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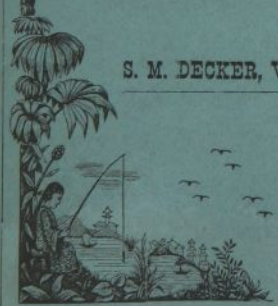
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*"May no cloud obscure the Crescent
Of our good old Delta Tau."*

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DELTA HOME.

BY J. A. PORTER, I.

Air—Home, Sweet Home.

I.

When the week's work is ended,
And we all gather here,
May our voices be blended,
In a song of good cheer.
May each brother cherish
The meetings that come,
May our love never perish
For our dear Delta home.

CHORUS:

Home, home, Delta home,
May our love never perish
For our dear Delta home.

II.

'Mid the cares that annoy us
And storms that may lower,
There is nothing more joyful
Than to feel brother's power.
'Twill yield us pure pleasure,
In days yet to come,
So let us all treasure
Our dear Delta home.

CHORUS:

Home, home, Delta home,
So let us all treasure
Our dear Delta home.

OUR DELTA QUEEN.

RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO THE ALPHA.

BY J. HARRY GEISINGER.

Tune—America.

Raise we in chorus now
Praise to thee, Delta Tau,
Reigning supreme;
Long last thy sovereign night,
Thy crescent e'er be bright,
Still pour thy stars by night,
Love's radiant stream.
Tower thy noble form,
Power be thine in storm,
Queen we adore;

Thy banner's purple-gray
Lead us from day to day,
Safe on our peaceful way,
Safe in each war.

Loudly our voices ring,
Proudly thy subjects sing,
Our Delta Queen;
Good keep when foemen frown
Jealous of thy renown,
Spare to the end thy crown,
God save thee, Queen!

OLD DELTA TAU.

BY H. W. COLLINGWOOD, I.

Air—The Old Oaken Bucket.

I.

How dear to the heart are the days spent at College,
When fond recollections present them to view
As we climbed up the steep, rugged pathway of knowledge,
What hopes and ambitions, what pleasures we knew.
As we think of the days that have passed us forever,
The fondest remembrances 'round us will draw,
But the dearest and sweetest of all recollections
Is the mem'ry of days spent with old Delta Tau.

CHORUS:

Then sing for old Delta,
Dear, glorious old Delta,
We'll praise her forever
Our own Delta Tau.

II.

As the wanderer returns to this home o'er the ocean
From the struggle of life, seeking quiet and rest,
So with hearts full of love and a humble devotion,
When troubled or weary we come to thy breast.
Tho' wild beats the tempest of care all about us,
At the thought of old Delta our hearts will expand,
We'll remember how trouble and care seemed to vanish
As we felt the warm clasp of a brave Delta's hand.

CHORUS.

III.

Tho' far we may wander and widely be severed,
Yet still to our fond remembrance will come,
Of the days when as brothers we met at her bidding,
And forgot every care in our dear Delta home.
Then with brave Delta hearts we'll press on to the future,
And now as together once more we may draw,
Let each brother's hand feel a warm clasp responsive,
As we swear to be loyal to old Delta Tau.

CHORUS.

THE OUTLOOK.

DELTA TAU never looked out upon a brighter prospect than it does at the commencement of this year. The Extension Committee have well laid plans upon hand, which, if accomplished, will place us foremost among the fraternities of the land, and we know from the executive ability and energy of this committee that there will be no stone left unturned to make these plans successful. Every chapter, at last reports, will start in strong. Owing to a prudent use of the pruning knife last year we have no more weak chapters. Letters from all sides show an increased enthusiasm in fraternity matters. The convention at Chicago will give a splendid impetus to general fraternity affairs and it depends upon the respective chapters to make their existence such as the fraternity shall be proud of. The CRESCENT has now become a self-paying institution, which will be a saving of many hundreds of dollars to the fraternity treasury. The Song Book, now in course of preparation, will doubtless be out during the Winter. The stars of Delta Tau are in the ascendant and it behooves every chapter and every man to be eternally vigilant in its welfare. Let no chance of unfurling our banner at a standard institution slip by. Let us not only take advantage of all that Fortune throws in our way, but also let us make chances for ourselves and take advantage of them with all our power. Remember the words of our motto! Remember the teachings of our mystic symbols! Remember that you are the guardians of our welfare and let us make '80 and '81 the brightest of the twenty-two.

A number of gentlemen met at a private residence in the city last night for the purpose of introducing into the Psi Upsilon fraternity the graduate members residing at Pittsburgh and vicinity, of the Beta Beta Society of Trinity College. Last year the latter organization, a large and influential local society at Trinity, became merged in the Psi Upsilon as one of its chapters. The Psi Upsilon now numbers seventeen chapters situated in the leading colleges of the country and five thousand graduate members, among whom may be mentioned Chester A. Arthur and Clarkson N. Potter, of New York, Gov. Andrews, ex Gov. Hawley, of Connecticut, and Hon. Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania. A pleasant evening was spent in social converse and an effort will be made to have a general meeting of all graduate members in this vicinity at an early day.—*Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette.*

Δ K E's next convention will be held with the Alpha Chi Chapter at Trinity College.

XXII ANNUAL CONVENTION.

DELTAΣ, ATTENTION!—THE GUIDE IS RIGHT TOWARD CHICAGO
—LET ALL FALL INTO LINE—REMEMBER CHICAGO IS THE
PLACE AND THE 13TH OF OCTOBER IS THE TIME—
ACTIVES COME AND MEET YOUR BROTHERS FROM
EAST AND WEST—ALUMNI COME AND MEET
AGAIN THE FRIENDS OF YOUR HAPPY
COLLEGE DAYS—PALMER HOUSE
IS THE HEADQUARTERS.

UPON the 13th day of October there will assemble at Chicago the XXII Annual National Convention of our fraternity. Arrangements have been in progress for a year back and it is intended to make this a convention such as Delta Tau has never seen. There were delegates from three-fourths of the chapters last year and over one hundred alumni. Let us have this year *one delegate at least from every chapter*, and over two hundred alumni! If the brothers who have never attended a convention only knew the pleasure it would bring them to do so, and what a bright and glorious picture it would hang upon the walls of memory (ahem!) they would sell their wife's canary birds to get there. We know whereof we speak, for we sang "Bingo" at Akron and "The Same Old Game" at Put-in-Bay, and we tell you from experience that no one will begrudge the time and money they spend at a Delta Tau Delta Convention. Think of the fraternal hand-shakings! Think of the talks with old classmates,—the only rejuvenator of age! Think of sitting in the presence of that august assemblage, the XXII Convention! Think of the glorious banquet, of the songs and toasts, its merry laugh and jest! Think of Chicago with all its attractions! Think of your chapters which will be glad to have you there as representatives of the men she has turned out and the men she is turning out! Think of your Delta Tau that needs you there to add one more bright ray to her brilliancy! "Come one, come all!" Let us all turn out! Active members will find out more about our fraternity here in one minute than you can in your chapter in years! Come to the Convention and get a right idea of the dignity and power of our organization! Set the ball a rolling, and remember it is at the Palmer House, in Chicago, on the 13th of October!

Below we publish in full a letter from Bro. McClurg, the Chairman of the Committee of Preparation.

CHICAGO, Sept, 6th, 1880.

CHAS. E. RICHMOND:

Dear Brother Delta:—In regard to your inquiries concerning the Convention and arrangements making for the entertainment of the delegates, I would say that

things are far enough advanced to give some definite answers. The delegates will be entertained by the resident alumni of the city, and everything will be done to make their stay pleasant.

The Convention headquarters will be at the Palmer House in all probability. I say in all probability because we have not yet fully decided, but there is plenty of time to decide and get the information to the different delegates.

I have received word from our orator, Rev. D. H. Geissinger, that owing to his change from Lancaster to New York City, that he will be unable to appear before the Convention. I know it cost him a good deal to give this answer, for he is very enthusiastic and loves to meet with brother Deltas, but his sense of duty to his charge decided him, and we regret it is impossible for him to come, but must accept the inevitable. Our poet will undoubtedly meet with us.

In order that each chapter may have arrangements made for the entertaining of her delegates, it will be necessary to notify me immediately as to whether she will be represented, and also the number of her delegates. I will then send that chapter the name and address of the brother who will entertain them.

From present appearances we are going to have more chapters personally represented than ever before, though we have always had a majority present, and the Convention of 1880, at Chicago, will be a fitting opening to a year which already gives promise of a rich harvest.

Yours, fraternally,

W. L. McCLURG.

THE SONG BOOK.

THE committee appointed by the last Convention to edit a Delta Tau Delta Song Book have met with but little to enthuse them in their work. The fraternity does not seem to take hold of the idea at all. Dozens of letters sent out by the committee for assistance have received no recognition at all. Upon personal request of the entire fraternity, we could not even get a brother to send us the ode book of some other fraternity to take as a guide. Upon a dozen requests to our musical brethren for some original tunes we have received but one reply—Bro. Van Cleve has kindly offered to set one of our songs. Will not some other brother do the same? Our poets have done better. They have a pretty fair number of good songs for us, but we have not enough yet. There have been but one or two chapters with pride enough to have a chapter song written for them. Even ALPHA has no chapter song. She appointed a man to write her one but his *mews* refused to mew, and no song came forth. Brothers, this will not do. Delta Tau must have a song book, and that song book must be a creditable one, and now the committee have three requests to make: *Will each chapter have written for it a song to some original tune, if possible, and if not, to some lively tune that suits them? Will some of our musical brothers set one or two of our general fraternity songs to original music? Will some one buy, beg or borrow a fraternity song book and send us?*

GREEK WORLD.

Φ Γ Δ has a native of Crownpore, India.

Delta Psi's Chapter at Columbia has fifty-one members.

Φ Δ Θ lost its Tennessee Gamma, at Knoxville, last year.

Β Θ Π makes her newly initiated eat raw beef.—*Schroll*.

Φ Γ Δ trying to enter Boston University, and Φ Κ Ψ is working at Brown.

Φ Κ Ψ has a Japanese brother, a graduate of the University of Penn'a.—*Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*.

James A. Garfield is a member of Δ Υ, (*anti-secret*) Williams Chapter. Gen. Arthur is a member of Ψ Υ at Union.

Α Δ Φ has recognized the necessity of a journal, and last June saw the first number of the *Star and Crescent* issued.

The Alpha Chapter of Φ Γ Δ became defunct at Washington and Jefferson last June, and XI Denteron at Western Reserve is hopelessly weak. Φ Γ Δ can hardly look upon the year '79-'80 as a prosperous one.

Φ Κ Σ is reviving at Franklin and Marshall, and an attempt is also making for re-establishing the Lehigh Chapter, which may be successful. The Washington and Jefferson Chapter seems to be in a precarious condition.

The Phi Kappa Psi's reunion at Chautauqua was an improvement upon that of Phi Gamma Delta of last year. There were sixty Φ Κ Ψ's registered. "Bob Burdette" failed to put in an appearance, but he sent a letter which was read before the meeting.

Though Φ Γ Δ was founded in Pennsylvania in 1848 it has only three chapters in that State, and at its State Convention, held at Harrisburg on the 25th of June, it recognized the fact that others were outstripping it in work accomplished. A State Council was appointed to look more carefully after Φ Γ Δ's interests in Pennsylvania.

Β Θ Π had a very successful convention at Baltimore in August. It withdrew the charters of the Princeton and Howard College chapters, also of the one at Washington and See, partly because the chapter there had run down and partly because the college is not in a good condition. Applications from Illinois Industrial Institute, Illinois Wesleyan University, and University of Cincinnati were refused.

Delta Upsilon and Delta Tau Delta come in contact only in one college and so it might be of interest to

many of the Deltas to know something about this organization, which is now brought into prominence by the nomination of James A. Garfield. Delta Upsilon was founded by the confederation of the "Social Fraternity," at Williams, with the "Equitable" Fraternities of Union, Amherst and Hamilton in 1849. It was first called the "Anti-secret Confederation," but in 1858, at a convention held by the confederation, the name was changed to Delta Upsilon, which now stands for "ΔΙΧΑΙΑ ΥΠΟΘΓΥΓΙ." Its practices and ceremonies are nearly similar to that of the ordinary fraternity, in opposition of which it is carried on. It draws its members principally from two classes, namely: Ministers who, in an eccentric idea of the duties of their calling, consider secrecy as unministerial, and the rejected candidates of other fraternities. It has about fifteen living chapters and all in good colleges. In regard to its anti-secrecy, this, in many chapters, is but a farce and the entire foundation of Δ Υ we consider as grounds falsely taken, for, as Taylor says, "secrecy is the chastity of friendship," and the "terrible secrets" with which fraternities are supposed to undermine the moral characters of college students are nothing but a scare-crow to frighten the timid. We heartily agree with one of Delta Tau's own poets, who says:

"Sweet Friendship! life's best boon to man,
Thy hallowed fame
Is where no mortal eye can scan
Thy sacred reign."

WHAT OTHER FRATERNITY JOURNALS SAY ABOUT US.

Phi Delta Theta has had another of its periodical revivals at Greencastle, and Delta Tau Delta its customary annual funeral at the same place.—*The B Θ Π*.

The Chi and Omicron chapters of Delta Tau Delta, situated at Iowa Wesleyan and Indiana Asbury, have become extinct. Delta Tau has been very unfortunate of late, having lost three chapters in a few months.—*The Φ Γ Δ*.

Next comes the Delta Tau Delta CRESCENT, for which we are indebted to W. L. McClurg, exchange editor, Chicago, Ill. It is a neat monthly of 16 pages, published at Meadville, Penn'a, and devoted exclusively to fraternity matters. It is well conducted, and must be appreciated by all Deltas. The March number, Vol. III, No. 5, is before us.—*Σ Α Ε Record*.

From the B Θ Π correspondent at Stevens Institute: "The Delta Tau Delta chapter consists of seven members, nearly all good students. They seem to have no particular policy to pursue in their choice of men, but simply endeavor to keep alive. Our own aim is to obtain "many sided men," good students who stand well socially; we do not care for one without the other."

Methodism doesn't seem to agree with Delta Tau Delta. A few years ago, the chapter at Ohio Wesleyan deserted to Beta Theta Pi, and during the last two months Omicron, at Asbury University, the Chi, at Iowa Wesleyan and the Epsilon Beta at Illinois Wesleyan have been withdrawn.—*The B Θ Π*.

B Θ Π could also use the pruning knife with good advantage.

The columns of the CRESCENT are devoted, first, to general matters relating to Delta Tau Delta; second, to news of the "Greek world;" third, to editorials; and fourth, to chapter notes and personals. The arrangement of the material inserted in the CRESCENT is perhaps more orderly than that of any of the other fraternity organs, and is very similar to that of the *Quarterly*. The general tone of the magazine, thus far, is good.—*Chi Phi Quarterly*.

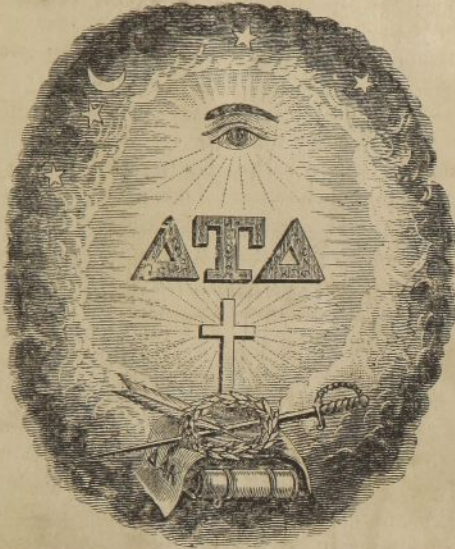
Delta Tau Delta has entered Michigan University in style; although the Phi Psis don't seem to like the style. The chapter of this fraternity at Ohio Wesleyan is said to be in a very good condition. The fact that a number of well-known Theta men once constituted a part of this fraternity makes its restoration at Delaware of peculiar interest. It is to be hoped, for Delta Tau's sake, that the future of this chapter will not be attended by such circumstances as made their former dissolution so necessary.—*The Beta Theta Pi*.

The CRESCENT is a monthly journal published by the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, under the direction of Chapter ALPHA, Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa. C. Edward Locke is the editor-in-chief. It is in its third volume, the first number commencing October, 1879, and is issued nine times in a year. It is also a double column journal, the size of its pages being about the same as those of the *Beta Theta Pi*. Each number, exclusive of advertisements and cover, is composed of ten pages of matter. The terms of subscription are \$1 per volume. Each chapter has an associate editor, the number of chapters according to the last issue of the CRESCENT being twenty-one. This journal reaches us regularly, and presents a good appearance.—*The Beta Theta Pi*.

From a staff correspondent of the B Θ Π at O. W. U.: There are now in this institution the following fraternities, besides the Beta Theta Pi: Phi Gamma Delta, fourteen members; Phi Kappa Psi, twelve; Sigma Chi, eight; Chi Phi; Delta Tau Delta, nine; Phi Delta Theta, ten; and the Delta Chi Alpha (Ladies' Society), of nine members. Among these, Phi Gamma Delta stands first, both in social and literary circles. Phi Kappa Psi is of an inferior type, and from what I can learn, much below the average. Sigma Chi has not a single literary man, and is of the bummer type, purely. The Delta Tau Deltas are a "good, slow set of fellows," as an informant expressively stated. The Phi Delta Thetas do not stand high; they have some very good literary men, but as a body, are esteemed the poorest fraternity in the institution.—*The B Θ Π*.

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Brother Deltas:—The CRESCENT greets all Deltas in East and West and gives them the grip of our brotherhood. It hopes that you have all had pleasant vacations and that you return to your respective colleges refreshed and invigorated to carry on your collegiate duties. In carrying out the teachings of our motto it appears to you in a new dress which we hope will please you all. We have made such improvements in its appearance as our financial success would allow and although this number is published in ignorance of its future home we wish to show that we have her interests at heart up to the last minute, and in laying it before the XXII Convention for its disposal we feel proud to report that the last volume cleared enough to pay back into the treasury what we were compelled to draw out for the debt of the year previous. We have gone to more expense this year, and intend to bring out the full volume of nine numbers, besides the removal of one page of advertisements, so that we will require an increased subscription list to clear our expenses, and we know that we will not speak in vain when we ask the brothers to make renewed exertions in its behalf, for the CRESCENT has not yet reached its zenith and will not until it stands the acknowledged peer of all fraternity papers. We hope that our best posted brothers will be as gracious

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PROF. J. M. BLOSS, Φ, '60.

as heretofore and assist us in editing it by sending in articles of general interest. We also hope that our books will show many less unpaid subscriptions than there were last year, and that the requests of Bro. Gill will be promptly answered. Some of the Chapters have not done their duty heretofore in regard to Chapter correspondence. Remember that *that* is what the CRESCENT is for, and if your S. A's. have so much to do that they can not write us a letter *every month*, you should choose a special editor to do so. We want a letter every month and in writing of other fraternities if you can not write well of them write nothing at all about them.

The CRESCENT has yet to make an attack upon another brotherhood until provoked to it by unjust accusations or insinuations. Our policy is on the defensive. Remember that the CRESCENT is not the organ of ALPHA, but of the entire fraternity and should Convention see fit to return it to us we can only say that we will do the best we can for its welfare.

Fraternally yours, till further orders,

THE EDITORS.

THIS number of the CRESCENT is very defective, owing to its being published so early. ALPHA having had no meeting yet, makes it additionally so.

PALMER HOUSE. Chicago, Oct., 13th. Don't forget it.

THE great Boom of DELTA TAU at Chicago, Oct. 13th. We'll all be there.

YES! October 13th, is the day and Chicago is the place of our next Convention.

SEND in your CRESCENT subscriptions, and remember that we must have more than last year.

ANY good suggestions in regard to the typographical or literary make-up of the CRESCENT will be thankfully received. Our desire is to place it beyond competition.

LET us all take one more short vacation before we enter upon the long nine month's work. Where shall we go? Why to Chicago, to be sure, on the 13th of Oct.

OWING to the early issue of this number of the CRESCENT there are no chapter reports in. So we only have a fourteen page edition. The succeeding issues will have the full sixteen pages.

WE were very sorry to miss calls from Bro. Bart Nevins and Bro. Ginn, during vacation. We know Bro. Nevins by reputation as one of IOTA's stalwarts, and Bro. Ginn, "Bless him!" we sung "The Same Old Game" together at Put-in-Bay.

AT the head of our columns we have swung out the DELTA TAU DELTA ticket. It is not complete and if any more of our brothers are running for prominent offices, we wish that some one would inform us of it, before the next issue. This is a small ticket, but it is a good one and all DELTAS should vote it.

BRO. M. W. JONES, of IOTA, has struck the nail on the head when he writes of the coming Convention: "I put great stress on the composition and work of the coming Convention. I would have all the most active workers there if possible. Our work this past year has brought our Fraternity so prominently before the Greek world that we may expect a keen and pitiless scrutiny."

EVERY chapter should instruct its delegates in regard to the time and place of holding the XXIII Annual Convention. We suggest Pittsburgh, under the auspices of an alumni chapter. It is a great railroad center, also the center of our fraternity. There are many alumni there and they would doubtless make it very pleasant for the Convention. The time we think should be in August, as it would catch many Deltas on their summer trips.

WE heard some complaints last year that some of our subscribers did not get their CRESCENT. Of course, we make many mistakes, but this is frequently as much the fault of the non-receiver as ours, for they fail to

notify us of changes in their address and of the fact that they do not receive it. Remember, if you fail to receive any number of the CRESCENT, to notify the Chairman of the Committee on Mailing, whose name is at the head of our editorial column.

THE December No. of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s *Scroll* in speaking of her catalogue says: "It is far below that of the SIGMA CHI's, and is not up to that of the DELTA TAU's, whom some of us are too apt to deride". $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has frequently accused us of unjustly attacking her and here she acknowledges herself, that we have reasons for it. Remember that we act only on the defensive and although we are above the attacks of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, yet we wish it distinctly understood that "*Nemo me impune lacessit.*"

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER and to publish a fraternity organ successfully it is necessary to know all about the colleges in which our Chapters are situated, and the fraternities which surround them. So the S. A.'s of the different Chapters would confer a great favor upon us if they would send us a catalogue of their institution and also let us know of any changes which have taken place in the fraternities at their college, different from Baird's statement in American College Fraternities.

A GREAT and growing evil in our fraternity is a neglect in answering letters and requests. We have made several requests in this CRESCENT, and yet we know that some of the chapters will pay no attention to them. We ask nothing but what a true Delta should fulfil to assist us in our task of editing the CRESCENT, and if by chance you can not fulfil some of them, politeness should induce you to write us your inability. This fault is assuming alarming proportions among our alumni, who very seldom answer a written or printed request.

THE June number of the B Θ II has an excellent article upon the admission of members of the preparatory departments. We heartily agree with the writer of it, for there is no doubt that the initiating of young members lessens the dignity of a chapter very much, and it frequently happens that from want of maturity, these young members do not fully comprehend the sacredness of a fraternity oath. A fraternity obligation is a solemn affair, while youth as a general thing is anything but solemn. In fact, the practice is pernicious and should be avoided by adopting the pledging system.

IN the beginning of this new college year, when there is such a universal rush by chapters for new recruits, it becomes the hosts of Delta Tau to exercise exceeding great care. One bad man can ruin a chapter. Remember what Cicero says: "*Amicitia nisi inter bonos esse non potest.*" No man should be broached upon the subject till you are sure of his sociability, his ability,

his character, his temper, and above all, until you are sure that he will accept, for it is a great injury to a chapter to have a man truly say that "he had an invitation to join, but refused." Strive for none but the best, as we had rather have no chapter than a chapter of poor men.

WE wish to call the attention of the chapters to a matter of some importance, that is, the college annuals. DELTA TAU does not appear in most of them as well as it should. Every chapter, which is situated at colleges where they publish annuals, should have a fine steel plate engraving made of some appropriate symbols. It is in this, that we fall below other fraternities, and it must not be so. DELTA TAU must be at the head. These plates once secured can be used frequently to good advantage, as adorning the chapter lists of our fraternity catalogue and thus make an elegant volume of it. These plates are somewhat expensive, to be sure, but we can never take any position in the Greek World until we make up our minds to be first in everything, even if it does cost something. Some chapters we know depend upon their good reputation to make up this deficiency, but this will not do as the annuals so frequently fall into strange hands. The style of engraving now principally in vogue among fraternities is something in the way of natural scenery as in the Psi U's catalogue, the front of the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, etc.

TROUBLE at the University of California is over, and the faculty have removed the ban placed upon the fraternities after its existence as a law for five months. This is a great victory for all Greek Societies, and much credit is due to the chapters and their alumni who fought the battle out and won. It is a modern Thermopylae. One by one the forts of the enemies have surrendered! Little by little the insane idea that fraternities are hurtful to colleges has passed away until now there are but few institutions in the land which have anti-fraternity laws. Only a short time ago the Board at the University of Georgia thoroughly investigated the matter of fraternities and recommended to the trustees that they repeal their edicts against secret societies and the trustees wisely did so. But better than all this, colleges are not only allowing and freely welcoming fraternities into their midst but some of them are honest enough to publicly recognize the good influence which they have over the students. Most prominent among these is the last annual report of Col. R. D. Allen, Superintendent of the K. M. Institute, in which he said:—"Especially thanks are also due and tendered to the SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON and CHI PHI Fraternities, for the manner in which they have conducted themselves, as organizations, during the year. They have been productive of much good in the corps, and by surrounding the young man with companions who, he knows, care for him; who

counsel, guide and restrain him; they have been eminently useful aids in promoting a change to higher and better aims and efforts, in more than one case, during the past year." And in the catalogue of the same institution the fraternity members are marked with the names of their fraternities opposite them. Thus does ignorance and bigotry disappear before the march of civilization and enlightenment. The time is bound to come when fraternities will be recognized as prime aids to education and assume the dignity of position which they deserve for

"Truth shall conquer at the last

As round and round we run.

And ever the right comes uppermost

And ever is justice done."

It is quite amusing to fraternity men who keep posted in such affairs to hear some old foggy college presidents or faculties declare that "fraternities are not allowed at their institutions" when we fraternity men knew of *sub rosa* chapters there and yet these "terrible secret societies" do not show their "evil tendencies" so plain that a college president can see them right under his nose. The last example of deluded mistaken-ideas is the president of the University of N. C. who writes that "The University of N. C. is closed forever to fraternities." Φ K Ξ and Α T O both have *sub rosa* chapters there.

First Grand Division.

NOTES FROM TAU.

The 5th Annual Symposium of Tau was held at Power's City Hotel, June 17th, 1880. It was an occasion long to be remembered by all who were present. Pi was represented by Bros. Treharn and Wooten, and Nu by Bro. Shultz. About ten o'clock p. m., the members of the chapter, together with the visiting members, assembled at the hall in the Odd Fellows' building and marched to the parlors of the hotel, then in a short time to the dining room. The table which was most magnificently spread and was laid in the shape of a T. After all were seated Bro. B. F. Bausman, Magister Epularum, delivered the address of welcome. Bro. Morris Reber, as Punch Master, presiding over the bowl. When the inner man was fully satisfied, toasts and music were the order. Among the toasts were the following: "Our Eastern Outlook," response by letter, by Bro. H. T. Bruck, (P). "The Nu," by Bro. L. G. Shultz. "The Pi," by Bros. Treharn and Wooten. "The Alpha," by Bro. J. H. Geissinger. "Tau and the First Division," by Bro. Rieser. "The Ladies," by Bro. Daniel Gibbons. Regrets were read from Hon. Godlove S. Orth, General Thomas Browne, Hon. Chas Townsend, Prof. John R. Scott, Will Carleton, W. L. McClurg, W. C. Buchanan, Esq., Rev. Geo. Merle Zacharias, who is now in Germany, and A. L. Talcott, also from a number of chapters. Among the songs sung was a banqueting song, by Bro. A. D. Elliot, written for the occasion, and "Our Delta Queen," by Bro. Geissinger. An elegant souvenir, delta shaped, containing the programme of the evening, bill of fare, and the song "Our Delta Queen," was given to each one as a memento of the banquet of '80. A number of our alumni who were back to visit their Alma Mater were with us. The jolly

company broke up at 2:30 a. m., and all went home to dream of one of the most pleasant evenings of their lives, and the only regret was that twelve months must pass away before commencement comes again.

Most encouraging reports have been received from all the chapters of the 1st Division. The new year has opened with bright prospects for Delta Tau Delta in the East. Of course, just now it is not possible to give any definite report of the work done thus far. A number of men have been initiated by the different chapters, and all report some to be initiated very soon. We expect to be able, during the year, to report not only many new Deltas, but also several new chapters at very desirable institutions. The ball is rolling and is increasing in size at every turn.

The boys of the Tau were all back the day before college opened, and were ready for work, and they did work, and are still working nobly. In spite of the fact that "the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity has no stamina, or anything else," we have initiated two men whom both $\Phi K \Psi$ and $X \Phi$ were anxious to have, Bro. R. P. Cobb ('82) and Bro. Ed. McCaskey ('83.)

Bro. A. L. Trautwein, of the Rho, paid us a flying visit on the 15th and 16th inst. Bro. T. is a very enthusiastic Delta, and the Rho can feel proud of him as an alumnus, in fact all her alumni take a very active part in the noble work—something that cannot be said of every chapter.

It was expected that every chapter of the 1st Division would be represented at the Chicago Convention, but lately several chapters have informed us that it will be impossible for them to send delegates. Rho, Gamma and Tau will be represented and perhaps one or two of the others.

Bro. Walt. Bausman has gone to Boston for the purpose of completing his musical studies. He is also taking a special course in German and elocution at the University. We miss his smiling face very much.

Bro. A. B. Rei-er, who is reading law in Reading, paid the boys of Tau, and "somebody else" a visit last week, and Bro. F. S. Elliot is expected to stop with us a few days, sometime during the following week, on his way to Penn'a University, where he intends to enter the law department.

Bro. Will A. Miller is studying law at his home in York, Pa.

Bros. C. W. Levan and B. F. Bausman have entered the Theological Seminary connected with F. and M. College.

THE RHO.

HOBOKEN, Sept. 14th, 1880.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In reply to your request I forward you a few notes which have collected themselves since my last communication.

The most important event we have to note was the graduation of '80, carrying off with it our four Deltas, Bond, Elliot, Lieb and Parsons. Ours was the only fraternity represented that day in the graduating class, the other fraternity men having "fallen by the wayside." We have to feel proud of the men who have represented us and the record they have left behind us, but we would much rather have them still with us, to fill the void their departure from our midst has made.

The night before commencement we held a reunion and banquet at Naegeli's hotel. With us on that occasion, in addition to all our resident and visiting alumni, we had J. L. Hunt, Θ , '63, one of $\Delta T \Delta$'s founders; Rev. B. F. Demmick, A, (3), '74; J. P. White, II, '76, and Fred Rosenberg, Jr., Y, '82. After the edibles had been made to disappear in a way which must have made mine host Naegeli rub his aldermanic paunch with joy, the "feast of reason and flow of the soul," under the

direction of Toastmaster A. P. Trautwein, '76, held our attention. Bro. J. W. Lieb, '80, presiding officer of the evening, bid our visitors welcome, and at the same time, in the name of his Confereres of '80, bid old Rho an adieu. Bro. H. A. Beckmeyer, '76, as the oldest member of the chapter present, responded for the chapter, and at the same time welcomed the new graduates into the ranks of our alumni. The following toasts were then proposed, responses being delivered as follows:

"Delta Tau Delta"—J. L. N. Hunt, Θ , '63.

"First Grand Division"—Fred Rosenberg, Jr., Y, '82.

"Our Motto"—Rev. B. F. Demmick, A, (3), '74.

"Our Honored Guests"—J. P. White, II, '76.

"Our Dear Alma Mater"—Prof. E. Denton, P, '75.

"Our Absent Friends"—Lewis H. Nash, P, '77.

"Parent and Child, The CRESCENT and our Chronicle"—

L. L. Bruck, P.

"Our Babies"—J. M. Ewen, P, '80, and W. P. Parsons, P, '80.

These toasts were interspersed with suitable fraternity and college songs sung with a will, Bro. T. F. Koesly, P, '75, acting as leader, and T. A. Elliot, '80, presiding at the piano.

The time passed but too rapidly, and we did not break up till well unto the "wee sma' hours." With one last toast, a silent one, to the memory of the chapter's dead, C. K. Potter and F. E. Hilgard, of '76, the banquet of Rho to the Deltas of '80 came to an end.

Among those who had promised to be with us, but who failed to put in an appearance were the Rev. D. H. Geissinger, A, '71, now of New York City, and Jno. S. Cook, P, '79, of Patterson, N. J.

Our graduates are pretty well scattered. Bro. T. A. Elliot is located at Hunnewell, Mo.; Bro. G. M. Bond is with Pratt & Whitney Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.; Bro. J. W. Lieb is with the Kursheedt Manufacturing Co., and Bro. W. P. Parsons is at Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

Bro. A. C. Arroyo, '81, is putting up machinery in a mill at his home, Salvaurre, Mexico. His return to Stevens is daily expected.

E. D. Estrada, '83, spent his vacation with his parents in Cuba. The smokers of the chapter have hailed his return with glee.

E. J. Mar inez, '82, is having a 30 foot steam launch built for him-elf. He has been given to understand that Rho is always open to invitations for river excursions.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 1st, we had the pleasure of entertaining Bro. J. J. Reed, Δ , '78, now of the Chicago Alumni chapter, and Bro. J. D. Masses, Y, '82. Bro. Masses was with us at our first meeting, Sept. 3d, and Bro. Harry Pope, '81, at that of Sept. 10th.

In a recent letter to the BETA THETA Pi organ from B Θ B Θ II at Stevens, the following mention is made of P: "The $\Delta T \Delta$ chapter consists of seven members, nearly all good students. They seem to have no particular policy to pursue in their choice of men, but simply endeavor to keep alive. Comment on this is unnecessary."

Recent calculation has shown that the Deltas have graduated 57 per cent. of the men initiated; the $\Theta \Xi$ 48 1-5 per cent., and the B Θ II 36 1-6 per cent. This is omitting members at present in college.

Rho is to have the finest chapter rooms in the city. Over \$200 has been subscribed towards furnishing them.

We have decided to be represented by delegate at the Chicago Convention. The happy mortal upon whom the choice is to fall has not yet been chosen.

We will have more to say for ourselves in the near future.

Fraternally,

Henry T. Bruck.

THE NU.

EASTON, PA., Sept. 20, 1880.

DEAR CRESCENT:

Chapter Nu is now about entering upon its third year of revived existence. We have certainly in the past two years made much headway. Commencing with three men—Bros. Walter, Seibert and Woodring, we now number 14 active members. Although College has been in session for only three weeks, we have already taken in three '84 men, Bros. Schoch, Odenwelder and Chase. We feel sure that they will prove pillars to Delta Tau in Lafayette. We also have several more fine men "on the string," and shall undoubtedly have them in.

We have been much strengthened and encouraged by the accession of Bro. Bissel, formerly of Upsilon. He has entered the Senior Class here, and seems to be much pleased with his new surroundings. He has already indicated his helpful and liberal nature by presenting to the chapter some very acceptable gifts as well as by working diligently in word and deed.

Nu deeply regrets that, on account of untoward financial circumstances, she is unable to be represented at the coming Convention. We hope it may prove the last time that this will happen and that Nu's voice may soon be heard in the council chamber of the Greeks; and we would right here earnestly entreat all the other chapters not to excuse any intended non-representation on their part by pointing to us. If we possibly could we certainly would. Let Nu be an only exception. If we only could go, what a war-cry we would like to send through the camp of the noble Greeks.

But more anon, M. J. BLIEM, S. A.

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It has been happily suggested that, while politics are booming all around us, we take a straw upon the presidential election, so we wish that at the first meeting of each chapter they will take a vote of all members, irrespective of age, and send the result on a card to the editor, who will publish it in our next edition.

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Alumni Notes and Personals.

Bro. D. A. Gill is 1st aide de camp to the Commander of the Hancock and English battalion of Meadville.

Bros. Gilbert Nodine and Frank Lippitt have passed their primary examinations at the Meadville bar.

Bro. Chas. McSparren, when last heard of, was in charge of the Adams Installment Co., at Indianapolis.

Prof. T. D. Sensor has been elected Principal of the Conneautville schools for the ensuing year.—*Meadville Index*.

Will Carleton is in Europe on his annual trip, but he will doubtless be in Chicago in time to attend the Convention.

Bro. Harry Geissinger has returned to his home in Huntingdon, Huntingdon county, where he is making political speeches. He is a Garfield man.

Mr. G. P. Pettit, a talented young lawyer of Alliance, passed through the city yesterday en route for Denver, Colorado, where he intends sojourning for a short time.—*Cleveland Leader*.

We have received a letter from Hon. Godlove S. Orth, candidate for Congress in Indiana, in which he promises to write us some encouraging words after the turmoil of the campaign.

Ernest H. Koester has been elected Chairman of the Republican County Committee of McKean county. He is an energetic Republican and a friend of the producer, and will be sure to give the campaign first-class management.—*Meadville Daily Republican*.

Some time ago we received a paper from the other end of civilization—Leadville, Colorado—in which our old friend and Bro. Delta, Almon H. Roudebush, appears in the responsible position of Treasurer of the Leadville Abstract Company. We wish "Al." all success in his new enterprise. His address is P. O. box 206, Leadville, Col.

The Young Republicans of Meadville have formed a Republican Club, in which the Deltas figure quite prominently, their President being Bro. Frank O. Nodine, a popular young doctor of Meadville. The club recently held a mass meeting at the Court House, which brought out one of the finest audiences that ever attended a political meeting in the city. The speakers were three in number, all young men and members of the club. Bro. John Adams spoke on "The Candidates," and Bro. C. E. Richmond on "The Platforms," while Bro. Nodine presided. The papers all spoke very highly of the speeches.

DELTA'S ALWAYS ON TOP.—The Pittsburgh bar has the reputation of having the most thorough primary examination of any bar in the country and out of a class of fifteen young men, most of them graduates of prominent colleges, which was examined during vacation, Bro. Will White (A, '80) and Bro. Robinson were the only ones that passed. They were the only Deltas in the class, and it shows of what material our boys are made. Our readers will remember that last year, out of a class of eight examined at this same bar, Bros. John White, (A, '78), and J. F. T. Penny (I, '79), were the only ones that passed. The Pittsburgh bar must possess the witch's wand to pick out the right men so unerringly.

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