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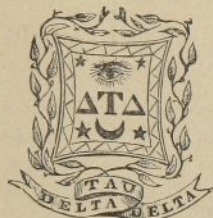
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non potest. —CICERO.*



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

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## ALUMNI CHAPTERS.

There is one direction, above all others, in which the organization of our Fraternity will admit of immediate improvement: we refer to the subject of Alumni Chapters which, in the near future, should engage the serious attention not only of those to whom the management of the affairs of our Fraternity has been entrusted, but with equal propriety of all who have the true interests and the welfare and prosperity of our Fraternity thoroughly at heart. The CRESCENT being the proper medium for discussing topics of this character, the writer avails himself of the opportunity of inviting the attention of the Fraternity to a few remarks.

When we consider that the Constitution and Laws of the Fraternity are exceedingly liberal in their provisions relating to alumni chapters, it is indeed a matter for surprise that advantage has not long since been taken of this fact, and that our Fraternity does not to-day possess at least a few vigorous and successful associations of alumni. In this respect (it is useless to disguise the fact) we are seriously behind, at least a few of our older rivals, some of whom, it appears are devoting special care and energy to foster such chapters. Every city of any magnitude contains to-day organizations of alumni of one or more college fraternities. Some of these are

conducted with great success and regularity and system, while others, again, are mere informal organizations which meet annually for the purposes of enjoying a more or less elaborate banquet or convene at the call of the presiding officer for special meetings from time to time.

Many of these chapters devote considerable time to exercises, literary in character, and meet monthly or quarterly for the purpose of discussing the great social, commercial, political and educational topics of the day which pre-eminently occupy the thoughtful and serious attention of all educated men; these exercises are sometimes varied by means of addresses and poems and other evidences of the literary activity of the more prominent members; often these gatherings partake of the character of musical or other entertainments and they frequently close with an unpretentious, but all the more enjoyable banquet. They are always well attended, being occasions to which the members look forward quite naturally with unusual pleasure. Of course they cannot fail to strengthen the bonds which unite the graduate members with the Fraternity and they serve in many instances to kindle anew all the love which the alumnus ever possessed for his fraternity. All who have ever appreciated the true significance of fraternity life will readily understand that the formal exercises of these occasions are but the means of bringing together, for



the purpose of enjoying mutual friendship, aid, and sympathy, those who as undergraduates, many years ago perhaps, toiled patiently and willingly for the great principles which underlie the ideal college fraternity.

Many of these alumni organizations in the large cities have permanent headquarters or club rooms, fitted up with all that is necessary to make them comfortable and pleasant. In many instances, when located in college towns, these alumni chapters have built very elaborate chapter houses which serve as lodges for both themselves and the undergraduate chapter, thus lending especial security and permanence to both. Often, it is true, these chapters have little or no official connection with their fraternity; in others, again, these relations are very intimate and a most active part is taken in the management of affairs of the society whose policy is often completely shaped by them. In many cases they co-operate actively with the undergraduate chapters and can then be of very great value to the fraternity; they can recommend for membership such prospective candidates for admission as come under their notice, thus greatly facilitating the choice of new men; they can often be appealed to when information is sought as to the character and standing of those about to be invited. This surrounds the chapter, as will be seen at a moment's reflection, with a safe-guard the value of which can hardly be overestimated, since the maturer judgment of the graduate members can be better relied upon in coming to a decision as to a candidate's merits, and will insure a wiser choice, than the hasty impressions which are formed of the new comers, during the first few busy weeks of the college year when, under the usual system, and unfortunately for all concerned, the great majority of the initiations take place. There are several colleges which draw their students largely from certain sections, in which the policy of the undergraduate chapter is thus practically shaped by the alumni in the neighborhood, and, it is believed, invariably with the best of results.

In some instances, notably that of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, State Associations have been formed, and it is reported that they are being conducted with much success. It seems doubtful, however, that organizations so large, because of the extended territory which they include, and hence so difficult of management, as these State Associations, can give evidence of the same tangible results as alumni associations, which merely include the members residing in one community.

Whatever character, however, these alumni chapters assume, it is quite certain that where instituted they have invariably become a most valuable adjunct to the regular organization of the fraternity.

Here, then, is a feature in which our own fraternity is signally deficient; and yet it is safe to say that there is hardly a city of any importance which does not contain at least a dozen members of our fraternity,—a number amply sufficient to form the nucleus for a successful alumni chapter. We might point especially to New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville, Lexington, Ky., Akron, O., Warren, Pa., and a score of others. That there is ample demand for just such chapters is plain to every one who has a good knowledge of the general status of Delta Tau Delta's alumni; there are numbers of even our oldest members, men who have seen twenty years and more of active professional and business life, still hold in high regard their connection with the fraternity; they would gladly join such movements, lending weight and dignity to the undertaking, though they can hardly be expected to do much actual work incident to the organization of such a chapter.

The elegant manner in which our Chicago alumni entertained the convention of 1880, gave evidence of their interest in the fraternity; the readiness with which our Cincinnati alumni united in testifying to their sincere sympathy upon the occasion of the sad death of Brother Wiley last September is still in fresh remem-



brance; their action showed clearly that we there have a goodly number of Deltas who, amid the stern realities of life, have not forgotten the lessons and sentiments which Delta Tau Delta has taught them.

It is reasonably certain that if one or two enthusiastic members, preferably of several years standing in the community, will but begin a well directed movement in any of these cities, we would soon possess the only really pressing want, under which our fraternity labors at the present time; they would be surprised and gratified at the support which they will receive, and would feel amply repaid for their trouble in the consciousness that they have done the fraternity a service which cannot be exaggerated.

But, it may be asked what were the causes of failure of our other efforts in this direction? This is a question which will naturally arise in the minds of those who most feel tempted to act upon these suggestions, and hence we will submit the following considerations:

These attempts were made at a time when our fraternity was about to pass through a very important transition period which culminated in changes of administration and government, and which raised it from a state of comparative inefficiency to one of vigor and energy, and placed it at once on a level with many of its older contemporaries. The day for such chapters had not yet come; our members were young and had not yet definitely settled in the pursuit of their professions and vocations, and hence the membership in those chapters was transient to a very great extent, and hardly able to support a permanent and useful organization. These chapters, too, included but a very small percentage of the Deltas resident in the vicinity; our catalogues were incomplete and practically useless because of frequent changes in location and the long intervals in which they were issued; and hence the existence of these chapters was not generally known; THE CRESCENT had not yet made its appearance and little was known of such schemes throughout the fraternity. Then,

again, those who had the management in hand were inexperienced in such matters and had not formed any definite plans of action; an error which rarely fails to frustrate a scheme.

Now, however, all this is changed and all these impediments have been removed in the natural order of things. The affairs of the fraternity are now conducted in accordance with well-defined methods, the result of our previous experience, carefully and wisely gathered. Alumni chapters will now receive all the encouragement and recognition that may be desired. Our membership in these cities has very much grown, and many of our older members have made them their permanent homes and the centre of all their interests. Alumni chapters henceforth will no longer be troubled with an ever-changing membership, and will in any event contain a sufficient number of resident members to ensure the permanency of the chapter. We now know exactly where the Deltas are located, and may hope for still greater accuracy in the catalogue now in course of preparation; the work, we are assured, has sufficiently far advanced to enable the committee to furnish full and reliable lists of the Deltas in every town in which alumni chapters might be instituted. There is no reason therefore, why all members of the fraternity resident in any particular district cannot now be reached. We now have in THE CRESCENT a most efficient method of intercommunication of ideas and plans which makes it a most valuable feature of our fraternity. Finally, we know what others before us, both in our fraternity and in other fraternities, have done, and we thus have a tolerably good impression as to how such chapters can be conducted with most advantage.

In short, we may say that we are better prepared to-day than at any other time to again try the experiment, and with at least fair chances of success. Great care should be exercised in shaping the policy of such a chapter. Definite and carefully matured plans must be made and well adhered to; it must be borne in mind that



these chapters will include men of decidedly differing temperaments, dispositions and inclinations; men of business and in professional life; men advanced in years and young men about to enter upon their life's work; all these elements must be carefully considered in order to make a chapter which will act harmoniously and with profit and pleasure for all.

It is earnestly to be hoped that we may ere long hear of systematic efforts within our fraternity in the direction of the much needed Alumni Chapter. Such is the sincere wish of

ALUMNUS.

### NECROLOGY.

HON. GODLOVE S. ORTH.

Bro. Godlove S. Orth, Congressional Representative from the Ninth Indiana district, died at a late hour Saturday night, Dec. 16, at his home in Lafayette, that State, after a protracted and painful illness. He was a man of splendid natural endowments and fine accomplishments, and for the past thirty-five years has taken a very prominent position in the politics of his State and of his country. Before the war he was conspicuous for his anti-slavery sentiments, which were boldly maintained and fearlessly proclaimed. He identified himself with the Republican party at its organization, and was a firm advocate of its principles to the end of his life.

Bro. Orth was born at Lebanon, Pa., April 22, 1817, graduated at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, studied law at Lebanon and was admitted to the bar in 1839. Shortly afterwards he removed to Lafayette, Indiana, where he lived until his death. In 1843 he was elected to the Indiana State Senate, of which body he was a member up to 1850. In 1845 he was elected president of that body, becoming, by virtue of his office, Lieutenant Governor of the State. About this time he was taken in as an honorary member of our fraternity by old Chapter Zeta at Monmouth College and he always took a great interest in its workings and successes. He was selected as a member of the peace confer-

ence in 1861, the object of which was to stay, if possible, the impending fratricidal strife. In 1862 he enlisted as captain of the Seventy-sixth Indiana Volunteers, and was assigned to the command of the Government ram "Horner," on the Ohio River. In the fall of that same year, while still in the service, he was elected to the Thirty-eighth Congress, and was re-elected to the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-First Congresses. In 1871 he was elected Congressman-at-large to the Forty-third Congress, at the close of which he was appointed Minister to Austria by President Grant. On his return from Vienna he was again elected as Representative from his district to the Forty-sixth Congress, and was re-elected to the present Congress two years ago. In 1879 he was the nominee of the Republicans in the Legislature for United States Senator, the vote being, however, merely a complimentary recognition, as the Democrats were in the majority and elected Hon. Daniel W. Voorhees. He was a prominent candidate for speaker of the House at the last election of that body. In the late canvass Mr. Orth was again re-nominated by the Republicans, but went down in the general disaster, meeting defeat for the first time in his long and eventful career before the people. His popularity and personal and political worth are best attested by the repeated endorsements he received at the hands of his constituents, who esteemed him highly, and upon whom the announcement of his death will fall as a personal affliction. In the United States Senate, on Dec. 18th, the resolutions of the House in relation to the death of Bro. Orth were read, and Mr. Harrison said the announcement of the death of Mr. Orth would bring sorrow to a very wide circle of friends; and as a token of respect to one who had had a long and very honorable career in public service, he moved the Senate adjourn. The presiding officer appointed a committee to attend the funeral. Messrs. Harrison, Lapham, and Saunders were appointed.

In the House resolutions were drawn up, and at 2:50 p. m. they adjourned out of respect to his memory.



As a member of our fraternity we have naught but the highest praise to say of Bro. Orth. Although the more important business of the nation occupied most of his time, yet he always took a great interest in fraternity affairs, and the editor of THE CRESCENT is in receipt of a letter but a short time ago, promising to write an article for it as soon as the turmoil of the campaign was over. Bro. Orth was the orator for our XXI Annual National Convention, held at Put-In-Bay Island, and those of the Deltas who met him and knew him, will feel more deeply that not only has the nation lost a prominent, talented and conscientious statesman, but we also mourn a brother upon whom we could look with pride and pleasure.

JAMES F. ARMSTRONG (Beta '84).

James F. Armstrong entered the Freshman class of the Ohio University in the fall of 1880. He remained a student of the O. U. for two years. Soon after the commencement of '82 he was stricken with typhoid malaria fever, at his home in New Lexington, Ohio. He died August 7th, 1882. He was initiated into the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, through Chapter Beta, February 2d, 1881.

He had a number of characteristics which placed him above the average frater. Combining, as he did, unusual candor and a refined bearing with fine intellectual powers, he rapidly transformed his acquaintances into admiring friends; his associates soon discovered in him the elements for friendship of an elevated and enduring nature.

He was ever an earnest and consistent Delta. Chapter Beta, in order to express a measure of her appreciation of Bro. Armstrong and of her sorrow at his early removal, has adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, It has been the will of All-wise Providence to remove from our midst our dearly beloved frater, James F. Armstrong; and

WHEREAS, We will feel that in the loss of Bro. Armstrong, we, in common with the entire Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, have sustained an irreparable loss. Therefore, as a tribute to his memory, be it

Resolved. That we will ever cherish in our memories the recollection of our departed brother, and seek to

emulate the noble example which is furnished in his life.

Resolved, That we extend to the family of the deceased, in this time of sorrow, our deepest sympathies.

Resolved, That, in accordance with the custom respecting our noble dead, we forward these resolutions for publication in THE CRESCENT, and that we send a copy to the bereaved family.

JOHN WILLIAM CULBERTSON (Psi '82), was born near Nankin, Ohio, July 30, 1855; entered Wooster University, class of '82 and graduated June 21, 1882; was initiated into *ATL* May 8th, 1880. He died September 22, 1882, at Independence, Pa., of typhoid fever. His remains were buried at Nankin, Ohio, September 24, 1882.

The following resolutions were passed by Psi:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to take unto Himself our beloved brother, J. W. Culbertson; and,

WHEREAS, We desire to place on public record our testimony to his inestimable worth as a friend and brother, therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death our brotherhood has lost a member combining the rarest intellectual gifts, the most untiring diligence, and the social qualities of a refined gentleman.

Resolved, That however much we honor the intellectual abilities of our brother, it is to his Christian character that we point with the greatest pride. He lived not unto himself, but for God and humanity. Therefore, though deep be our sorrow and sad our hearts, yet we can look upward through the rifted cloud and say "it is well."

Resolved, That to his parents, brothers, sister, loved ones all, we extend our heartfelt sympathy and ask to be sharers in their sorrow.

Resolved, That for thirty days Chapter Psi wear her colors draped and badges reversed.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in *The Collegian*, THE CRESCENT, the Wayne and Ashland county papers; that a copy of the same be sent to the family; also placed on the minute book of chapter Psi.

D. C. HANNA,  
C. KRICHBAUM, } Com.  
J. M. FULTON, }

## GREEK WORLD.

*Σ X* has chartered active chapters at Beloit and Stevens, and alumni chapters at Chicago and Indianapolis.

Chi Phi has just published a new catalogue.

The *ATQ* Chapter at Virginia University proposes to build a chapter house soon.

*ΦKΨ* at Pennsylvania College has laid the corner stone of a new hall. Work on the building progresses slowly.



The Universities of Kansas and South Carolina are the latest additions to the roll of  $\Phi\Delta\theta$ .

The chapter of  $\Delta KE$  at Asbury, still retains her charter, which it was rumored had been withdrawn, and initiations go on as usual.

The next number of the *STAR* and *CRESCENT* of  $A\Delta\Phi$  will be devoted to articles narrating the history and growth of its Hamilton chapter.

The chapter of  $A\Delta\Phi$  at University of Michigan contemplates building a \$10,000 chapter house in the near future.

The next congress or convention of  $A\Gamma Q$  will be held at Washington, D. C. on December, 27th, 1882. *The Palm* predicts a royal good time.

Chi Psi has had a chapter in the University of Minnesota, since 1874. Psi Upsilon recently refused a petition for a chapter from the University.

$\Phi\Delta\Phi$  has recently re-established her Booth Chapter at the Chicago Law School, and revised and remodeled her system of government. *Beta Theta Pi*.

The conference of the Second Division of Delta Tau Delta comprising the States of West Virginia, Ohio and Georgia, meets at Delaware, Ohio, on the last Thursday in January.

The action of the fraternities at Mt. Union, in emerging from under the rose, has not as yet called upon them the wrath of the faculty. Every thing appears serene and lovely.

The prep. question is causing a great deal of agitation among the various fraternities.  $B\theta II$  appears to be especially troubled in this regard and her journal is devoting a large amount of space to its discussion.

$\Delta KE$  commences the publication of a journal in January, such action having been authorized by the last convention of the fraternity.

$A\Gamma Q$  now numbers thirty-one chapters including four subrosa. Her chapter at Lehigh is in prosperous condition. The Stevens chapter is reported deceased, although it still remains in the fraternity directory.

It is said that several western fraternities are surveying the Harvard field preparatory to establishing. Our greatest college certainly offers an inviting prospect.

$KK\Gamma$  has a chapter at University of California.

The fifty-sixth annual convention of  $\Delta\Phi$  convened in New York on Dec. 7th, with the Delta chapter. Union, Brown, New York University, Columbia, Rutgers, University of Pennsylvania, and Rensselaer were represented by delegates. On the evening of December 8th, the anniversary dinner was held at the Hotel Brunswick. About seventy-five members of the fraternity representing the different chapters were present.

With regret we notice that the  $\Phi\Delta\theta$  *Scroll* is to be confined to the members of that fraternity alone. The cause of such action is unknown. At such a time the defection of a paper conducted with so much ability as the *Scroll* has been, cannot fail to be unfortunate both to  $\Phi\Delta\theta$  and all other fraternities.

$\Phi\Gamma\Delta$  has made important progress in the establishment of chapters at the Universities of Kansas, Wooster, California, and Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. As we predicted last year the loss of her Williams Chapter would have no permanent effect on her ultimate prosperity. We are glad to see that  $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$  has so soon and effectually recovered from that blow.

The  $\Delta T\Delta$  *Crescent* comes to our table ornamented with a new cover, and quite as fresh and readable as ever. Their convention was well attended. New chapters are reported at Western Reserve University—where we have previously noted one as in progress of formation—at Asbury, and at Emory college and the State University in Georgia. The chapter at Mt. Union College, Ohio, heretofore *subrosa*, is now openly announced. We congratulate the Deltas on their success and progress. *The Beta Theta Pi*.

The toast on "Our Sister Fraternities," delivered by Mr. Trautwein at the  $\Delta T\Delta$  convention, is an admirable production. The sentiment is broad and generous, and if carried on would work wonders in the fraternity world. It is always pleasant and gratifying to read such articles, since it can be done without feeling that here and there is an unjust remark or an attack upon some other fraternity. We quote a paragraph which may be interesting to our members, especially those who attended the Chautauqua Convention.

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The article is worthy of being read by every fraternity man, and we regret that our limited space forbids our quoting more of it. *The Phi Gamma Delta*, for November,



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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

WE call attention to the notices to chapters, and urge the promptest replies to requests made therein.

WE again request the members of the fraternity to inform us of any additions made to current literature by Deltas. We would esteem such action not only as a favor to ourselves but to the whole fraternity.

THE editors of the CRESCENT cannot refrain from expressing their gratitude to Brother Cul-lum for his generosity toward them in their recent fiery trial. We will always be under a world of obligation to him.

As the prep. question is assuming proportions which commands the immediate attention of the fraternity, we hope in our next issue to present the views of several of our prominent workers on this subject. Those to whom we have directed communications on this subject will gratify us by granting early responses.

THE first of January marks the close of the twenty-fourth year of our existence as a fraternity. Twenty-four years of progress; twenty-four years fight for culture, civilization, enlightenment. We have it in our power to make this twenty-fifth year the brightest in our calendar, prosperous to ourselves, glorious to our cause.

THE new initiatory service is almost ready for distribution. No copy will be sent to a chapter until the number of the post-office box of the S. A. is forwarded. This action is necessitated

by the fact that several copies of the Minutes have failed to reach their destination. The importance of having the full address is easily apparent.

WE wish our subscribers when they find it possible, to favor our advertisers with their orders. We owe it, in all justice, to patronize those who are assisting us. Bros. White and Ritzel, who are represented in our advertising columns, present lines of goods which cannot fail to meet the approval of all.

THE memorial notices of Bros. Armstrong and Culbertson were sent in for publication in the November number, but for want of space we were compelled to delay them until this month. Both the deceased brothers were men of great ability and sterling integrity, and gave promise of careers honorable to themselves and the fraternity. We grieve with chapters Beta and Psi upon the loss which falls not only on them but on the whole Delta family.

DURING the past month we have received several letters from chapters, complaining that the prep. law passed by convention is unjust and injurious to them. While we ourselves regard the enactment as eminently proper, yet we regret that it has given rise to dissatisfaction. The only way leading to a complete understanding of the question is by means of the CRESCENT. For that purpose, therefore, we throw open our columns for a thorough discussion of the subject. All such articles, however, must be short, concise, embodying the sentiments of the writers in as small a space as possible.

THE time for the receipt of the term reports by Alpha is almost at hand, and we would be derelict in our duty did we fail to remind the S. A. of this most important duty. The article of the Constitution relating to the Term Reports is too plain to be misunderstood by the most astute mind, and there can be no plausible excuse



for any S. A. who fails to employ the few minutes necessary to fill out the blank. The time for trifling with this matter has passed by. In the January number we will publish the names of those chapters whose S. As. have failed to comply with the regulation of the Constitution.

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By the foundation of Gamma Beta Chapter at Columbia, Delta Tau Delta has made another long step forward. The chapter starts out under very auspicious circumstances, with an enthusiastic active membership whose interest and energy insures the life and power of the chapter. With the entrance into Columbia, the prospects of other conquests in the east grows materially brighter, and the day will not be far distant when, if we mistake not the spirit existing among our eastern brethren, Gamma Beta will be followed by other chapters. To Brother Martinez, the members of Chapter Rho, and to all concerned in the establishment, the hearty thanks of the fraternity are due.

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A DISTINCT improvement in the tone and dignity of the chapter letters is perceptible. Comparison with previous years will show the truth of this statement. We especially congratulate the associate editors upon the uniform dignity with which the various rival fraternities have been mentioned in their letters. We have had little occasion to erase statements which we considered unnecessary and uncalled for, and this is certainly a matter of congratulation. We advise several of the associates to pay more attention to the composition of their letters, which in some few cases we have been under the necessity of revising. Undue haste in writing these letters cannot be too severely criticized.

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In the death of Bro. Orth the fraternity loses one of its most hearty supporters, and the country a bright and sterling mind and a well trained statesman. Always an important factor in Indiana politics, he also occupied a lofty position in

National councils, heartily recognized by his compeers. His loss cannot fail to be felt in the halls of legislatures. Although an honorary member of the fraternity, yet he was a regularly initiated member, and always manifested a brother's interest in our welfare and prosperity. *ΔΤΔ* loses in him a sincere friend. The Alpha has communicated with all the chapters, requesting them to wear the usual sign of mourning for thirty days, in honor of our deceased brother.

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By reference to the columns of our chapter correspondence it will be seen that a conference of the Second Division will be held at Delaware in January and that the Michigan chapters will hold a reunion at Albion in March. The First Division is also considering the holding of a conference, with every prospect of success. We are glad to notice that so much enthusiasm, of which these conferences are but the utterance, exists among the ranks. It is a harbinger of future success and prosperity. Let every Delt who can possibly make arrangements, be with our brethren on these occasions. We feel sure that having once tasted of the sweets of Delta fellowship he will long only the more intensely for the Indianapolis convention. The heart of the CRESCENT beats in unison with all measures that tend to enthusiasm and interest, and which elevate and purify the fraternity.

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THE most important question under discussion in the fraternity journals is undoubtedly that relating to the formation and constitution of the Pan-Hellenic Council. The ball was set rolling by the *Beta Theta Pi*, and all the journals, with one solitary exception, have ably and heartily seconded a movement, fraught with much good to the whole Greek World. This almost unanimous support insures the ultimate success of the Council. What has *ΔΤΔ* done in this regard? The matter was discussed at the last Convention, but final and official action was not taken. What is to be done must be done quickly. Several of the fraternities have



already outlined their policy in this regard, and have appointed delegates to represent them in this grand conclave of modern Greeks. - We believe that our present Executive Council presents men possessing all the qualifications necessary to enable *Δ Τ Δ* to take a leading position in the discussion of any and all questions that may be brought before the Council. We suggest that the various chapters communicate to Alpha their views on this question.

We below publish a communication to which we desire to call the attention of every subscriber of the CRESCENT. We exhort all Deltas to enlist their services in discovering the whereabouts of these missing brothers, as such knowledge is essential to the completeness of our forthcoming catalogue.

HOBOKEN, Dec. 15, 1882.

EDITOR CRESCENT:

*Dear Bro. Delta:*—Below I give an installment of the promised list of Deltas whose addresses the Catalogue Committee has as yet been unable to determine with any certainty. You will oblige us greatly by publishing it in a conspicuous portion of your paper. It is the sincere hope that readers of the CRESCENT who may be able to afford this committee any information will do so at their earliest convenience. The time is fast approaching now when we shall be obliged to publish the Catalogue, and we should like it to go to print as complete as possible. Next month we will furnish the remainder of the list.

H. T. BRUCK, Sec'y.

*Alpha*—Edward M. Williams, '65; Sanford J. Moyer, '68, Greenville, Pa.; Edward O. Watrous, '68, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Jefferson N. Reynolds, '72, New Castle, Pa.; Cyrus M. Carnahan, '75, Sandy Lake, Pa.

*Delta*—Hiram W. Austin, '75, Washington, D. C.; Chas. W. Hume, '75, Detroit, Mich.; Silas McManus, '75, Detroit, Mich.; Edward W. Porter, '76, Whitehall, Mich.

*Lambda*—George W. Green, '72; George F. Smith, '72; Gay L. Dorn, '75, Chicago, Ill.; Edna L. House, '76; Hiram W. Hartenblower, '76.

*Tau*—Benj. F. Biery, '75; Lewis M. Cort.

## ALUMNI NEWS.

### BETA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Benj. F. Miesse '61, is practicing medicine in Chillicothe, Ohio, of which city he was health officer for a number of years.

Robert R. Brown '62, is now in the banking business in Topeka, Kansas. From 1876-81 he was Professor of Natural Sciences in the Illinois Wesleyan University.

Frank S. Davis '66, is minister of the Walnut street Methodist Church, Chillicothe, O.

Joseph F. Lukens, '66, is Superintendent of Public Schools in Lebanon, O., a position he has ably filled for five years past.

Robert W. Erwin, '68, is practicing physician in Bay City, Michigan. He is a member of the Ohio and Michigan State Medical Societies, and is also an occasional contributor to the New York Medical Record, St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal, and the American Journal of Medical Science.

David F. Pugh, '59, is a lawyer of the firm of Pugh, Pugh & Pugh, No. 57½ S. High St., Columbus, O. Bro. Pugh has had considerable legal experience in the State of West Virginia, having been Prosecuting Attorney of Tyler county, from 1870 to 1880. Delegate from Tyler county to the constitutional convention in 1871-2, and member of the House of Delegates, West Virginia Legislature 1874-5.

John C. Jackson, '70, is pastor of the Broad street Methodist church, Columbus, O.

David J. Evans, '71, is Principal of the Putnam Collegiate Institute, Zanesville, O.

Clement R. Long, '72, is Principal of the Zanesville High School, Zanesville, O.

John M. Davis, '73, is Professor of Latin in Rio Grande, College, Rio Grande, Ohio.

Josiah W. Lash, '75, is practicing medicine in Chillicothe, O. He is a member of the Athens county, Hocking Valley, and Ohio State Medical Societies.

### GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

D. A. Miller, '82, is reading law at Greensburg, Pa.

G. S. Hays, '82, and J. H. Ferguson, '82, are at Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa.

W. H. McFarland, '84, is attending Duff's Business College, Pittsburgh, Pa.

J. F. Marchand, '82, has accepted a position as principal of one of the public schools of Canton, O.

Dave Van Eman, '81, has entered Iron City Business College, Pittsburgh, Pa.

A. C. Miller, '82, has gone to Columbus, O., to take a special course in engineering, analytical chemistry etc.

A. D. Miller '83 is attending the Medical University of Philadelphia.



## DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Joseph O. Ripley, '76, is assistant engineer on the Sault de St. Marie Canal.

Frank D. Shaver, '76, is Professor in Leland University, New Orleans, La.

Albert W. Ryan, '78, is a minister in the Episcopal Church, and is Professor in the Divinity School at Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Jay J. Reed, '78, is a banker of the firm of J. J. Reed & Co., 170, Washington street, Chicago, Ill.

Chas. G. Van Wert, '79, is a lawyer in Minneapolis, Minn.

## KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

Oscar A. Janes, '68, is Probate Judge of Hillsdale Co. Mich. He is also one of the trustees of Hillsdale College.

Samuel A. Kennedy, '68, is a practicing lawyer at Grand Rapids, Mich. He is a member of the Grand Rapids Bar Association.

John S. Copp, '69, is Alumni Professor of Logic, Bells, Letters and German at Hillsdale College.

Samuel A. Redding, '70, is pastor of the Yreka and Scott Valley Circuit, California Conference, M. E. Church. His address is Fort Scott, Cal.

John T. Ward is Minister of the Free Will Baptist Church, Georgiaville, R. I. He is also Superintendent of the Smithfield, R. I. Public Schools, and School Commissioner of Smithfield township.

Le Vant Dodge, '72, is Professor of Mathematics, and acting Professor of Greek in Berea College, Berea Ky.

Bruce S. Harding, '73, is principal of the primary department, and acting Professor of Latin in Berea College.

## CHAPTER LETTERS.

## ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

The local ladies fraternity  $\Phi A \Psi$  now enjoys the advantages and comforts of a hall of their own.

Bros. Harry Flood and Will Fish are back to spend the holidays.

Alpha will begin next term with one brave less. Bro. Will Hoover has accepted a position in the First National Bank of Oil City.

Bro. "Chip" Richmond reports a very pleasant time while at Rho recently and speaks in high terms of the boys he met there and in New York.

Delta Tau Delta's badge at Alpha now glitters

on the breasts of four on whom the rays of the last CRESCENT did not fall, Bros. Lakin Clarkson Taylor, Alexander Addison Taylor, Will George Power, and Chas. Boardman Kistler, all of '86.

The portion which fell to the Choctaws in the recent promotions in the college battalion is as follows: Guthrie and Best senior captains; Day, adjutant and first lieutenant; Blair, first lieutenant; Plummer, second lieutenant; Baldwin, quartermaster sergeant; Hoover, drum major; Merrick, Stewart and Thompson, first sergeants; McClurg and Patterson, second sergeants. Not bad considering we have but thirteen men in the military department.

On the morning of the eighth inst., Culver Hall, the college dormitory, burned to the ground and about seventy students were minus a home. The following were the Delts who boarded there: Guthrie, Plummer, McCready, Day, Kistler, Patterson and the Taylor brothers, all of whom lost heavily. Bro. Kistler was one of the first awakened by the fire and with great presence of mind went through the hall and aroused the boys.

## FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

## TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

There is at present a movement on foot advocating a First Division Conference. This is a thing that has never been heard of in our division; and after due deliberation, we place the question before the chapters. How advantageous such conferences have proved, we have seen, and heard from the other divisions, and thus, it is useless to throw out any arguments. We now place the question before the chapters and earnestly hope that they *all* will heartily concur with us in this movement.

A few days ago we were surprised upon receiving an invitation that read thus:

ST. PAUL'S MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH,  
Reading, Penn'a.,

THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER FOURTEENTH, '82,  
at half-past seven o'clock.

SALLIE E. LEINBACH,

A. B. REESER.



"Dickie" receive Tau's "regrets" and congratulations.

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RHO—STEVENS.

Last month, it may be remembered, we took the liberty, to a certain extent, of counting our chickens before they were hatched, and this month it remains for us to report a successful issue of that event, and we desire to introduce to CRESCENT readers, Bros. Richard Henry Rice '85, of Portland, Maine, William Sidell Chester '86, of Englewood, New Jersey, William Whelpley Thomas, '86, of Brooklyn, New York.

We desire to call the attention of those interested, to the notices elsewhere in THE CRESCENT of our catalogue, color and Vignette Committees.

We had pleasant calls from Bro. Thos. W. Fredericks, '76, of *II*, who is now superintendant of the car department, of the N. Y., W. S. & B. R. R., and from Bro. Goodnow, '83, of *II*. And also have received the "Holiday Catalogue" of White and Stokes, whose advertisement will be found on the cover of THE CRESCENT.

It may not be out of place for us as one of the most eastern chapters of the fraternity to notice the most excellent article in the November CRESCENT concerning the initiation of preps.

In direct connection with the Stevens Institute of Technology is a high school, which from the nature of the institution, furnishes a good per cent. of the Institute's students. Here the initiation of a prep. by any of the fraternities would be a most injurious if not fatal blow, and that fraternity would not be allowed a representation in the college annual. In fact the initiation of preps. is so totally foreign to all of our most carefully cherished ideas of college fraternities of a high order that we cannot conceive of a circumstance which should render such action necessary.

We ourselves have three formidable rivals,  $\Theta\Xi$ ,  $B\Theta\Omega$  and  $\Sigma X$  and only in rare cases are new men taken in until they are well on their first and often their second year.

Initiating preps. seems to be a direct form of

rushing, upon which our sentiments were fully expressed in the November number.

We would suggest to those chapters who at present need the support of preps., that they rise above opposition and make the goal of *ATT* one for which every sensible man should wait, for in our experience, those men who have withstood the most rushing from other fraternities make the best Deltas.

And further, without authority, but with a brother's regard for the welfare of the fraternity, we do sincerely hope that our sister chapters will not take advantage of the quoted enactment by the last convention, except in the extremest cases, and until they have given the matter their most serious consideration.

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BETA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Some time ago Beta received a communication to the effect that her last Crescent letter was burned in a fire which seems to have invaded the editor's sanctum. Perhaps the letter deserved no better fate; however, we will make another attempt.

A few days ago Bros. R. L. Hooper, '78, Will A. Longbon, '79, and E. P. Young, '82, happened to make simultaneous visits to their Alma Mater. One evening during their stay they were present at a meeting of Beta. Many reminiscences of college and fraternity were called up and related, and a general good time prevailed. Come again, boys.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Ohio University, held during the last summer, Prof. D. J. Evans (Beta '71), was elected to the chair of Latin. Prof. Evans is an able instructor, and is fast rising in popularity with the students.

Bro. D. W. Parks, '78, has charge of Fultonham Academy, at Fultonham, Ohio. According to all reports he is doing excellent work.

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GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

I desire to state through the columns of the CRESCENT, that the rumor concerning dissention between the members of Gamma, as we have reason to believe is being circulated, has no found-



dation whatever, and we hope such reports, concerning Chapter Gamma, will not be credited by our brother members who may chance to hear them.

Several of our members having graduated last year, and others leaving college, our ranks have decreased from eighteen to nine in number. We initiated but one man this term, Robert Reed, of Washington. However we will soon add two more to our number. There are a large number of new students at W. and J. this year but very few of the *elite* and consequently the number initiated by the different fraternities is small.

A short time since we had the pleasure of initiating into our chapter the brother of the correspondent of the Phi Gamma Delta paper, who stated in one of his contributions that the Delta Tau's were way in the backwoods.

C. B. Reid, '83, will represent the Franklin and Washington Literary Society, in the role of essayist, at the approaching contest.

#### ♦♦♦ GAMMA BETA—COLUMBIA.

We have thought it best to come out from under the rose bush and let the other fraternities know of our existence. To this end our seniors, two in number, put on their badges two weeks ago. We were received with mild surprise. Before the end of the term all of us will have shown ourselves.

We have been anxiously looking forward to the time when we too could write to our CRESCENT. We have made it one of our by-laws that all our actives shall subscribe to it.

$\Delta T \Delta$  has made a move in the right direction in entering Columbia. Becoming known in the east, it will then be easy for us to enter the other large eastern colleges.

We invite the S. A's. of our sister chapters to correspond with us. We assure them that their letters will have our immediate attention.

Our future seems very bright and by judiciously choosing our candidates we will eventually have a chapter second to none in the college.

Fraternally Yours,  
EDW. W. CLARK, S. A.

## SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

### MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

Mu expected to begin this year with twelve men, but sudden death deprived us of one of our Senior class.

We sustained another heavy loss when our only Freshman, our last made Delta, was influenced by the solicitations of his friends to change his college relations and to finish his course at Ann Arbor; and while we congratulate Chapter Delta on this addition to her strength, we cannot but lament our loss at home.

Misfortunes never come singly. They pour. On the Saturday before Thanksgiving, another senior, Brother Emory C. Beach, made his farewell speech to the boys. The speech was as follows: I have fought a good fight, (applause) I have finished my course, (weeping) I have the faith, (sobs and applause) I am now ready to be offered, (groans) and the time of my departure is at hand, (general hand-shaking and wailing.) He departed. Thanksgiving day he was married. Again, let us congratulate Mrs. Beach and lament our loss at home.

But Mu prospers. We have initiated two men this term. With all the pride of a class-mate let me introduce the last, a junior lad, Charles F. English, of Delaware. Hurrah for '84 and a tiger for Delta Tau.

We have eleven men at the present writing. But the things that shall be, no man knows.

Now let all the fraters of the Second give ear. The long-talked-of-and-hoped-for Second Division Conference is hereby announced. The place where, is Delaware. The time when, the last Thursday in January next. The terms of invitation these: Mu will pay the hotel expenses of one delegate from each chapter of the division and can obtain reduced hotel rates for all who come. The programme of exercises with subjects for discussion, etc., will be sent to the chapters as soon as made out. Suggestions of topics and concerning arrangements will be thankfully received. Of course every Delt who can possi-



bly come must be present for business and banquet. Let the Delta enthusiasm show itself now as it has never before. The Second Division has a great work to do in the interest of the fraternity. Her territory is so large that we need a Conference to bring our boys together and allow the Delta grip to bind Cleveland to Atlanta. Come to the Conference, ye men of the Second! Do good and get good thereby!

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SIGMA—MT. UNION.

We are called upon to record the fact that on Thanksgiving evening at 8 o'clock, or thereabouts, Bro. Will Talcott, '82, and Miss Eva Holl were "jined" in the holy bonds of double blessedness at the home of the bride's parents near Canton, Ohio. Will was modest, Eva was mirthful, the presents were many, and the cake was excellent—especially the cake. We were there and know whereof we speak. "Bredren you ought to've been dar." They started on the following morning for New Haven, Conn., where Will enters Yale Law School. Two of his brothers before him, John and Bert, have graduated here and then at Yale Law School. Will is a royal and true Delt, and, while here, was one of our most earnest and active men. May he live long and prosper.

Bro. Elmer Stanley is at present Principal of the Newton Falls Public School. He is everywhere liked and is making a grand success of teaching.

Bro. John Fimple, '82, called in upon us several days ago, as also did Bro. Herbert Williams.

Sigma's actives have buckled down to hard work and intend to make it tell in examinations. More anon.

Fraternally,

FRANK W. MOULTON.

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EPSILON BETA—EMORY.

Epsilon Beta, the youngest of the fraternity and the youngest of all the fraternities with which she comes in contact is rapidly growing, and her influence is felt in every undertaking about Emory College. We have initiated four new men this term and every one has proven himself

to be a true Delta. We are ten in number but strong in purpose.

We have just initiated Brother C. S. Crossley and we are proud of him as a Delta.

Bro. W. S. Wight will leave us after Christmas on account of his health failing.

Bro. Wight is one of our charter members, and it is with great reluctance that we give him up.

The spring term is near at hand and new boys are beginning to come in, there will be "rushing" and "quilling" for good men. Delta Tau Delta says she is going to have her share if not more.

Epsilon Beta is ready and willing to give the executive council any assistance that she is able to render, and thinks that more new chapters should be established in the south in order to increase the growth of those that have been established.

Yours Fraternally, J. B. B.

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THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

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IOTA.

Iota's sons at present are scattered to the four winds. Some bask in the sunny south, others face the northern blast, and make the winter of their discontent glorious summer by the hopes of gathering again in February, refreshed and ready to prosecute with vigor whatever may be for the interest of old Delta Tau.

Universal festivities characterized our last days at college. Bro's. Frank Robson, '78, and W. O. Fritz, '77, being present to participate in them. A few days later Bro. Robson went to Ann Arbor where he is taking the law course, and Bro. Fritz went to Purdue University as foreman on the Experimental Farm.

Bro. E. J. Rawson, '78, paid us a flying visit just before he left. To all such we say come again.

The poem read by Bro. H. W. Collingwood at the Cleveland Convention, has been printed in pamphlet form by Iota and sent to the various chapters.

Yours in Delta Tau,

C. A. BUELL.



## PHI—HANOVER.

Bros. Collins and Smith fill two important positions on the editorial staff of our spicy college monthly—*The Hanoverian*.

No, we did not get left in the appointment of the speakers by the faculty for the Sophomore exhibition. Bro. Hamilton was chosen valedictorian, and Bro. Melcher fourth speaker.

On the evening of the 30th ult. Bro. Fletcher invited to his rooms a number of his Delta friends to partake of a sumptuous feast, and "all went merry as a marriage bell" till an early hour, when we parted, each feeling glad that he had been there.

Our chapter hall has been ornamented with two handsome chandeliers, presented by Bro. C. P. Smith, '83.

We beg leave to introduce to the fraternity, Bros. Adams and Donner, our latest initiates, both members of the class of '86, and among the best men of their class.

The *K A Θ* fraternity here is quite prosperous having initiated two new members this term. We are proud of our sister fraternity.

Bro. Kingsberry and McEnery will spend the vacation in Cincinnati. They will also visit several of the boys while away.

Bro. J. W. Ditmas, Phi, '77, of Franklin, Ind., paid his alma mater a flying visit on the 11th.

Phi has had a chapter picture taken, and would be pleased to exchange with any of the chapters.

## DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Delta takes pleasure in presenting to her sister chapters one new son, Bro. S. A. Smith, '85, of Chicago.

With our initiate and Bro's. Ed Hughes, *A*, and Capt. Ashbrook, *M*, who entered the freshman class, we have every reason to be satisfied with our representation in the two lower classes. We are however on the lookout for one or two more who we think would make loyal Delts and we hope to present them after the holidays.

Deltas from other chapters are constantly entering the university; since our first communication there have entered, Bro's. Barber, *I*, Carpenter, *I*, Robson, *I*, West, *A*, Barton, *E*, and Bro. McMillan of "Old Delta" is with us in the law department until March.

If the position of a chapter is determined by the college offices held by its members we rank high as may be seen by the following: W. B. Garvin, '83, is orator of the senior class; F. A. Walker, '83, is our editor on the Palladium, the fraternity annual of University of Michigan, in which we did not appear last year. A. G. Pitts, '85, is one of the eight editors of the sophomore annual, "The Oracle." The remainder of the board is composed of one of each of *ΨΥ*, managing editor, *A Δ Φ*, *B Θ Π*, *Σ Φ* and three independents.

W. C. Marsh, medical class '83, is *Argonaut* editor-elect for the medical department.

B. S. Palmer is president of the senior dental class. Thus giving a goodly share of the honorable offices.

I was much pleased with Bro. C. L. Edwards' article in the last *CRESCENT* and am ready at any time after their publication to exchange any of the following with my brother S. A's. for like publications: Palladium, Oracle, Argonaut, (bi weekly,) Amulet, which was issued Friday, Dec. 15th by the ladies of '84, and the regular University Cataloge.

Acting upon a suggestion made last spring, by one of their number, the Michigan Chapters have decided, after much discussion, that it would be a benefit to themselves and the general fraternity, to hold a State Convention of Delts at Albion early in March '83, under the direction of the Epsilon. We are anticipating a grand good time and hope to see all our Michigan Deltas and as many more as can come. Fraternally,

*A.*

## ZETA BETA—BUTLER.

Zeta Beta appointed E. I. Phillips and J. F. Stone to represent her in making arrangements for the next Convention, and invited Phi to ap-



point a man to co-operate with them.

The ladies' fraternities are doing good work in Butler this year, notwithstanding the opposition of the faculty. *K A Θ* has initiated some splendid young ladies. *K K Γ* though reported dead, comes up smiling with nine members.

A combination of *ΦΔΘ*, *ΣΧ* and *ΔΤΔ* united against the barbs in the oratorical election and succeeded in carrying off all the honors. Bro. Morgan was elected Vice President; Bro. Cassel, Corresponding Secretary, and Bro. Phillips, a delegate to the state association.

But two of the men who have entered Butler this year have entered fraternities. The cause of this is that the fraternities have almost ceased the initiation of preps.

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#### BETA BETA—ASBURY.

Our chapter now numbers fourteen, and we find that with this number we can make more progress and do better work than some of our rivals who have twice as many.

Bro. W. L. Breath of Rho paid our chapter a visit a few days ago.

Beta Beta's list for the new catalogue has been forwarded to the catalogue committee.

Bro. Jett is taking a special course of study with a view to entering Ann Arbor next year.

Wishing all Deltas a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain,

Fraternally Yours,

OLIVER MATSON.

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#### FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

##### OMEGA—IOWA STATE.

Although the boys are now having a vacation and are scattered over several States, they together form Omega, in her they have a common interest, and through her they have learned to love the whole fraternity.

At our last commencement several of the "boys" stepped across the narrow line; no longer seniors in college, they are now freshmen in the great school of life. They are getting along swimmingly. Bro. Marsh is in Des Moines as

foreman in a large manufacturing establishment and is getting a splendid salary. Bro. Saylor is book keeper in the same city for an extensive firm. Bro. Wheeler is a salesman in a large lumber yard. The others of Omega's '82 boys are busily engaged in the so-called delightful occupation of pruning the youthful minds of Americas' future citizens. But 'twill not be many weeks before the active boys that remain will gather again in our hall and take up the duty that rests upon them and the pleasure that falls to their lot, and then Omega will soon be working away as busily as ever. During the past year it was with pleasure that we entertained several Brothers, and with feelings of pride we showed them a chapter that is growing rapidly, for 'tis working honestly to have its members grow mentally, morally and socially. As members of our much loved chapter we say with the warmest of fraternal feelings, to all our sister chapters, "hello."

Yours as S. A.,

W. S. SUMMERS.

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#### LAMBDA—LOMBARD.

Since last we wrote you Lambda has experienced many pleasant episodes. The first was the anniversary banquet of the chapter of the I. C. Sorosis situated here. This was a very pleasant affair and was participated in by many Deltas, thanks to the kindness of the ladies. The ladies toasted the Deltas and Phi Deltas and did it right royally. To the eternal honor of the I. C's. we must say that the banquet was a grand success from beginning to end, and we only wish we could have the pleasure of attending others like it in the future.

At a prize contest in speaking between Knox College, the High School and Lombard, held on Thanksgiving night, Lambda carried off the first two prizes of \$15 and \$10 each. Bro. W. F. Small winning the first and C. E. Brewster the second. A third prize of \$5 was won by Miss Jessie Lawrence, of Knox.

Bro. West of '82, is doing finely we understand in the legal department of Michigan University.



Wishing all the Bros. of our glorious old Delta Tau a "werry" happy Christmas and New Year, we remain,

Frat.,  
"CYRUS."

### INITIATES.

#### ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

James Henry Thompson, '86, Emsworth, Pa.  
James Miller McCready, '83, Sewickley, Pa.  
Alexander Addison Taylor, '86, Cambridge, O.  
Lakin Clarkson Taylor, '86, Cambridge, O.  
Will George Power, '86, Conneautville, Pa.  
Charles Boardman Kistler, '86, Warren, O.

#### BETA BETA—ASBURY.

Frank Wimmer, '86, Greencastle, Ind.  
William Michael Crose, '86, Greencastle, Ind.  
Horace Singer Norton, '88, Lemont, Ill.  
Charles Fremont Neuffer, '86, Wawaka, Ind.

#### MU—CHIO. WESLEYAN.

Emory Bear Lease, '85, Wilmington, O.

#### RHO—STEVENS.

William Whelpy Thomas, '86, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
William Sidell Chester, '86, Englewood, N. J.  
William Lord Lyall, '84, New York, N. Y.  
Richard Henry Rice, '85, Portland, Maine.

#### DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Samuel Arthur Smith, '85, Chicago, Ill.

#### PHI—HANOVER.

John Edward Edwards, '86, Warsaw, Ill.  
William Donner, '86, Columbus, Ind.  
Arthur Lincoln Adams, '86, Greenburg, Ind.  
William Stratford, '85, Vevay, Ind.

#### PSI—WOOSTER.

John Milligan Waddell, '86, Princeton, Ill.  
Hugh McMaster Kingery, '84, Burton, Kan.  
Isaac Ross Mansfield, '85, Hillsdale, O.

#### ZETA—WESTERN RESERVE.

William Sherman Pettibone, '86, Solon, O.

#### EPSILON BETA—EMORY.

Allen Clinton Clements, '85, McVie, Ga.  
John Wesley Fay, '85, Prattsburgh, Ga.  
John Littleberry Hendrey, '86, Tayler's Creek, Ga.  
Carlos Stephens Crossley, '87, Greensboro, Ga.

### NOTICES TO CHAPTERS.

The Catalogue Committee of the Fraternity desires to draw the attention of several of our chapters to the necessity of at once sending in their revised lists for the Fifth General Catalogue. A failure to promptly comply with the request will tend to delay the publication of the Catalogue; it will seriously inconvenience the committee and will uselessly increase the difficulty of its work. It is but just and proper to say that the lists of the Alpha, Delta, Eta, Iota, Lambda, Mu, Xi, and a few others are very nearly perfect and bear testimony to the intelligent manner in which the secretaries of these chapters have conducted their work.

A few of the chapters are neglecting this very necessary duty; they may yet have occasion to regret their carelessness. The character of the information which is desired and the sources whence it is to be drawn have already been announced and hence should be carefully

understood. The committee announces, however, that its secretary will gladly communicate such other information as may be necessary.

#### THE CATALOGUE COMMITTEE.

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Chapter secretaries are requested to comply promptly with the regulation which requires them to send to the General Secretary of the Fraternity, the names of all initiates. Suitable enrollment blanks can be procured through the Grand Chapters. These blanks were solely provided for the convenience of the secretaries in order that they may the more readily comply with the well-defined requirements of the Constitution. It should be borne in mind that the names of initiates will henceforth be published in THE CRESCENT in a column to be devoted to that purpose, and it is hoped that all of the chapters will be fully represented.

Notice is herewith given that the Term Reports are now due; suitable blank forms for the same can be obtained by application to the Grand Chapters. All returns are to be sent to the General Secretary at the Alpha through the Grand Chapters.

Chapters are particularly requested to be prompt in settling their accounts with the general fraternity funds as provided for in the Constitution. In former years the financial relations of at least several of the chapters to the fraternity have not been characterized by that business-like promptness and regularity which is so essential to the success of any society; it was due to thoughtlessness and carelessness which should be remedied henceforth.

We would esteem it a favor if our readers will draw our attention to such contributions to current literature by members of the fraternity which may come under their notice. We shall always be happy to review or otherwise notice the literary work of our alumni, and thus continue the bibliography of Delta Tau Delta already begun. Our fraternity, young though it is, has already made for itself a record in literature of which it can justly be proud. Now, that these efforts are becoming more and more frequent and noticeable, we deem it our duty to record them in some appropriate and permanent manner. No better repository suggests itself than the columns of THE CRESCENT.



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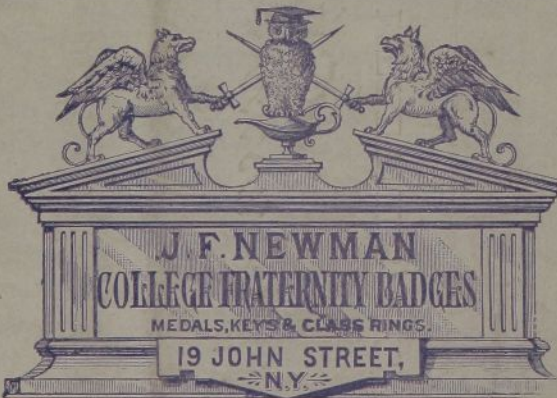
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