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

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ANNIVERSARY SONG.

Air:—Battle Hymn of the Republic.

BY J. W. CARNEY.

Let us gather now, O fraters, upon this our natal day,
Let us bring forth all the homage our grateful hearts can pay,
And this our willing tribute, we'll upon the altar lay,
While we sing old Lambda's name.

Chorus:—

"Glory, glory, hallelujah!"
For old Lambda's marching on.

Thanks we offer at her altar for the miseries of the past,
For the scenes that at our calling, flit before us thick and fast,
For the purpose high and noble which God grant forever last,
While we sing old Lambda's fame.

—*Chorus.*

What to us is care or trouble that shall make us faint or fear
If we labor ever onward for the cause we hold so dear?
Then our hearts are fresh and joyous though the world be dark and drear,
While we sing old Lambda's name.

—*Chorus.*

Then to every doubt and sorrow let us bid a glad adieu,
While we fling aloft the banner of the beautiful and true;
Now with hearts and hands united, we'll our grateful vows renew,
While we sing old Lambda's fame. —*Chorus.*

OUR JOURNAL.

As the majestic Luna appears each month at the western horizon, shedding its glowing light over thirty-eight states and ten territories, the homes of fifty millions, so comes our golden CRESCENT. Its penetrating beams bear light to Delta homes in *two hundred and twenty-eight* cities, dispersed among *twenty-eight* states and *five* territories of our Union; meteor-like rays cross into the Canadas, and over the broad Atlantic to the countries of Europe.

The literary maintenance of our paper is a theme of vital import, but the limits of this article will enable us to discuss only the financial support.

Our organ has become the successful rival of the best fraternity publications. It leads in typographical appearance and make-up; as the *Phi Gamma Delta* says: "If the standard of the fraternity journal depended upon the quality of paper used, we would not hesitate in placing the *Crescent* at the head of the list." Our "Greek World" has been *the* leader in fraternity journalism, as several cotemporaries have from time to time acknowledged. In regard to articles of general fraternity interest, editorials on leading subjects, the paper speaks for itself. It has won a renowned reputation for liberality, fairness and friendliness in all discussions. It has ever been free from that petty wrangling which characterizes one or two of our fraternity journals.

THE CRESCENT is now an inseparable limb of our order; it undoubtedly effects more interest and advance than any other agent of the fraternity. Minus our paper we would be comparatively unknown. Now we frequently receive words of commendation and compliment from the conservative ΨY , the proud $A \Delta \Phi$, and the renowned $\Delta K E$.

The comparative energy and executive talent of every fraternity naturally outcrops in its official organ, and thus forms a criterion by which each can equitably be judged. An ordinary mind can easily read in its outspread pages the general condition, character and future of the order. The fraternity world *must* acknowledge that an order which issues and sustains such a publication as ours, is composed of men having intellectual, social and moral culture and ability.

Our next catalogue will probably swell our membership to 2,500. One-third of the number *at least* should take our journal. Active members should be compelled to subscribe. The last $\Phi \Delta \theta$ convention passed a motion to the effect that every initiate should subscribe to their paper. My most fervent hope is that our XXIV annual convention may record a like motion on its minutes. When a man joins our ranks, it is surmised that he desires to learn the workings, plans and ideas, not only of his own, but of all sister orders. What possible advancement can be made without a systematic and close perusal of the columns of his own paper. A large portion of the business of the fraternity is transacted by this medium. How can an active member keep himself informed on the very simplest matters, unless he is a subscriber? Nothing less than extreme poverty should prevent *any* active member from subscribing. The woeful ignorance of fraternity matters manifested by a large majority at the present time, will soon be eradicated if the present members are but compelled to take THE CRESCENT. The general fraternity fund requires of you a diminutive sum; is it too much to ask one dollar for our journal? Every member should be obliged to pay one dollar for

its *support*, even if he can read his room-mate's. In my opinion, members are as much in duty bound to subscribe, as they are to pay their dues to the extension fund.

THE CRESCENT is not for actives alone, but for our alumni; it is the link which binds them to their *alma mater*, and to their fraternity. A general idea of its progress, and whereabouts of college fraters are points which should be of interest. As long as an alumnus desires to cherish his fraternity and brothers, he will subscribe; when he severs connection with his paper, he soon loses sight of all fraternal relations. Alumni decline to subscribe, giving as an excuse that there is nothing of interest in it for them. True, if they do not *wish* to render it interesting it soon becomes dry reading. But there are on the mailing list names which have been there ever since its appearance in the constellation of Greek fraternity journals, and yet await its coming as anxiously as the most enthusiastic active. Every true Delt will always prize his paper. It *can* give you pleasure and profit, but if you think not, never forget that you owe your fraternity a debt. Every man who has bowed his head to the shrine of the $\Delta T \Delta$ fraternity is its debtor for life time. Do you imagine that you have repaid it for all it has done for you? Every one of us owes a large sum; liquidate a portion of it by sending in your name as a subscriber for LIFE. You will never find truer friends than your Delta brothers, it will be profitable to remember them by maintaining your interest in the paper.

There is more value in THE CRESCENT, considering the edition, than any other monthly publication in the United States for the same price. This is no braggadocia, but an actual ascertained fact. Every copy costs over eight cents, this leaves a margin of two cents to cover expense of 500 extra copies, 300 left unsold, extra pages, mailing, postage of business manager and editors, wrappers, stationery, etc., and then we turn a handsome sum into the general fund. Active workers often present their chapters with THE CRESCENT for one year, and thus indicate their

interest in the paper and chapter. A splendid idea! Let our wealthier members subscribe for their individual chapters, and for brothers who are really too indigent for this expense. A few dollars expended thus would do a world of good.

Next year we should have 1,000 subscribers, every Delta—by Delta I mean a brother who will work—should become a committee of one to solicit subscriptions. Let every present member send in *one* new name. We have a grand paper, a journal of which we can justly be proud, a few years will place it far beyond all rivals; but it can not be upheld by enthusiasm and eulogy, it must have a good healthy financial support. Send in your names; let its warm beams rest on hearts which have grown cold for Delta Tau. Alas, when a brother relinquishes his paper, it is the first step which ultimately leads him adrift from the loving bonds of our dear old Delta Tau.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

Editors Crescent:—The last number of THE CRESCENT contains an article by Bro. Watson, attributing the founding of the Delta fraternity to seven gentlemen whose names he gives. Bro. Watson has evidently fallen into the error of considering the last and previous issues of the fraternity catalogue as authoritative in the matter. For his information and for all others who may have been similarly misled, it would be well to say that the credit of inaugurating the Delta Tau Delta fraternity belongs mainly to the following gentlemen:

Bros. Henry K. Bell, (Alexander C. Earle, and J. C. Johnson, all now deceased; and Rev. W. Randolph Cunningham, of Bates City, Mo.; Prof. John L. N. Hunt, of New York City; Prof. Jacob S. Low, of Bethany College; and Eugene Tarr, Esq., of Wellsburgh, W. Va.

Of course there are others to whom no little credit for aiding the fraternity at Bethany in its earliest days is due; but to the above-named particularly, are we indebted for the first concerted action and efforts at organizing the movement which finally resulted in the establishment of Delta Tau Delta.

These facts were made the subject of special and careful inquiry by Rho chapter about two years ago; its report was submitted to the con-

vention and was subsequently published in THE CRESCENT. There can be no doubt as to the correctness of the conclusions arrived at in that investigation.

It may seem strange at first sight that any uncertainty whatever as to the real condition of things could have obtained for so long a time. When, however, the facts are taken into consideration that our fraternity was founded, as it were, on the very eve of the great civil war, which at once completely crippled the colleges which harbored it, and placed that entire section of the country into a state of anarchy; that most of the early members left college soon after Delta Tau Delta was established, in order to join the armies of their respective causes, and that all of the early records were either lost or destroyed, it will not be surprising that we lost sight for a time of some of our founders; the list as found in the fraternity catalogues was informally adopted after comparatively little investigation, and since its correctness was never questioned, it was stereotyped through successive editions of the catalogue with all its errors, until a chain of peculiar circumstances led to the discovery of the exact truth.

It is of course of the utmost importance that the facts relating to our early history be thoroughly and widely understood; it is hoped therefore that you will give this communication the fullest publication, and by so doing satisfy the fair demands of

JUSTICE.

THE XXIV CONVENTION.

It is time for thought, and word, and action directed toward the success of that crowning feature of each year of Delta Tau Delta's existence, viz.: Our convention. A Delta's regard for his fraternity can be measured by his interest in the conventions. A Delta's nobility of character and loyalty to his cause can be measured by his regard for his fraternity. Any frater, knowing the success of the past, the glory of the present, and the prospects of the future of our fraternity, and then does nothing, contributes nothing for the accomplishment of our noble purposes, has a soul so dead that he will never do well for himself or any cause in which he may enlist.

At the mention of the word convention, visions of pleasure and joys, of banquets and speeches, of warm hearts and smiling faces, come before the mind of the frater who has attended a convention; and the zeal which moves mountains is kindled in his breast. The frater who has never

attended a convention is excusable, if he is not effected by the thought of a convention; for he has never seen nor been near the *heart* of Delta Tau Delta. Come, see that central organ, that life-giving organ, and then if you are not glad you are a Delta, if you are not fired with zeal, consider yourself a failure, and crawl off and die. Maybe you have "bought a piece of ground," or "married a wife," and cannot come. Nevertheless you can do something for the success of the XXIV Convention to be held at Cleveland, the fourth Wednesday of August, 1882.

Now, the whole object of this article is to arouse every Delta in the borders of our fraternity to action. We want you to feel and to think. Put your minds to work. Any plans or suggestions concerning the next convention will be thankfully received and candidly considered by sending them to E. C. Beach, Lock Box 1068, Delaware, Ohio.

When we assemble next August to review the past, to consider the present, to peer into the future, may it be with joy, with honor, with glory. When we appear before the public next August, may it be in worthiness, in dignity, in beauty.

E. C. B.

A LETTER FROM ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF DELTA TAU DELTA.

WELLSBURG, West Virginia, Feb. 8th, 1882.

MR. MARSHALL J. HOVIS,

Dear Sir:—The arrival of the January number of THE CRESCENT containing a brief recital of the early history of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity prompts the writer hereof to say a word explanatory of his silence hitherto, in response to friendly inquiries concerning the order. That silence has no doubt been interpreted as discourteous and deserves that comment. It was always our deliberate determination to keep the origin of the order, so far as we were concerned untold, believing that the mystery shrouding it would leave full scope for imagination's play, and not destroy the pleasant tradition current in the order about it. We have on several occasions received from a Bro. Delta, that tradition, comprising the death of the early members, and encomiums on their character. While it was not the most pleasant occupation in the

world to be told of your death—yet the balm of inspiring praise always assuaged the story. We were human, and desired that unknown, for all time to come, the honor might be ascribed to us. To hear thankful reference made time and again to you, is a strong temptation to remain incognito. We fell. Bro. Watson, however, without our knowledge or consent has revealed the whole business, but we forgive him. He has broadly blazoned the names of the original members to whom at least the idea and name of the order may be justly attributed. Moreover it was our earnest wish that the other members of its early period would in some way distinguish themselves in this busy world, and for that reason we refrained.

The summons however came for them while yet in manhood's prime, and they now answer the roll call uttered from "lips of air" in the great chapter of eternity. Again we repeat the promise given us was not sought for, we can appreciate Malvelio's reflections "some are born great, others have greatness thrust upon them." We may be pardoned, however, our gratification in having witnessed the first signs of vitality of an association, that now occupies a distinguished position among college fraternities. A word may not be inappropriate here concerning the opposition manifested to orders of this character in certain colleges. They are now so interwoven with the great collegiate world that it would be impossible to suppress or compel their disbandment. The secrecy with which chapters are established and meetings conducted in defiance of faculty prohibition, proves that opposition increases rather than diminishes them, just as the ashes of Wickliffe born by the waters of the Severn to the sea.

"Were spread abroad,
Wide as the waters be."

Speaking from recollection of college in by-gone time and casual observation of the present, we cannot observe wherein directly or indirectly these fraternities interfered with college duties.

The time appropriate to fraternity meetings is trifling and amounts to nothing more than a so-

cial gathering once a week devoted to the true the beautiful and the good, whatever that implies in the mystic language of the societies. Many colleges furthermore are either within or in close proximity to large cities and it is suggested that society gatherings are far preferable to that of the bar-room or brothel. It can not be claimed that they interfere with christian duties or college study. Mental recreation is just as imperatively demanded in college days as physical exercise, and the fraternities furnish to the mind, exactly that which regattas and base ball furnish to the body. Again the outward indications of fraternity work has commended them to people everywhere and the public in every State and clime has warmly endorsed them. Cities cordially welcome, and fair women smile upon their annual conventions. Much more might be said upon this topic but we desire a word upon the subject of the classics. It is charged that these fraternities encourage the study of the classics. Our understanding is that the classics merely furnish society names. We most heartily endorse and concur in opinion with those who have an aversion to that portion of the classics called Greek.

The very moment we glanced at the Greek verb, years ago, we packed our trunks, bade adieu to our class-mates, formally repudiated college duties. The Greek verb is without exception the most diabolical consternation of liquids and labials and linguistic contortions that ever puzzled a matriculate's brain. About the time you acquire a foot-hold, in the study of a Greek word, you find that you are wrestling with a Doric or Ionic or some other variety, and what the author himself evidently didn't know and grammarians can't explain is called an Anomaly. Greek poets seem to have had the habit of first writing a line and afterward fixing the metre by wiping out the end of one word and the beginning of another, or crashing them together like a railroad collision and then striking above them a mark resembling a watery moon struck by lightning as if to say, "Look,

part of these words ain't here, guess what they are?" And if the metre is too short he lengthens the line by sticking here and there a handful of enclitics, with neither rhyme nor reason but solely at his own sweet will. You often look into the lexicon for a word beginning with "A" and wind up your investigation nearer a "W" and vice versa and much more so.

At one time we remember the Senior Greeks were agitated by a painful rumor that Euripides was to be introduced into the course and it was gravely surmised that a "pony" or even a "red faced literal" would not render them equal to the emergency. A committee was appointed to examine him and report and the poet on the committee spoke their conclusions in an impromptu warning chant something to this effect:

"Eripide ide ide
Idam Euripides

in which we all concurred singular to say without reading the book. This judgment adverse to Euripides seems to be indorsed in the present age. It always gives us intense delight to read of his formal burial in silence of midnight by aggravated Seniors along with that modern compilation of Philosophical Crankery yclept Physics. This proves we were right. Also there is a want of harmony among the letters of the Greek Alphabet truly mystifying. Some of them fraternize and others won't, in this they resemble some of the fraternities. When a Greek letter runs against another in a word between whom fraternal relations do not exist, it bolts its ranks as soon as its opponent appears. This wasn't the way the men who spoke that language acted at Thermopylae. Other words when they meet, fall out, double up, swap places and somersault backwards and forwards, in the ranks in a way that the bare recollection thereof years afterwards excites a feeling of indignation. The only Greek we ever read with unalloyed pleasure was the Greek Testament arranged with the revised English version in parallel columns. This enables the reader to note any er-

rors that may have crept into the Greek Text, and so on.

This opinion of, and concerning the Greek language is purely a personal matter. The temptation to express ourselves was too strong to be resisted. We have waited for an opportunity for years and have seized it. Our desultory communication is becoming too vast, and we close with the hope that at some of the annual reunions of the fraternity a cup of kindness yet may be quaffed standing in silence, even though it be only in nature's beverage, to the memory of the dead founders of the order.

No doubt when the sombre shadows of departing day lingered around them, they could recall lives,

"Of perfect service rendered, duties done
In charity, soft speech, and stainless days;
These riches shall not fade away with life,
Nor any death dispraise."

EUGENE TARR.

OUR NEW CATALOGUE.

The circular of the Catalogue Committee of our fraternity recently issued gives, in general outline, an idea of the manner in which it proposes to discharge its trust; and it can now be made the basis of an expression of opinion on the part of the fraternity.

We are all aware of the many imperfections of all former editions of our catalogue and although they were probably not nearly as faulty as those of most other fraternities, having been published at more frequent intervals, yet the necessity of a most searching revision is patent to all. The efforts which are at present being made by other fraternities, most of whom are now, or at least will in the near future be engaged on catalogue work, not less than the immediate wants of a rapidly growing fraternity like ours, make it absolutely necessary that the very best of care be bestowed upon the preparation of our new catalogue.

It appears that it is proposed to give the fifth catalogue several new features already introduced by some of the older fraternities and the usefulness of which has been established by a series of years.

The proposed geographical index of the fraternity will doubtlessly be hailed with especial

pleasure; it will do much toward promoting a better acquaintance among the members of the fraternity and as such will amply repay any labor that it will require. It is quite probable that no fraternity catalogue of any pretensions as to completeness will hereafter be published without possessing this feature; indeed, it is somewhat surprising that it was not thought of previous to 1877 when the Psi Upsilon fraternity first introduced it in its magnificent catalogue of 1879,—a masterpiece of compilation and a monument to the industry and patience of its editor. There can be no doubt whatever that this catalogue at once determined the standard to which all other similar publications will hereafter endeavor to attain; hence Delta Tau Delta should feel amply justified in using it as a model for its own.

We cannot perhaps hope to be able to make our catalogue as accurate as that of Psi Upsilon, which contained, we understood at the time of its issue, the correct address of all but 27 of its 4500 members; for an analysis of the geographical index of its catalogue shows its membership to be almost exclusively confined to the Eastern and Middle States, in whose settled communities changes of location are rare as compared with the conditions of society in the more western sections of the country, whence our membership has heretofore been largely drawn.

The idea of making the catalogue, to some extent, a place of record for the professional careers of the members of our fraternity, will no doubt be regarded with great favor. It is to be hoped that the impetus thus given will induce every chapter to maintain, as some already have, a biographical record of its members, in some form convenient for reference and in greater detail than it is possible in the catalogue itself. The chapter should constitute the permanent source whence all such information might be drawn as required for future editors of the catalogue, for biographical notices in THE "CRESCENT" and the like.

We are assured by the committee that no efforts will be spared to make the coming catalogue accurate and reliable and hence useful; but no amount of diligence on its part will bring about that result unless the editors are heartily seconded in their endeavors by the several chapters and the individual members of the fraternity. It is sincerely to be hoped that no chapter will fail to give at least the exact address of every one of its members, so that even if it cannot supply all the information which the com-

mittee desires, the latter's circulars may reach them. Each chapter's pride should insure the accuracy of these addresses which must be verified by direct communication to be of any value at all.

Some trouble must be anticipated with the lists of the chapters not now in existence and it is particularly in regard to these that the co-operation of the fraternity-at-large must be invoked. No doubt the addresses of many of the scattered members of these chapters are known to individual members of the fraternity; it is largely upon the prospective information thus to be obtained that the committee can base its hope of ultimately correcting these lists; to be of any value at all, such names and addresses, it is perhaps unnecessary to say, should be forwarded at once.

There is another point which should receive special attention in the new catalogue: This is a memorial list of our deceased brothers. Several fraternities notably the *ATQ* and *ΣΑΕ* are now making special efforts, by the aid of their journals to complete and verify the list of their dead, having heretofore apparently neglected to do so; the same remark largely applies to *ΔΤΔ* but it is not too late even now to secure all the information that may be desired.

It would be eminently proper if the poets and orators of the several conventions, the Presidents, Secretaries and other high officials of the fraternity were all distinctly marked.

It is hoped that the committee will decide not to insert any chapter cuts in the new catalogue; it would be far better to improve the typographical appearance of the volume; the very expensive designs in *Psi Upsilon's* catalogue are after all the least praise-worthy features of that admirable work.

The committee would, no doubt, gladly entertain any suggestions from those interested in the catalogue and it is in accordance with this view that these remarks are made. ALUMNUS.

HOOSIER DELTAS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Feb. 15, 1882.

DEAR CRESCENT:—As no State leads this in the way of distinguished and social Deltas I think it proper to mention some of them. First on the list comes Gen. T. M. Browne and Godlove S. Orth both *M. C's*. They are not only political leaders in this State, but are men whose influence and ability are recognized throughout the entire country. Hon. J. M. Bloss is Super-

intendent of Public Instructions. A more social man and one with more friends is seldom found than Brother Bloss. Deltas always receive a hearty welcome to his office. Brother James A. Wildman is one of Indiana's sons who has received recognition at the hands of the administration. He fills the lucrative position of Postmaster of this city with much dignity. He is a thorough business man. The popular law firm of Boice and McMasters is composed of true Deltas who are always willing to assist the cause. Brother McMasters is a prominent candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court. Brother Potts, of the firm of Griffith & Potts lawyers, is meeting with great success. John Oliver of *ZB* is one of the staff of attending physicians at the City Hospital. He secured the position over a great number of others in a competitive examination.

Brother Harry Allen, one of the most popular young mercantile men of the city, called for the writer of this on the evening of the sixth with a lovely little buggy behind a fiery steed. He made his mission known by saying that our brothers of *ZB* at Butler would that evening initiate two men into the mysteries of Deltaism, and desired our presence at the initiation. A drive of thirty minutes took us to the lovely village of Irvington where we were heartily greeted by the brethren. The new men, Brothers Stone and Morgan will undoubtedly be valuable additions to *ZB*. The boys of *ZB* have done noble work this year and have a bright future before them. The meeting soon resolved itself into one of a social nature and many reminiscences were revealed of the times when we controlled the spiking machinery of *ZB* with Bros. Boyle, Kelsey and O'Connor. Brother Allen enlivened the occasion with a few of his choice jokes, of which he has a great store and tells in his own inimitable manner. We left the classic precincts of Irvington at an early hour, feeling confident that the cause of Deltaism would continue to prosper in the hands of the boys of *ZB*.

Faternally yours,

JAMES B. CURTIS, *ZB* Class '80.

The *Star and Crescent* has offered a prize of fifty dollars "for the best original essay on 'The Rise, Progress and Influence of American College Fraternities.'" Competition will be limited to *ΑΔΦ's* of the classes of '81-'85 inclusive. The essay will be limited to 4,800 words, and must be prepared by Aug. 15th. The prize essay will be published in the next volume of the *Star and Crescent*.

GREEK WORLD.

Prof. Moses Coit Tyler of Cornell is an $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$. $\Theta \Delta X$ has organized a chapter at N. Y. University.

The $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$'s of Hamilton have completed their lodge house.

A chapter of $K K \Gamma$ has been established at Hillsdale College, Mich.

One member of $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ has pledged \$2,000 for the erection of a chapter house at Kenyon.

The alumni of ΣX have succeeded in establishing a chapter at the University of Cincinnati.

$Z. A.$, a local fraternity at Gambier, Ohio, is a feeder for the chapter of $\Theta \Delta X$ at Kenyon College.

The $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$'s of the Northwest held their annual banquet at Minneapolis, Minn., on the 17th inst.

Two fraternities have *sub rosa* chapters in existence at the University of Michigan—The $X \Phi$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

The $K \Lambda \Theta$ will probably soon add Adrian College to the list of colleges in which they are represented.

The $K \Lambda \Theta$'s now gayly sport their new pins in the academic shades of Allegheny. The chapter now numbers eleven actives and several others will return in the spring, who will add materially to its strength. We heartily rejoice at the success of our sister frats.

It may interest the fraternity to know what fraternities we come in contact with. The following is a list which we believe is complete. $B \Theta \Pi$ which we meet in ten different colleges. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 10; $\Phi K \Psi$ 8; $X \Phi$ 5; $\Delta K E$ 4; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ 4; $\Phi K \Sigma$ 3; $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ 2; $\Psi \Upsilon$ 2; $X \Psi$ 2; $Z \Psi$ 2; $A T Q$ 2; $\Theta \Delta X$ 2; $\Theta \Xi$ 2; $\Sigma \Phi$ 1; $\Delta B \Phi$ 1; and $\Delta \Upsilon$ 1.

That fraternities will spring up in spite of the most determined opposition is happily illustrated by the fact that a local society, the $B \Theta \Psi$ is in existence at Pa. Mil. Acad., Chester, Pa., where the rules against secret societies are exceedingly stringent. A local society flourishes at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Mil. Acad., where a few years since a number of cadets were expelled for trying to establish a College Frat.

At present there are seven fraternities at Williams; all secret and each having its distinctive chapter house. Nearly one-half of the students

are connected with these societies. Perhaps in no college are the fraternity workings more harmonious than at Williams, the result of the friendly feeling existing among them. The following list gives the names of the societies in the order of their establishment, and the number of men connected with each. Kappa Alpha, 17; Sigma Phi, 12; Chi Psi, 16; Zeta Psi, 18; Alpha Delta Phi, 24; Delta Psi, 14; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 18.

With great pleasure we have perused the January number of the $\Sigma A E$ Record. The literary department is especially excellent, but the article most worthy of mention is the second of a series written by Col. Robert D. Allen, Superintendent Kentucky Military Institute—Subject, "College Secret Fraternities." The author is a forcible and vigorous writer, and betrays a keen insight into the wants and tendencies of young men in colleges. We heartily endorse every word of the article, and would wish that every fraternity man could have the pleasure of reading it. We glean the following items from the Record concerning the fraternity: That a chapter has been established at North Ga. Agricultural College; that an alumni chapter at Savannah was chartered in December; that the available cash in the fraternity treasury is \$54.43; and that unless a more vigorous support is given to the Record, the fraternity must lose what has proved to be its most valuable auxiliary.

The only instance on record where a fraternity figured conspicuously in politics was the effort of $\Psi \Upsilon$ during the recent campaign in New York. The following clipped from the New York Herald will explain itself:

COLLEGE SOCIETIES IN POLITICS.—"Greek letter societies" are well known social and literary features of American university life, but we never till now have observed an instance of their "going into politics." The so-called Psi Upsilon Society is the author of the innovation, and some of its brethren have issued a letter dated from the "chapter-house of Chi"—whatever that may mean or wherever it may be—exhorting their fellow members to "do all they can to secure the election" of Mr. Finch, the Republican candidate for Judge of the Court of Appeals. "You will remember him," says the letter, "as the author of several of our most popular songs; he is a most loyal Psi U." To the uninitiated mind the relation of the fact of Mr. Finch's being a "most loyal Psi U" to his qualifications for the Judiciary is not lucid; and as for his song-writing these young gentlemen ought to have remembered the

familiar quotation from Fletcher of Saltoun, that he "knew a very wise man who believed that if a man were permitted to make all the ballads he need not care who should make the laws of a nation." They are altogether too greedy in respect to Mr. Finch. He makes the ballads of the nation already, and nevertheless they urge that he shall make the law too—"Judge-made law."

The January number of the *Sigma Alumnus*, the *Chronicle* of the Stevens Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi, contains what is supposed to be their private, and hence candid opinion of their rivals:

"Gamma, of Theta Xi, holds the first position in the order of age and third in everything else. It has eleven men at present; it is little more than a social club, social position being as ever their only acquirement. Rho, of Delta Tau Delta, is in better condition than ever before, and, having of late been very careful and prudent in her choosing, bids fair soon to become the leading chapter in the Institute; they now have eleven men."

We submit this expression of opinion without any comment on our part.

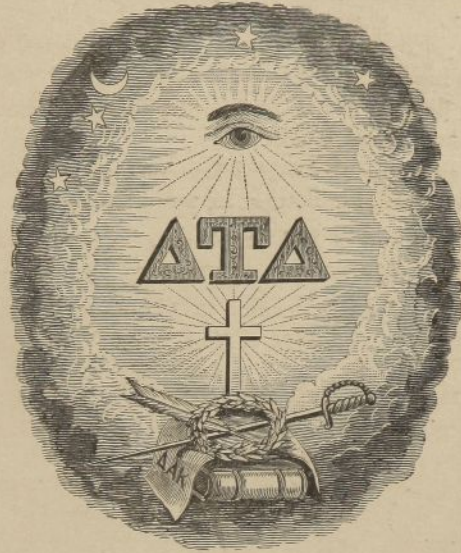
"From the *Delta Tau Delta Crescent*: 'Beta Theta Pi gazes with longing eyes on Columbia College. She has already initiated three men there.' We are pleased to learn this item of news from *The Crescent*. It displays such an accurate knowledge of our eastern field that it is impossible not to admire it. We would inform our friend, however, that unless his information concerning Beta Theta Pi is more accurate, he would better in the future, omit references to this fraternity."—*Beta Theta Pi*.

We commiserate the editors of the *Beta Theta Pi* upon their lamentable ignorance of the operation of the fraternity they are supposed to represent. For their edification we desire to say that *B Θ II* has not *three* men but *nine*, and probably more at Columbia; that these men desire to appear in the next issue of the *Miner* as one of the chapters of *B Θ II*; the following was clipped from the *New York World and Evening Telegraph*: "The annual banquet of the New York, Columbia, and Stevens chapters of *B Θ II* will hold their annual banquet at Martinelli's on Thursday next, (Feb. 23)." We would humbly ask if this information is sufficiently accurate?

The Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity now has an official organ, published at Greencastle, Ind., called the "*Golden Key*."

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THE Second Division is to have another convention. Right, brothers, go ahead. We would like to hear of all the other divisions doing likewise.

WE publish in this issue a very interesting article from the fertile pen of Bro. Eugene Tarr, one of the founders of our fraternity. We are glad to note the interest that is being awakened among the founders of our order, and hope to hear from more of them.

WE remarked some time ago, that it was our desire and intention to publish during the coming year the history and biography of some of our most noted and illustrious Deltas. We had hoped to be able to publish one in this issue, but were disappointed, as we did not receive one until too late. We promise you one, however, for the March number.

THERE appeared in the Jan. number of the *Phi Gamma Delta* an article stating that there were *three* chapters of their fraternity, in which every member was a regular subscriber for their journal; and doubted very much whether any chapter of twenty members of any other fraternity did as well. There are *four chapters* of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity in which there is not a single member who does not take THE CRESCENT, namely: Alpha, Tau, Rho, and Upsilon. Alpha having a membership of twenty-three.

WE stated some time ago that the brothers would confer a favor upon us by sending their Alumni news separate from their chapter communications. We wish to repeat this request, as it makes a great deal of unnecessary labor for the editors; besides a certain portion of THE CRESCENT is devoted exclusively to Alumni news. We received several articles that were undoubtedly intended for Chapter communications; but, in reality, contained nothing whatever which pertained to the Chapter. If your articles appear as Alumni news, you must not feel hard towards us.

IN the last issue of THE CRESCENT we published in the "Greek World" a paragraph, stating that *B Θ II* at O. W. U. had gotten into trouble. We thought we had obtained our information from a reliable source; but have since learned through our correspondent at that institution that the statement was an erroneous one. And, as we wish to deal justly and fairly with all fraternities, we are happy to say that the chapter of *B Θ II*, at O. W. U. has not gotten into trouble; but, on the contrary, is in a healthy and flourishing condition. We would caution the brothers in sending news for the "Greek World," that they be very careful to see to it that their information is authentic.

Chi Phi hopes to have a chapter in John Hopkins. The Baltimore alumni are conducting the work.

A T Q has entered Rensselaer Polyt. Institute.

ALUMNI NEWS.

John W. Millam, '77, is practising medicine at Bruceville, Ind.

Z. K. Loucks, Princeton, '81, is reading law at his home, York, Pa.

A. D. Elliot, Harvard, '82, passed his Xmas vacation in Lancaster.

James A. McFall, old *I*, '76, is of McFall Bros., druggists, Mattoon, Ills.

J. R. Jacob *Σ* '81, is, at present attending the Evanston Theological Seminary.

C. T. Petty, *Σ* '81, is attending Drew Theological Seminary. Madison, N. J.

M. W. Jones, of Iota, is in business with G. L. & C. E. Otis, St. Paul, Minn.

Harvey Bates Fatout, old *Θ* '73, is the County Surveyor of Marion county, Indiana.

Bro. M. G. Norton, *Σ* '78, is practicing law at No. 208 Superior St., Cleveland, O.

F. W. Garber, of Eta, is assistant superintendent of the Danville, N. Y., Water Co.

Chas. A. Ensign, old *P* '77, is cashier of the First National Bank of North East, Pa.

Daniel H. Post, old *M* '68 is the associate editor of the *Daily Journal*, of Jamestown, N. Y.

Dewitt Clinton Frazier, old *Ψ*, '74, is a member of the law firm of Mann, Calhoun & Frazier. Danville, Ills.

John M. Logan, old *Θ* '76, is a successful attorney and counselor at law at Tyler, Smith county, Texas.

G. W. Hamilton, *Σ* '78, after graduating at the Cincinnati Law School, is a practicing attorney at Woodfield, O.

Daniel M. Hammack, old *Z*, '69, is a member of the law firm of Hammack, Howard & Virgin, Burlington, Iowa.

Frank E. Wright, old *I*, '74, is engaged in the practice of law at Arcola, Ills.; he is the State attorney for Douglas county, Ills.

Morris B. Reber '81 is now engaged in the hardware firm of Bard, Reber & Co., of Reading, Pa.

Captain Robert A. Heiner, 1st Reg. Inf., U. S. A., the founder of the Alpha, has been granted a six-months leave of absence.

Rev. Z. M. Zacharias has received and accepted a call to preach in Berks county, Pa. We wish him success in his pastoral duties.

Bro. T. H. Haugh, '81, has been teaching in California, but we are glad to know he is now engaged in a more satisfactory calling.

A. Taltavall, of Chi, is now on an engineering corps on the Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Youghiogheny R. R. Address West Newton, Pa.

Emanuel J. Martinez, *P*, '82, sailed for Europe on the 15th on a business trip. His address will be 205, Faubourg St. Honore, Paris, France.

C. W. McCurdy, *I* '81, is bookkeeper for J. R. Lee, Danville, N. Y., contractor on the new railroad building from Binghamton to Buffalo.

William H. Kirk, of the Jefferson Alpha, '63, is a practicing physician at Foxchase, Philadelphia, Penn'a., and still preserves his love for his old fraternity.

Charles F. Fletcher, old *M*, '69, is a member of the firm of A. B. & C. F. Fletcher, publishers and editors of the *Chautauqua Democrat*, of Jamestown, N. Y.

Hon. James N. Miller, Waynesburg '67, is editor of the *Sac Sun*, Sac City, Iowa. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa State Normal School.

Alfred M. Shields, old *O* '78, is the County Physician of Fulton county, Indiana, and is Secretary to the County Board of Health. He resides at Rochester Ind.

Robinson F. Downey, Waynesburg, '67 is a prominent lawyer of Waynesburg, Pa. He is secretary of the Alumni Association and Trustee of Waynesburg College.

H. S. Slaughter, of Epsilon, who was formerly a member of the Extension Committee, now

forms one of the firm of Gudgel & Slaughter, attorneys, Evansville, Ind.

Madison R. Calvert, *II*, '80, Assistant Paymaster U. S. N. has recently been ordered to duty in the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

With deep regret we have heard of the death of Bro. John L. Keller's wife, to whom he was married but a year ago, Bro. Keller has the sympathy of the boys of Tau in his affliction,

Bro. A. E. Smith, '81, is in Crescent City, Florida, where he has been spending the winter. He is druggist for one of the principal firms of the city, and is pushing his study of medicine.

Curtis G. Cambell, Penn'a. Agric., '74, is a druggist and apothecary at Johnstown, Penn'a. He was recently appointed Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for the 4th division of the 16th district of Penn'a.

Isaac H. McHose, *T* '83, and F. S. Elliot, '80, paid Tau a flying visit several weeks ago. The former is engaged in his father's fire brick works, Reading, Pa., while the latter is reading law with Wiltbank, No. 627, Walnut St., Philadelphia.

Bro. McCurdy, '81, after graduating made a few short visits in Michigan, then spent two months at home, where he rested from the duties of college life gaining physical and mental activity. Since then he has been engaged to a firm of railroad contractors, receiving a large salary for his services.

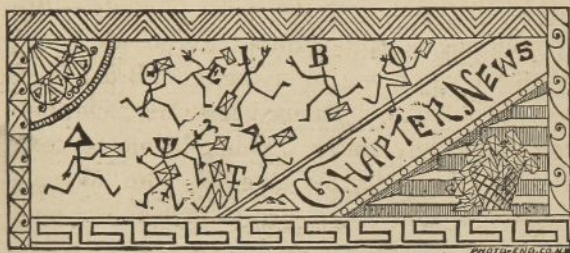
Prof. Rolla C. Carpenter, *I*, '73, was recently elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Michigan Association of Civil Engineers and Surveyors. At the recent annual meeting of the society he read a paper on "Drainage Engineering." He is Chairman of a committee to prepare a surveyor's manual.

NEHLING—MERTZ.—On Dec. 26th, 1881, at Adrian, Mich., Edward A. Nehling, *P*, '77, of Sharpsville, Pa., to Miss Jeannette Mertz, of Adrian.

COOPER—SLATER.—On Thursday, Jan. 12th, at Trinity church, Newark, N. J., William J.

Cooper, P, '77, to Miss Lillie Slater, both of Newark, N. J.

KOEZLEY—GOTHBERG.—On Thursday, January 26th, at the Damford Ave. Reformed church, Greenville, N. J., Theodore F. Koezley, P, '75, of New York city, to Miss Teresa Gothberg, of Greenville.



ALPHA LOCALS.

Silver as a highland chief is a great hit.

Hoover as a squaw was a grand success.

Jack Watson's familiar war-whoop echoed among us again.

Bro. Bourne, of H, attended the pow-wow, guest of E. P. Cullum.

Geo. Davis, of Warren, Pa., was with us for the first time in two years.

Bro. Martinez, of New York, was present with us, guest of Bro. Cullum.

Bro. Sensor, of Conneautville, dropped in among us unexpectedly.

Bro. Cullum was recently elected president of Allegheny Literary Society.

Koester announces that he "will take the turf as soon as the grass is green and the little birds twitter in the tree-tops.

We beg leave to introduce to the fraternity Bros. Merrick and McClurg, our latest initiates. Both are among the finest students in college. McClurg is a brother of W. L. McClurg.

About nine o'clock on the eve of the 18th of February, a band of warriors glided like so many shadowy phantoms from their wigwam on Chest-

nut street; the war-paint on their swarthy faces glittered in the cold moonlight, and the tomahawk and scalping-knife hung from their girdles, causing the passer-by to shrink from them in fear and trembling; but peace, not war, was their object. Rapidly they made their way to the parlors of the Commercial Hotel, and squatting around the camp-fire listened to words of wisdom from their chief, then the pipe of peace was passed around, the hatchet was buried, and all repaired to the supper room where a magnificent banquet had been prepared. After the wants of all were satisfied, toasts were responded to by warriors and visiting braves, and again all repaired to the camp-fire where a grand dance was held. The whole affair from beginning to end of the walk-around was a brilliant success, and all returned to their homes satisfied, but to await longingly the many moons that must elapse before they would be assembled again in annual pow-wow.

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

THE GAMMA.

Dear Crescent:—The Deltas once more gathered at Wash. for the term's work, every face bright and radiant with new life drawn from the fountain at home.

Every Delta Bro. of Gamma, except Bro. Pollock, of '84, whom the fates have willed should not be with us this term, have returned to college; all eager to do something to advance our chapter and the fraternity in general, and make her crescent shine out brighter in the future than in the past.

At last, after long and tedious work, Gamma has established herself in her new quarters, and now the interesting query arises, "How and why did Gamma grow without this almost indispensable piece of furniture." We can scarcely reply to this, unless it was by having every interest for the advancement of our chapter at heart. This, and this alone, is the secret of our success, and what has, to a great measure, kept Gamma in the front rank.

It only now becomes apparent what we have lost in these many years; we have been without a hall; we had no place to meet, but in some dingy old room, with scarcely sitting room for the boys; but, by one mighty effort, we have rid ourselves of this great inconvenience, and got a hall that will compare with any hall in town. We always envied our sister chapters, with their fine halls; but never had the audacity to think we could have one if we would try. But, Bros., we have met the enemy and conquered, and now one more chapter of the $\Delta T \Delta$ has a home—a place where the boys can go and spend a pleasant hour. We would be pleased to see any of the Δ boys when they come this way.

Bros., we promise you better fraternity work in the future. We have, perhaps, been slow in performing our whole duty this year; but it was not on account of any lack of interest on our part, but purely want of time.

Our Committee on the Revision of our Catalogue List have been hard at work for three months or more, and have not been able to reach all the members of Gamma; but, as it is now time the list should be sent in, it will have to go incomplete.

All is lovely with Gamma boys; all doing good work, and, although we have had the small-pox here, none of the Delta boys have been struck by this malady.

More again. Fraternally, M.

THE NU.

The latest three additions to our chapter, Bros. H. R. Craven, Salem, N. J.; J. M. Maurer, Mt. Carmel, Pa.; and J. M. McGuire, Blairsville, Pa., are already thoroughly infused with the spirit and enthusiasm of Delta Tau.

We have had the pleasant privilege of extending to Bro. W. H. Woodring, now student at law in the office of Bro. Geiser, the hand of congratulation on his recent marriage.

"Thrice happy they whose hearts are tied
In Love's mysterious knot, so close
No strife, no quarrels, can divide,
And only Death, fell Death, can loose."

Bro. Woodring was the first member of re-established Nu, and being the oldest, he certainly was first in view, first in Nu, and first in the bonds of matrimony.

Bro. C. M. Sandt represents $\Delta T \Delta$ on the editorial staff of '83's *Melange*, soon to be issued.

Scene—Bro. W's bedchamber.—Bro. C—n, new roommate, snugly esconced among the sheets and making his peace with the spirits of Pluto.—Bro. W. entering—"Hello, there! Who are you? What are you doing in my bed?" Bro. C. suddenly aroused and terrified, answers, "Oh, Bob. don't! It's only Harry. You told me to come down. Please let me alone!" Bro. W. succumbs graciously, and Bro. C. says he was only dreaming.

We are exceedingly pleased to welcome into our midst as a resident member, our Rev. Bro. D. H. Geissinger, $\Delta \gamma I$. Bro. Geissinger has accepted a unanimous call extended him by St. John's Lutheran church, one of the largest congregations in Easton.

Bro. Bliem, by reason of illness, accompanied by an impairing of his hearing, has left for home. We are very eager to welcome our brother's return to college with renewed health and strength.

The senior class day election passed off harmoniously as was anticipated. ΔT came in for a full share of the appointments.

Bro. Maurer is the latest addition to the editorial staff of the college journal.

Nu is resting on her oars, calmly conscious of having gained sufficient impetus, so that

A longer time, with oarsmen resting,
The bark will o'er the billows roll,
With colors flying, none molesting,
And laughter glad'ning to the soul.

THE UPSILON.

Dear Crescent:—On Thursday, January 12, 1882, the members of chapter Upsilon assembled in St. John's church, North Adams, to witness the marriage of Bro. Park Valentine, of Bennington, Vt., and Miss Louise Gaylord, of North Adams. Bro. Rosenberg acted as best man.

After the ceremony a brilliant reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. The presents were numerous and handsome, and one which attracted considerable attention was a fruit dish presented by Upsilon. At the reception, cordial and hearty congratulations were showered upon the happy ones by the sympathizing friends. Fond adieus were said, loved ones kissed good-bye, and the youthful pair took the train for Troy, intending to make an extended wedding tour to Florida, the land of the fountain of life.

On the following Saturday morning while at breakfast we were asked if we had read of the railroad disaster at Spuyten Duyvel, we replied in the negative, and on hearing that a bridal couple were among the injured ones, we immediately left the table to procure the morning papers in order to ascertain particulars. One may imagine our consternation and grief when reading of the tragic death of which all have read, of the ones who but a few hours since had left us, full of life, joy and happiness.

The funeral services were held at Bennington on Monday afternoon. Dr. Canfield, in his sermon, described the lives of the deceased, he spoke of Bro. Valentine's high character and his bright prospects, and also dwelt upon the brilliant attainments and unusual social graces of the bride of a day.

The funeral procession formed outside the church, led by the "Park Guards," of Bennington, in full dress, of which Bro. Park was a popular member, the procession slowly proceeded to the cemetery where the two caskets were interred in one grave lined with evergreens. After the last sad rites had been performed, the melancholy mourners wended their way from the affecting scene.

All mills and business houses in Bennington were closed for that day in memory of its late resident.

"Lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided."

At a meeting of Upsilon on January 14, 1882, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in his infinite goodness and mercy has removed from this earth our dear friend and frater, Park Valentine, late of the class of 1880, and

WHEREAS, We wish to give some expression of our deep sorrow at the loss we have sustained in common with the whole Delta Tau Delta fraternity, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of chapter Upsilon, have lost in his untimely death a frater who shed lustre and brought honor upon the fraternity to which he belonged, and who always exhibited a keen interest in the success and prosperity of this chapter.

Resolved, That we extend to the sorrow stricken family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their affliction.

Resolved, That the members of this chapter wear their fraternity pins inverted and draped for a period of thirty days.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the chapter, that they be published in THE CRESCENT, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of our deceased frater.

FRED. ROSENBERG, JR.	} Com.
ELVIN ANSON DEAL,	
HORACE EUGENE M'PHERSON.	

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

THE THETA.

The following are the resolutions adopted in *memoriam* of Bro. Lamar:

WHEREAS; It has pleased Almighty God, in His all-wise providence, to call unto Himself our dearly-beloved brother, Philip J. Lamar, who died at his home in Augusta, Ga., on the 3d of January, 1882; and

WHEREAS he was a most loyal and active member of Theta chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity while attending college at Bethany, W. Va., where he graduated in the spring of '76; therefore be it

Resolved; That we, the members of said chapter, remember him as endowed with the noblest gifts of nature; adorned with the highest graces of culture; and ennobled by a pure and refined faith into a model Christian gentleman:

Resolved; That, in his death, Theta has lost one of her purest and most honored fraters, and she has suffered a bereavement, which fills our hall with sadness.

Resolved; That we will cherish with honorable respect the memory of our lost frater by the usual symbols of sorrow.

Resolved; That these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of our chapter, and a copy thereof be transmitted to his parents.

W. G. GARVEY,
F. M. DOWLING,
P. Y. PENDLETON, } Com.

THE SIGMA.

Dear Crescent: Since our last communication three worthy men have been initiated into the mysteries of Delta Tau Delta. The spirit of modern Greeks, under the banner of the purple and gray, still prevails at the Mount, and we hope before the year is ended, to record many more additions to our brotherhood.

We are pleased to note the marriage of Bro. C. W. Thompson, '83, to Miss Mary Crubaugh of West Beaver, O. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's brother in Mt. Union, on the evening of January 18th, 1882. The next evening the happy couple started for the home of the bridegroom, bearing with them the best wishes of their numerous friends at the Mount. Brother Thompson is a genial, whole-souled, enthusiastic Delta, and we are loth to part with him. We trust that in his future career abundant success and prosperity may attend him.

We are now closing the winter term of school and the dreaded examinations are near at hand. The soph. and junior ponies are being led out of their stalls, rubbed down, and curried off, preparatory to the coming race. The diligent student rejoice, while the indolent shaketh in his shoes.

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ETA ETCHINGS.

Although not heard from lately, we are not dead by any means.

We take pleasure in introducing our new brothers, Chas Olin, '84, Frank Grandin, '85, James Ford, '85, and S. H. Rice, '85; all good men.

It is our painful duty to note the death of Smith R. Ladd, a former student of the college and a loyal Delta. Mr. Ladd died at his home in Abeline, Kansas, on the third of last month. His wife, who was Miss Lottie Carpenter, has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in Akron.

Bro. Chas Baird, Prosecuting Attorney, was married the 17th inst. to Miss Lucy Voris, daughter of Gen. A. C. Voris of this city. The happy couple immediately after the ceremony repaired to their own home which had been prepared for their reception. They have the best wishes of Eta.

Eta will hold her second annual reception and banquet on the evening of March 3d, '82. Reception will be held in Eta hall. Dancing from 8 to 11. Banquet will be held at the Empire House from 11 to —? We extend a most cordial invitation to the brothers to be present.

Bro. McLane of W. R. C. paid us a visit.—“Mac” is always welcome. Y'rs, HYRE.

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

THE ZETA BETA.

Dear Crescent:—John F. Stone, class '84, and Fred. Morgan, class '85, have donned the royal purple and silver grey, and have been turned loose on the community as full fledged Deltas.

The *Butler* will be out about the middle of May. “Fraternally, etc., etc.” is Zeta Beta's representative on the same.

Bro. J. C. Dill, class '78, died a short time ago. I have been unable to get the particulars of his death.

On account of hostility on the part of some of the faculty, the ladies' fraternities have not been doing very well this year. But I am glad to say that they are again coming to the front.

The Board of Trustees have decided to build two large brick boarding houses in the Spring. They ought to have been built long ago, but it's better late than never.

If there is a “prof.” student, or any one else

connected with the college, who has not been vaccinated within the past few weeks, I have been unable to discover him. Fraternally,

E. I. P.

THE IOTA.

Dear Crescent:—We are anxiously waiting for our long vacation to close, that we may meet again in our hall where each has received so many kind greetings and brotherly criticisms, where we have labored hard for the interests of our chapter, that in her literary work she might excel all competitors of the Coll., and that in fraternity work she might be as loyal and zealous as any chapter in the fraternity. During the coming term we hope to do more and better work than ever. Let our alumni encourage us by their letters and by their presence, whenever opportunity permits.

A. M. B.

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

THE LAMBDA.

Dear Crescent:—The fourteenth anniversary of Lambda is a thing of the past. The happy event occurred on the evening of February 11th.

Having received a kind invitation from Bro. Charles L. Edwards to hold our celebration at his father's residence, we were more than happy to accept. On our arrival we found the parlors handsomely decorated in the purple and gray. The first half-hour was spent in shaking hands and greeting, each with joyous hearts.

The exercises were opened by Lambda's orchestra, then followed a welcome address, a poem, by Bro. C. L. Edwards, after which one of the ladies favored us with a beautiful song, which prepared us to listen to an excellent declamation by Bro. C. E. Brewster, who is undoubtedly the star of Lombard, as a declaimer. A piano solo was next, and best of all was the reading of the chapter paper, edited by Bro. J. W. Carney. By this time we were ready to partake of a most excellent supper.

Now we were better prepared than ever to enjoy the music that followed. Lambda's sons, with the aid of the ladies, sang the anniversary song, composed for the occasion by Bro. J. W. Carney. Miss Davis, Lambda's elocutionist, rendered one of her charming pieces, which seemed to tickle the very hearts of all. Several songs and instrumental pieces closed the evening's programme.

We cannot fully thank Mr. and Mrs. Edwards

for their generous hospitality. And to the ladies who so willingly assisted us in making the evening enjoyable we also extend our thanks. The remembrance of the evening will be cherished by all present, as one of great pleasure and enjoyment.

Lombard, as usual, celebrates Washington's birthday, and Lambda will be well represented in the exercises.

The brothers of '84 and '85 are greatly agitated over the annual "Fresh. and Soph." exhibition which is near at hand.

The Iota chapter of I. C. Sorosis is situated here, and we are glad to say it has been enjoying a high degree of prosperity this year, having more active members than for years. They were represented in full at our anniversary. The members of the two societies are intimate friends, or at least many of the individual members are.

Fraternally, R. D. B.

THE OMICRON.

Dear Crescent:—Omicron is happy in being able to say that she is still in a flourishing condition.

Bro. Haller, we are sorry to say is not with us this term but expects to return to school at the opening of the spring term.

The State Oratorical Association was held here not long ago and Omicron came in for a large share of the honors then awarded. Bro. Craven was awarded highest honors in the contest, and will accordingly represent Iowa at the Inter-State Oratorical Association at Indianapolis Ind. Bro. S. B. Howard was chosen by the convention as third delegate and will accompany Mr. Craven in that capacity. Our membership now consists of sixteen, with the exception of Bro. Haller who is not in school this term. Two of that number are alumni—Mr. Connick and myself.

Seidlitz is our "social light" and "champion light weight."

Our chapter has lately made a very valuable acquisition in Mr. Grant Marguardt, whom our rivals endeavored in vain to secure.

Mr. Chrischilles has lately distinguished himself in the field of oratory, having competed with Craven very closely in the home contest. We have great hopes of "Chris."

Martin is our athlete, and Mr. Chas. Morgan our "bad man."

Hoping these notes may be of some interest, I will draw this letter to a close. I remain as ever, Yours fraternally, JUDSON L. WICKS.

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