the present.

The committee appointed to consider the time and place for the next convention suggested Pittsburgh, Pa., and the third Wednesday in August, 1881. On motion, the suggestion was accepted. The election of officers then took place, resulting as follows: Grand Presiding Officer, Major Chas. D. Townsend, B, '62;

Grand Vice President, John N. White, A, '78; Grand Secretary, A. B. Rieser, T, '80; Grand Corresponding Secretary, J. A. Wann, A, '81; Grand Treasurer, M. J. Hovis, A, '82; Orator, J. M. Bloss, (old N, '76); Alternate, H. D. Cope, Ξ, '75; Song Writer, W. A. Parker, Δ, '80; Alternate, H. W. Collingwood, I, '83; Poet, J. H. Geissinger, T, '80; Alternate, J. H. Bausman, T, '80.

Gamma and Alpha were instructed as a joint committee to select a committee of arrangements from the Pittsburgh alumni. Gamma was appointed a committee to issue invitations to the convention, and Tau was authorized to fill up all vacancies in the literary programme.

On motion, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, the Grand Chapter-hip of Second Division was transferred from Chapter Theta to Chapter Mu.

The convention being held after the so-called pivotal election in Indiana and Ohio, a committee was appointed for the purpose of sending telegrams of congratulation to such Deltas as had been successful at the elections in these states. In accordance therewith messages were sent to Charles D. Townsend, Sec'y of State elect for Ohio; J. M. Bloss, Sup't of Public Instruction for Indiana; Godlove S. Orth and Thos. M. Browne, members of Congress elect from Indiana.

The banquet was held on the evening of the 14th inst, at the Palmer House, and mine host had laid himself out to do justice to the occasion. A fine table, a rich menu, and excellent attendance were a fit preparation for the wit, humor and wisdom which followed. Jas. L. Allen presided as toast master, and in a few short words he bade the assembled host partake of the feast offered them. After the table was cleared the following toasts were proposed and responded to:

"Our Fraternity," W. W. Heckman, K, '74; "The Alpha," C. A. Ensign, A, '80; "The Extension Committee," H. T. Bruck, P, '78; "Our Lawyers," J. R. Parker, K, '71; "The Press," H. S. Livingston, Δ, '80; 'Our Fraternity at its Semi Centennial," S. Kerr, Δ, '69; "Our Absent Brothers," J. F. Murchand, Γ, '82; "The Twenty-Second Annual Convention," R. B. Milroy, Φ, '81; "The Ladies," Jas. L. Allen, Θ, '67.

It would hardly be in place here to give abstracts of the speeches, for to such of us as had the pleasure of listening to them any abstract is unnecessary, and such abstract would fail to do justice to the minds of our "absent brethren" the thoughts and musings dropped for the benefit of the listeners.

But faintly can we depict the convention. Time and space will not allow us. The friendships that have arisen, the bonds of former friendships which have been tightened beyond the power of time to loosen, the feeling of enthusiasm and contentment which reigned at all the deliberations, speak louder than any words of ours. And we feel sure that the effects of the present

convention will be felt as long and as much as were those of the previous ones.

We cannot close without expressing to the Alumni Chapter, in Chicago, our thanks and appreciation of their efforts in behalf of the cause. Such manifestations of brotherhood, while they call forth our feelings of gratitude, strengthen within us younger members of Delta Tau, our love for our fraternity, and our belief in the lasting qualities of fraternal regard. And now as we watch the ink dry upon the page before us we see rise the faces of many of those who were with us on those eventful days. There is Allen, as young as the youngest of us all, in spite of the dignity of thirteen years as a college graduate, the most genial of toastmasters, the best of presiding officers, whose knowledge of parliamentary law helped us over many a thorny place. Allen, I pledge thee a glass of Roman Punch. And Nevins, our worthy Vice President, the invincible, whom not even the dire cholera morbus could conquer; McClurg, the indispensible, the long and short of it from Alpha; Wann and Ensign, Marchand and Milroy, our endmen at our post-prandial olio; McCurdy and Bamber, the solid men from Iota; Dewell, our Sergeant-at-Arms and tower of strength from OMEGA. These and many more faces rise before us.

The next year's meeting offers still better inducements than did that of the present year. Pittsburgh is the home of many Deltas. Most of these Deltas have taken very active parts in fraternity work in their time. The programme is very attractive, and good management is guaranteed. Let every Delt present at the 22d promise himself to be present at the 23d. Let every one who wasn't there promise to go, for that very reason, and we can guarantee that no one who may be present will have any reason for regret.

H. T. B.

FIDELITY.

BY J. S. HARTZEL.

EN of all professions have their professional ethics. The business man, to protect his interests, must be guarded in his speech and in his actions. A word that may be partisan or partial, a deed that may be regarded as not strictly upright and moral, may lose him friends and make him enemies. The physician, who comes daily in contact with all forms of disease, is compelled to keep secret the matter of a consultation, and all information gained in his practice, if it is of a private nature. The lawyer must never divulge any facts told by his client, if he wishes successfully to try the case, back down the opposition by unsuspected testimony, and free his client. The clergyman must not repeat that which is told him at the confessional or during his pastoral visits. These all, to be faithful to

themselves and to their calling or vocation, must be faithful to the person and the interests of others; the business man to his customers, the physician to his patients, the lawyer to his client, the pastor to his flock, and each one to himself.

Without much effort, anyone may see that the same law holds in the sphere of fraternity. Every member is called upon in many ways and at all times to exercise fidelity. To be faithful is one of the first virtues taught him, and probably the first expected of him.

Frater with frater. There are many opportunities in which one may show his fidelity to his fellow-member. There are occasions when a kind word will dispel a gloom from a troubled breast. There are times when a look of sympathy will bring sunshine to a darkened heart. There are times when a word in season will dispel a rising storm-cloud. There are occasions when a word spoken in kindness will relieve a brother from an embarrassing position. "Speak evil of no man," is a general rule in ethics; and to "speak well of your brother," is a principle with us. Many a time one with a hot temperament may be sorely ruffled; but "bridle your tongue," is a prescription unfailing in good results, for a single ill-timed word may cause a wound in a loving heart that years can not heal. You may have occasion for good deeds. You may have an opportunity to "do a turn." Doing a favor when asked may add another golden thread to the binding cord; but, by doing a favor unasked, may produce untold pleasures and happiness. Have you made promises? Fulfil them. There is an old saying "seldom promise." I say make promises with your brother if you can fulfil them, and they are for your brother's good. You owe your brother all the assistance you are able to give, and this is itself one of those solemn promises you made at the shrine. Your brother's interests are always before you, and you must be faithful to them. Have you spoken a harsh word, or done an unkind act, or left a promise unfulfilled, or neglected your brother's interest? you have injured yourself and your brother. Amend it: and in doing so you show one of the noblest traits in man,-the sunshine may be so much brighter after the storm.

Frater with his Chapter. Here, also, in the relation of the member to his chapter, are presented opportunities for the exercise of fidelity. He is called upon to attend the meetings of his chapter. Absence from the meetings may disturb the business of the chapter, or cast a gloom over those assembled. Fidelity to the chapter and to her sacred interest will cause her members to avoid such evil results. Besides attendance upon the meetings, there is an occasion for fidelity in the work engaging the chapter's attention. A hasty speech, an ill-designed motion, a ballot unwisely cast, besides a

member's derth and inactivity, may produce results for which the offender will be heartily sorry. Fidelity to the members, individually as brothers and collectively as a chapter, will studiously avoid all such pernicious tendencies. But in the work for the chapter outside of the Chapter Hall, in committee work in general, in your conduct and deportment where it is open to the scrutiny and criticism of others not of "your own household;" here, also, is a great demand for fidelity. Perhaps most of the success of a chapter depends on the faithfulness of its members in these respects. Have you failed in your duty in these various ways? Have you been unfaithful to the claims of the chapter upon you? It is your duty, now, as a man of honor, as in the former instances so here, to make amends where possible, and where impossible, to show your sorrow and your better intentions by a different course of action.

Frater with the Fraternity. The relation borne by the members to the fraternity at large, gives different opportunities for the exercise of fidelity. For, after gradution, we are still brothers. We believe in the principle "Once a member always a member," and neither time nor space can lessen our mutual obligations. The three classes now enumerated centre around the oath. You, who have taken that oath, have promised something, have sworn something, and that something is the sum of your fidelity. Be faithful to your oath and you are faithful in all things.

#### OUR RELATIONS TO OUR ALUMNI:

OW that most of the chapters of our fraternity are about to enter upon the work of the new college year, it would seem an eminently proper time to determine upon such new resolutions as would tend to enlarge the sphere of usefulness of our society. It would be useless, of course, to attempt here to formulate a policy which could be pursued equally well by all of our chapters; circumstances which must necessarily differ in every instance, largely decide the general mode of administration. There is one feature of fraternity work, however, which should stand clearly outlined in every instance,—one which must constitute a salient, prominent element in every chapter's working.

We would invite attention to the desirability, to the necessity, indeed, that we cultivate in the future closer relations than heretofore with our alumni. To anyone, at all informed as to the general condition of our Delta Fraternity, this fact must long have been painfully apparent; the indifference of so many of our alumni, not only in matters of the fraternity at large, but toward their own respective chapters as well. This discourag-

ing state of affairs—and all fraternities exhibit it more or less strongly,—must certainly be regarded as one of the weak points in the present fraternity system; it is such that it should be remedied at once, if possible, and by all means averted in the future.

It is not difficult to trace the immediate causes of this lamentable indifference. Under the present system a member of almost every chapter, upon severing his active membership in the fraternity, is certain to lose not merely his interest in the affairs in the fraternity, but in those of his own chapter, as soon as the friends of his college generation have joined him in the duties of active business life. His connection with the chapter is maintained, perhaps, by an occasional correspondence, and possibly by hasty visits from time to time; but as soon as these are discontinued, as they generally are in the course of a few years, the only tie is severed.

We are aware that several chapters of our fraternity, at least, moved by a laudable desire to prevent this sad state of affairs, maintain as systematic a correspondence with their alumni as possible, this duty devolving upon a special alumni secretary. The signal success which has attended these efforts is such that a mere knowledge of this fact should at once induce all other chapters to pursue the same course. While this plan has many advantages and is in every respect highly commendable, vet it is liable to one objection-that it involves an expenditure of time and labor which renders it almost impossible for undergraduates to assume the duties of the alumni secretary and discharge them in an efficient manner; and the long list of alumni of some of our chapters would render it utterly impossi ble to even approximately carry out any such plan. The Crescent, no doubt, has largely contributed to check and prevent this lost of interest, and its usefulness will grow as its circulation is increased. But, after all, it does not and cannot convey to our alumni that information which interests them above everything else,-the events occurring within their chapter and at alma mater.

There is one means, however, of accomplishing this much-to-be-desired result in a manner at once efficient and convenient, and since it has at least had a fair trial elsewhere, it may not be amiss to give it a more extended application. We refer here to the plan now practiced by the Rho, in publishing monthly for circulation among the alumni, a manuscript journal which is manifolded by one of the many "gelatine processes." It is but fair to state that the Rho Chronicle is an outgrowth of an idea first suggested in the CRESCENT and coming from the Pr. But while the plan of a chapter periodical as there proposed had some very good features, it hardly made it available to the alumni of the

chapter. For these the Rho Chronicle was mainly designed, and hence its pages record all the events within the chapter and at alma mater. It chronicles the movements and doings of our alumni, and each number contains two or more articles discussing timely topics pertaining to the chapter's work. Thus, in its 36 quarto pages, it contained during the last few months more information than could have been imparted by the most elaborate correspondence. As the immediate result of this new departure the RHO can, with pardonable pride, assure the Fraternity that the alumni are fully alive to every movement in which their chapter is engaged. They feel that they are members of a thoroughly live fraternity, which their sense of duty, as well as a regard for their own interest, impel them to maintain; and when, recently, a call was made upon them for aid of a substantial nature, they contributed in a manner which was remarkable for the general willingness with which the scheme was entertained.

Enough, perhaps, has been said to justify an urgent appeal to the chapters of this fraternity to give our proposition their immediate consideration, and inaugurate a system which has so materially benefitted the Rho. If this be done, and done at once, we will no longer hear of alumni visiting their alma mater and neglecting to visit their chapter hall. It is not too late, even now, to arouse the dormant interest in their Delta Fraternity in even our oldest members!

It is with great pleasure that we learn that the Iota, with her characteristic energy, has already followed Rho's example by publishing monthly the *Iota Chronicle*.

Rho.

#### GREEK WORLD.

Robert Bonner is a Z Y.

Hon. Walter B. Hill, of Georgia, is a X Φ.

Hon. Samuel S. Cox, M. C., is a member of Δ Φ.

Hon. J. S. C. Blackburn, M. C., is a member of  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\theta$ .

Rev. O. B. Frothingham and Manton Marble are Y Y's.

Whitelaw Reid, of the N. Y. Tribune, is a member of  $\Delta$  K E.

Daniel Pratt and ex-Gov. Hartranft, of Pennsylvania, are members of  $\Sigma$   $\Phi$ .

The Alpha chapter of  $\Sigma$  X opened up the year at O. W. University with three members, but has added three men.

Rev. G. De La Matyr, the defeated Greenback candidate for Congress in Indiana, is a member of  $\Phi$   $\Gamma$   $\Delta$ .

 $\Phi$   $\Gamma$   $\Delta$ 's strongest chapter,  $\Theta$   $\Delta$ , is at the Ohio Wesleyan; if we mistake not, she bids fair to become weakened by excessive members. Her paper, the *Phi* Gamma Delta, is published by this chapter.

Fraternity Nick-Names:  $\Delta$  K E—"Dekes" and "Dickey." X  $\Psi$ —In the West, "Sykes," and in the East "Pirates." X  $\Phi$ —"Kiffies."  $\Phi$  K  $\Delta$ —"Phi Gams" and "Fijis" in the East and sometimes Deltas in the West.  $\Psi$  Y—"Psi U."  $\Sigma$  X—"Sigs." B  $\Theta$  II—"Betas."

#### BOAT RACING AT BOWDOIN.

Brunswick, Me., Oct. 20.—The Bowdoin College fall race over a mile-and-a-quarter course to-day, was won in 8:30 by the Phi Chi crew, E. W. Larrabee, '81, captain and stroke; W. G. Reed, '81; J. W. Manson, '81; A. V. Rogers, bow; E. H. Chamberlain, '81, coxswain.—
N. Y. Tribune.

The  $\theta$ , of B  $\theta$  II, at O. W. U. is yet weak. It has already met with serious reverses this year—one man having resigned and new students "biting" very slowly. Last year the chapter was so small, as reported on good authority, they were obliged to take in some men to save their charter. In spite of the fact that the alumni have been making desperate efforts for their revival, this year opened with but three men.

The correspondent for the Chi Phi Quarterly at O. W. University claims that their chapter had nothing to do with the publishing and posting of the  $\Phi$  K  $\Psi$  constitution at Delaware, Ohio, and lays the blame upon Sigma Chi. He says: "In fact, if no mistake is made, the matter was settled, at one time, through a confession made to that effect by a lifted Sigma Chi." We are glad that Chi Phi has proved herself clear of this, for, although we know her only by her Quarterly, that by its gentlemanly and courteous tone has commended itself much to our good opinion.

The Convention of the Chi Phi Fraternity met with the Beta Chapter at Muhlenburg College, Allentown, Pa., Oct. 20th and 21st. Mr. Arthur C. Powell, of Cincinnati, was to have delivered the oration, and Mr. Charles R. Whipple, of Nashville, Tenn., was to have read the poem.

Special to the CRESCENT.

ALLENTOWN, PA., Oct. 21—The fifty-sixth annual convention of the Chi Phi Fraternity entered upon its session yesterday, with a large attendance. To-day it adjourned to meet at Baltimore the third Wednesday of October next. The banquet will be held to-night at the Fountain House.

#### BETA THETA PI.

Baltimore, Md., August 24—About sixty members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, made up of college and university graduates from all parts of the Union, but more especially from the northwest, met in annual convention to-day at the John Hopkins' University. The meeting was called to order by Rev. E. J. Brown, general secretary. Willoughby N. Smith, of Baltimore, made the welcoming address. Responses were made by William R. Baird, of New York; W. C. Ransom, of Port Huron, Mich., and Willis O. Robb, of Cincinnati.

The Convention in business session elected Major W. C. Ransom, president; J. E. Heath, vice president; Rev. R. C. McIlwaine, chaplain; Arthur H. Flack and H. S. Stetler, secretaries, and J. R. Larne, sergeant-at-arms.—
Ex.

Baltimore, Aug. 25.—Two meetings of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity were held to-day and a public meeting to-night. The public meeting was fairly attended and the fraternity was addressed by the Rev. O. D. Kellogg, of Philadelphia. There were present representatives from forty-six alumni chapters, including those of New York, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Chicago.—N. Y. Tribune.

Baltimore, Aug. 26.—The Beta Thota Pi fraternity closed its session this evening. The officers elected were:—E. J. Brown, of Harrison, Ohio, general secretary; R. S. Young and S. G. Williams, of Cincinnati, and Dr. W. P. Watson, of New Jersey, members of the Board of Directors, and Major Willis C. Ransom, of Michigan, visitor. The other officers are elected by the Board of Directors. The fraternity adjourned to meet in Chicago during the last week of August, 1881.—Ex.

THE CRESCENT returns its thanks to Bro. Bruck for his convention report. We wish that all of our alumni were as active in the interest of the fraternity as he is,

WE publish in this issue the corresponding editors chosen by the Alpha at her last meeting. If any of the brothers there mentioned are unable to serve in that capacity, they would confer a great favor upon us by notifying us before the next issue.

WE are pleased to notice in another column the founding of a chapter of Delta Tau Delta at Wooster University. The institution has an excellent reputation and the fraternity owes many thanks to Bro. W. S. Eversole, (B, '69,) Sup't of the Public Schools at Wooster, for his instrumentality in advancing the interest of Delta Tau. The Alpha delegates stopped off at Wooster to visit the chapter and report a fine set of boys of the true Delta stripe. The Corresponding Secretary is Bro. J. A. Gordon, to whom the chapters can address their welcome. The Crescent welcomes the new chapter 'Psi to the fold of Delta Tau Delta and wishes her a long life, filled with prosperity and credit to the Crescent fraternity.

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THE CRESCENT has received numerous letters of congratulation, among which the Delta ladies have not been entirely missing. We highly prize these encouraging words, especially the latter.

The interest of Deltas in the Crescent doubtless centres around the Chapter Reports and Alumni News; but its dignity and excellence as a journal must depend upon the superiority of its literary department. We think that the Crescent should be more of a magazine than a newspaper, and we hope that those brothers who are literary disposed will contribute to its support polished literary essays upon fraternity subjects. The Crescent must lead the van.

There seems to be an advancing movement among the chapters, especially in the east, to consider the "fraternity idea," rightly interpreted, to teach the truism that "Once a member always a member." This is right. Alumnus and inactivity are not synonimous. There should be, there are, by our bond and constitution, none but active members, and it is a fact to be lamented that many chapters have such a slight hold upon

their members, that once out of college the fraternity is to all practical uses forgotten. This must not be. We are a young fraternity, and we need the influence and assistance of every brother, alumni or student, to place the stars of Delta Tau in the ascendant. We welcome with delight this movement. Let it sweep over the fraternity till there are none but active members. Prof. North, of Hamilton College, once said, "I have long ago willed my bones to Hamilton College, but my heart belongs to my college fraternity, the AL-PHA DELTA PHI." This is good, very good; but Delta Tau Delta must have not only the hearts but also the bodies of her brothers. The Greeks of Modern Times must have the same spirit that filled the Greeks of Old at Thermopylæ and Marathon. We heartily endorse the Twentieth Convention, whose actions said there are no inactive members, and we greet with delight the revival of this opinion. What chapter will be the next to adopt the "Chronicle system," and win its alumni back to the fold?

In the last number of the Crescent, we made several requests of the corresponding secretaries of the different chapters, and we are sorry to say that up to the present time very few of them have been answered. The requests we made were that "each corresponding secretary should send us the number of his post-office box, a catalogue of his institution, and that each should take a straw upon the presidential question." We have not received a single answer to the first; for the second. we have received catalogues from Signa, Gamma, Mu and Rнo, and the last only Sigma and Ioтa have answered. We can willingly excuse any chapter for not answering the last, and probably the preparation of the corresponding secretaries for convention will excuse them somewhat for delay in the first and second; but we are afraid that there is a chronic tendency in the fraternity to be slack in such matters, and this tendency must be totally eradicated. Again we repeat our request: "Please send us the number of your post-office box, and the catalogues of your institutions, with the fraternity men of the faculty and students marked with the letters of their fraternity." These catalogues will be invaluable to us as a volume of reference, and will enable us in a minute to learn facts that otherwise would take a lengthened correspondence and weeks of waiting to determine. More than this we wish to know everything that is going on in the Greek World. As Bro. Will Carleton expressed it in one of his poems, an editor "must press all the springs of knowledge with a quick and reliable touch," and how can we do this unless the brothers keep us posted? We hope that our requests are not unreasonable, and that they will receive more attention than heretofore.

THE Extension Committee are doing a noble work. There has already been several good chapters started through their instrumentality, and the near future will doubtless show more; but when they were appointed by the XXI Convention, they were empowered by that body to form an Extension Association of members of the fraternity, who should agree to pay a few dollars per year, for a few years, to pay the expenses of starting chapters in desirable colleges where there is considerable opposition. By this means there would be annually collected considerable money that would be of inestimable service in the projects of extension. As it is at present, emergencies will frequently spring up where, by means of some of the "great necessity," a desirable institution can be entered, and the chapters being the easiest reached are the ones called upon to subscribe to gain this end. Now, the chapters need all their spare cash for internal improvement; and, besides, we all know that alumni are always better supplied with money than students. We have no doubt that there could easily be found two hundred members who would enter such an association, and we would suggest that this committee choose a financial agent to look after their interests. Every day makes existing fraternities more conservative. Every year makes desirable colleges more difficult to enter. So, if Delta Tau Delta desires to become first, she must be quick to throw out her skirmish line and follow by an immediate attack. We cannot devote many more years to extension. We are sadly in need of internal improvement, and we must soon turn our attention to chapter houses and such necessities, and like some few older fraternities, leave ourselves to be sought and not to seek.

## Alpha Locals.

Alpha opens up the new year with a membership of seventeen.

Brothers Wann and Ensign, formerly our worthy and efficient General Secretary, represented Alpha at the Convention.

Three of the four captains of the cadet companies at Allegheny College are Deltas, namely: Bros. Wann, Gill and Decker.

Our stalwart frater, S. M. Decker, is Colonel of the College Guard, a military company recently organized in connection with the college.

The editor-in-chief entertained Bro. H. T. Bruck, of Rho, during his brief sojourn in the city while *en route* to the Convention at Chicago.

Bro. Andrews knows just how much money can be made by building roads through township lines, but he hesitates to divulge the secret.

Bro. McClurg spent one month of his vacation in Meadville the past summer, arriving in the city in time to be present at our annual banquet.

Bros. Whistler, Rice, Harper and W. C. Fish, did not return to college this year, and their familiar faces are greatly missed. Boys, the Meadville ladies deplore your absence almost as much as does the chapter.

Messrs. Jno. D. Watson and Jno. L. Locke are the two new brothers who have been initiated into our mystic circle this term. Both are most worthy men, and will, without, doubt add honor to the brotherhood with which they have connected themselves.

It is with profound sorrow and regret that we are obliged to chronicle the fact that our Seniors do not reach the required standard as regards mustache. They have labored with incessant zeal, during the past vacation, to bring their beloved transparencies up to the proper form and dimensions, but their efforts have proved unavailing. We can only say—persevere.

The seventeenth annual banquet of Chapter Alpha was held at the Commercial Hotel, on the evening of June 23d. This is an occurrence yearly looked forward to by those who participate with many pleasant anticipations. It serves not only to bind the brothers together in closer relations and rouse enthusiam, but it is an occasion when alumni and absent fraters can take time from their active duties to again visit their alma mater and renew the associations of other days in congenial companionships and almost forgotten reminiscence. This gathering was no exception to the rule as to a good time, but the universal opinion prevailed that it was the finest banquet in Alpha's history. Early in the evening the elegant parlors of the hotel were occupied by the young ladies of the city, (and there are scores of them,) who are friends, tried and true, of Deltaism. They adorned the rooms, tables, etc., with floral decoartions, and by the sunshine of their presence, which remained even after they had gone, added beauty to the banqueting hall. The Northwestern Orchestra discoursed sweet strains throughout the evening. Fortynine brothers sat down to the elegant tables prepared by Mr. Mechling. After the inner man had been satisfied, the toast-maker, Bro. F. S. Christ, gave an address of welcome, and closed by calling upon Bro. W. H. White, who thereupon delivered the Valedictory. which was responded to by Bro. D. A Gill, as Replier. Both gentlemen spoke eloquently and well. The following toasts were then made and replied to:

Bro. W. P. Graham, of Σ.

"Auld Lang Syne,"	Bro. C. P. Woodring.
"Chapter Zeta Beta,"	Bro. D. I. Phillips, ZB.
"The Delta Lawvers, may	their chin music never
grow less,"	Bro. C. L. Davis.
"Journalism,,'	Bro. "Dave" Jamison.
"College Recollections,"	Bro. O. B. Sperra, H.
"A Few Remarks,"	Bro. C. T. Newlon.
"The Extension Committee,	"Bro. W. L. McClurg.
"The Contest of '73,"	Bro. Geo. Wright.
"The Convention at Put-in-I	Bay," Bro. H.M. Richmond.
"The Future Delta,"	Bro. Jas. Doughty.
"Deltas of Class '73,"	Bro. Joe Stewart.
"Absent Brothers,"	Bro. T. D. Sensor.
"The Alumni,"	Bro. C. H. Bruce.
"Modoc Jim,"	Bro. J. N. White.
After tendering a vote of th	

After tendering a vote of thanks to Mr. Mechling for the fine tables spread, to the orchestra for its excellent music, to the ladies for their floral offerings, and to Brother Wright for the beautiful Delta of choice flowers, presented by him to Alpha, the usual banqueting songs were sung and the gathering closed. A pleasant feature of the evening was the singing of a song, written by Bro. J. Harry Geissinger, and dedicated to Alpha, which was much enjoyed. The words were printed on the bill of fare. Thus closed an evening long to be remembered by the participants.

# First Grand Division.

TROY, October 13th, 1880.

Dear Crescent:—Chapter Upsilon began its second year with an immense success as a young chapter, and in the midst of so many old and established chapters of different fraternities, she is doing well.

The chapter has changed its old quarters, having moved to the *Times* building, where it has two large rooms at a less expense, one as a reception and the other as a meeting room. They have been fitted up at a great expense, and are as well furnished as those of the other fraternities.

This year we began with six members, and since then have increased the number to ten, by the addition of four '84 men, namely: Bros. G. C. Adams, Manuel Quintana, Frank Spearman and Horace McPherson. They all rode the goat with splendid courage, especially Bro. Mc.

Bro. Samper, who graduated last year, has received two offers for situations, one on the Pacific Railroad and the other on the Nicaragua R. R., but was obliged to refuse them on account of his ill-health. He is at present engaged in a commission business with his father.

We received a letter from Bro. Valentine, '80, stating

that he would soon hang out a shingle as "Park Valentine & Father, Manufacturers of Knitted Goods." We expect him soon to enter the holy bonds of matrimony. All Deltas will be invited to attend the wedding. He presented to the chapter a handsome present, and upon his last visit he was very much pleased with the improvements the chapter had made since his previous call.

We have just discovered that there is considerable musical talent among us. The Deal Brothers constitute our Glee Club and they, together with Bros. Rosenberg and Adams, constitute our orchestra, the latter being exquisitely fine players.

At the inter-collegiate game between the R. P. I. and Union College, our athletic Bro., Rosenberg, won three gold medals, having put a 16 pound shot forty feet, seven and a half inches; throwing the hammer 81 feet and three-fourths inches; running high jump 5 feet and 1½ inches. Rosy and Bissell being in the winning team of the tug-of-war.

It will not be out of place to copy a paragraph of one of the daily papers of this city concerning the game:

"It will be seen from the above that while the Union contestants won the running and walking contest, the R. P. I. boys obtained nearly all the prizes in the game requiring great muscular effort. Rosenberg's record in putting the 16 pounds shot is the best ever made by an amateur."

Bro. Rosenberg is the Delta representative editor for this year's *Transit*, which will come out next May.

We shall be very glad to entertain any Bro. Deltas whenever they please to pay us a visit.

We are anxiously waiting a promised visit from Ghapter Rho. Fraternally,

J. D. Masses.

## Second Grand Division.

#### THE MU.

The Ohio Wesleyan University opened Sept. 15th, with an unusually large number of new students present, and with most of the old ones returned, among whom, not the least notable, were fraternity men. Only six of the boys of the Mu returned. They have, however, recruited their ranks by initiating two men, Brooks Cheney, '85, and B. F. MucElfresh, '82. The transfer of Bro. Adolph Bilhart, formerly of H, to this place, increases our number to nine, which does very well, considering that we neither have desired nor had any more than ten. The general tendency here is to have small chapters of the best material. With our present number, we believe we can best further the

cause of Deltaism. We are doing honest, careful work, and are not so "slow" as the B  $\theta$  II would have people think, for we are fast enough to beat them on any issue, in the race for men or, otherwise. Our prospects are good. We have obtained an enviable rank here among the fraternities and expect to hold it, if not greatly improve it.

Our three men who carried off the honors of the late Spring Publics are not with us now: F. W. Marchant, '82, is teaching at Stanton, O.; C. E. Jefferson, '82, is at his home this term, deeply interested in politics and literature; J. E. Scott, formerly of '82, is "stumping it" for Garfield and Arthur through Western Penn'a. He speaks very highly of his reception by the boys of  $\Gamma$  at Washington, Pa.

Bro. Marion L. Burnham, formerly of '83, is cultivating the æsthetic, by speculations in horses on a limited scale.

Bro. E. C. Beach informs us that he is busily engaged in teaching at Lockbourne, O. Among his pupils are "several big girls" who are "studying Latin, Algebra and his mustache."

# Third Grand Division.

Lansing, Oct. 4th, 1880.

Dear Crescent:—Another year has opened up with Iota in a prosperous condition. Since Iota was last heard from through the Crescent many interesting affairs have taken place. Prominent among these are the sisterly additions made by Bros. Bart. Nevins, '75, Albert Dodge, '77, and M. S. Thomas, '79, each of whom has taken a partner to assist and encourage him on his voyage through life. May that voyage be a prosperous and happy one, is the wish of Iota.

Bro. George Breck, '78, has been spending a few days with us, and was present at our meeting Oct. 2d. George is the same enthusiastic Delta of old, and his visits are always joyous.

Bro. W. W. Remington, '80, is engaged for the present term as assistant to the Professor of English Literature at this College.

Bro. Frank Gulley, '80, has been chosen Professor of Agriculture in the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, and is now at the scene of his work.

We have initiated two men of '84, Bros. Miller and Woodin. We feel certain that they will make enthusiastic and loyal Deltas.

Iota, taking the example of the Rho, has began the publication of a chapter chronicle, the first number having been issued last August. This will, we hope, enable us to stir up some of our inactive alumni by,

keeping them informed as to what we are doing. An active alumnus, with but little extra trouble to himself, can do much to advance the interests of his chapter and the fraternity. Would that all were thus active.

The earnest wishes of Iota are for the improvement and success of the Crescent.

Fraternally,

J. E. COULTER.

#### ZETA BETA.

IRVINGTON, IND., Oct., 25th, 1880.

Dear Créscent:—L. O. Phillips, New Castle; Pa., and A. L. Boitt, Parkers Landing, Pa., have enrolled themselves among the chosen few, otherwise  $\Delta$  T  $\Delta$ .

Bro. Jos. Pisely, class '79, is in England, studying law, Bro. C. Boyle, class '80, is in his father's office, in Tenn., Bro. Jim Curtis, '80, is a Post Graduate in Butler, this year.

Bro. Morris O'Conner, of "Rich American Blood" fame, is in Chicago, Ill., Bro. Jos. Kelsey, is in Denver, Col., and Bro. Harry Allen, is "mashing" in Indianapolis, Ind.

The "barbs" have organized a secret society in Butler, what they are going to do is more than anybody can tell.

 $\Phi$   $\Delta$  0 would like to know what the "barbs" organized for. Hope they may find out what it was for, I have given it up as a bad job.

The  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\theta$  fraternity holds its Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., this week.

R. B. Milroy, of  $\Phi$  passed through the city on his way to the Convention last week. The "Kid" says that he showed him the sights before he left for Chicago.

Bro. John Oliver, '79, says, we elected Porter "and don't you forget it."

The farther of Bro. Frank Morris, was killed last summer on one of the rail roads that run into Indianapolis. Fraternally.

E. I. PHILLIPS.

## Fourth Grand Division.

#### THE LAMBDA.

GALESBURG, ILL., October 23, 1880.

Dear Crescent:—The Chicago Convention is a thing of the past, yet the remembrance of it is glorious. I was so fortunate as to be one of the delegates from Lambda, and I am sure I shall never forget the twenty-second convention of the Delta Tau Delta. It not only did me good to meet the fraters in convention assembled, but then I am exceedingly grateful for the way I was entertained by the resident Bros., and I am certain all the other delegates will concur with me in this respect.

Last June Lambda had three representatives in a graduating class of six, viz: W. A. Parker, H. S. Livingston and W. H. Livingston. As usual, "our boys," had the honors of the class, Bro. Parker having the valedictory and Bro. H. S. Livingston the Latin salutatory. We were loth to see the "boys" go, they had been with us so long, and were so enthusiastic for Delta Tau; and, although we would have kept them longer, yet we know that they go forth well fitted to battle with the sterner realities of life.

On the evening of commencement, after paying their respects to Bro. White, Lambda's "sons," together with several visiting brothers and the "ladies," repaired to the parlors of Brown's Hotel, where a most enjoyable time was spent, dancing being the main feature of the evening. But I must not forget to say that about ten o'clock we sat down to a feast that would make the eyes of the most fastidious epicurian dance with joy. After doing this justice, and listening to some remarks from different brothers on the fraternity, we returned to the "dance," which was continued late into the night.

Bro. Parker, who was engaged on an engineering corps out in Iowa, this summer, is now at home here in Galesburg, having had to give up his position on account of sickness. Will went to the Chicago Convention.

"Hen" Livingston occupies the responsible position of assistant editor on the *Knoxville Review*, at Knoxville, Ill.

Dan. W. McNeal, '77, is now a "daddy." Girl—10 pounds.

Emmett Chamberlain is studying elocution at Evanston, Ill.

Israel C. Stockton, '70, who has for sometime been principal of the public schools of Kirkwood, Ill., has resigned and accepted a more lucrative position in Minnesota. Ozro P. Bostwick, '78, takes his place as principal of the Kirkwood schools.

We were happily surprised the other day when Jno. W. Grubb, '79, dropped in upon us. Jno. is a good fellow and we were all glad to see him. Come again.

More in the future.

C. E. BREWSTER.

## Notices to Chapters.

Please examine our list of Associate Editors and send us all corrections.

Please send us the catalogue of your institution with the fraternity men, students and faculty, marked with the letters of their fraternity.

Let every Corresponding Secretary send us the num-

ber of his postoffice box, so that we can print it with his address among the Assistant Editors. This will add much to the security of general fraternity correspondence.

Notice is hereby given that a chapter of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity was established in the University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, May 8th, 1880, and shall be known as the Psi. J. A. Wann, Gen'l Sec'y.

#### Alumni Notes and Personals.

We would sincerely urge every chapter to appoint a brother, whose business it shall be to hunt up all the alumni and report every matter of importance concerning them to the Vice-Editor for publication in this column. Only in this way can the paper be of special interest to men who are not in college, and to them in a great measure does the Crescent look for support. Now let every chapter make up and comply with this request without further urging.

W. R. Cunningham, θ, '61, is a prominent elder in the Campbellite church and is located at Bates City, Mo.

Rus. McKelvy, of base ball notoriety, we understand, has returned to his home near Pittsburgh from Salt Lake City.

P. Y. Kimmel. The brothers of the class of '80 will be glad to hear that the eldest of the "Cohosh Senators" is succeeding nicely in his law studies.

Bro. Frank Lippitt splendidly entertained some of the Delta boys and girls at his home on Wednesday night, October 27th.

J. M. Beacom, T, '80, is teaching in the Blairsville Academy. We warn the boys of the school not to "tackle" Jim, because he is small, for while here at college he proved himself to be one of the best boxers in the school.

Dr. W. M. Bemus, of Jamestown, N. Y., whose growing reputation as a physician and surgeon is very gratifying to his many friends here and elsewhere, was in the city for a few hours last week and was warmly welcomed.—Evening Republican.

Bro. O. F. Nodine, our rising young physician, has accepted a splendid berth in New York, and is making a specialty of the eye and ear. If the Bros. of Rho meet Frank we know they will find him one of the jolliest boys they ever met.

John A. Bolard, A, '79, has become a "benedict," and we take this opportunity of congratulating him. John has not only entered upon a matrimonial, but also a business co-partnership with a dentist in Millville, N. J., whose practice is worth from three to four thousand dollars per year.

Ernest Koester, Esq., visited the Koester Hose Company at their last meeting and presented the company with \$100 for the honor conferred in naming the company. The boys gave a hearty vote of thanks to the gentleman, and tendered him an honorary ticket of membership.—Bradford Era.

Homer D. Cope's Presentation of Damon and Pythias.—At the Opera House last evening Mr. Homer D. Cope appeared in his famous dramatic recitation in which he gave the whole five act tragedy of Damon and Pythias.

We believe it was one of the most surprised audiences we ever saw. There were many present from abroadfrom Jersey City, Newark, Passaic,-and altogether it was a select, discriminating audience, yet they were all in accord on the question of surprise, except those who had heard the reader before. Mr. Cope appears as a reader of this emotional tragedy in a manner so perfect that we doubt if it can be excelled by any living man. This is saying a great deal; it is a most sweeping assertion, but we have yet to see or hear of the actor or elocutionist who could attempt what he attempts and surpass him. His stature is medium, his voice is modulated so as to be readily adapted to all degrees from the treble bass to first tenor, and his gestures are quite as graceful as they are expressive of intense emotion or subdued feeling. He acts the loving wife, the clinging child, the brave, impetuous, strong, hotheaded Damon, the patriotic Pythias, the weak slaveall he portrays in rapid succession, with excellent change of voice and demeanor. He is most impressive throughout. In several scenes he so aroused the sympathies of the audience that there was hardly a dry eye in the house. The work is long, and it must have been a most prodigious task to commit all to such a perfect remembrance as has Mr. Cope. He did not hesitate for a single word during the entire evening. His performance was simply wonderful. He was obliged to somewhat hasten the rendition of the piece owing to the fact that a number desired to catch the train (as did he also) for Jersey City. The popular verdict is that Homer D. Cope is a successful, intelligent, refined, dramatic reader.—*Press*, Patterson, New Jersey.

#### POLITICAL NOTES

WHICH ARE FOR THE HONOR OF DELTA TAU DELTA, WITHOUT RESPECT FOR PARTY.

Prof. J. M. Bloss was elected Sup't of Public Instruction of Indiana.

Bro. M. R. Harris,  $\Lambda$ , '71, is a candidate for the State Legislature of Illinois.

J. L. N. Hunt, 9, '62, now of New York City, is a Republican candidate for election to Congress from the 9th Congressional District of New York.

Bro. Edwin F. Voris, H, '75, addressed a large Republican meeting at Richmond's Hall, Meadville, Pa., on the night of the Ohio and Indiana elections.

Bros. Thos. M. Brown and Godlove S. Orth have both been elected to Congress in Indiana, and Bro. Chas. Townsend was also the successful candidate for Secretary of State in Ohio.



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