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

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TO THE LADIES OF THE "GOLDEN KEY."

BY C. M. SNYDER, '82.

"Every door is barr'd with gold,
And opens to but golden keys."

O! ladies of the golden key,
Not every door is barred with gold,
For there are caskets bound for thee,
Which shine within with wealth untold.

Your golden key may be a smile,
A word of kind encouragement,
Your look a talisman—beguile
Some exile hope from banishment.

'Tis true the days of chivalry
Have vanished in the mystic past,
When hearts turned fire for loyalty,
A self-consuming flame at last.

But are no vestiges of faith
Surviving yet to cheer the heart?
Is manly loyalty a wraith,
True love a dream, from love apart?

There still are hearts to beat and burn,
They yearn but to be understood.
They need some kindly glance to turn
And see some semblance of the good.

Then safe the charm, your golden key
Is more of smile and word and glance.
Your individuality
Shall loose the bars of circumstance.

Be loyal to yourselves, and then
No barrier shall check your way,
And thus subdue the hearts of men
To sweet obeisance to your sway.

It is not best to criticise
Love at the call of principle,
A warning in a friendly guise
Is to its end invincible.

Soft answers, friendly words, and we
Smile, as the sun smiles on your growth,
Say you and your fraternity
Draw your encouragement from both.

PHI'S DECENNIAL.

Air, "Litoria."

Come Deltas, join in songs of mirth,
To celebrate the day
That ushered in our Chapter's birth,
And crowns it bright and gay;
Forgetting party, sect, and creed,
And all that could foment discord.
To-night let us be one, in deed,
In friendliness and word.

Chorus:—

Oh! Chapter Phi, Oh! Chapter Phi,
As long as love and life shall last,
Oh! Chapter Phi, dear Chapter Phi,
We'll love to think of thee,

Now just ten years have come and gone,
 Since Chapter Phi's voice clear,
 Gave news that we had tried and won,
 To start our Chapter, dear ;
 And, should division come to mar
 Our joy, and dim our hallowed name,
 Let Peace efface the tracks of war,
 And Progress point to fame.

Chorus:—

No titled lord nor tyrant king
 Dictates what we shall do,
 While we to Chapter Phi do cling,
 And Virtue's path pursue.
 A frater here may win renown,
 On Honor's scroll inscribe his name,
 For Glory waits to richly crown
 Each one who toils for fame.

Chorus:—

Float on, dear Purple and the Gray ;
 Thy beauteous silken bands
 Shall bind us one where e'er we lay,
 Whilst waving o'er our lands,
 Whilst every star that studs our pin
 Shall be a beacon, e'er to guide
 Us on, and be a shield from sin,
 Should strife dear Phi betide.

Chorus :

CURT P. SMITH.

THE INTER-STATE COLLEGIATE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The morning of May 3d saw the lobbies of the Bates House, of Indianapolis, filled to overflowing with college students and alumni, attracted there by the contest to be held that evening by the representative orators of the States of Ohio, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana. Fraternity badges glittered everywhere, the white cross of ΣX being, probably, the most numerous, $B \theta H$ being second. Our own fraternity, with but two Chapters in the State, made a close third, we seeming to have more men from

a distance than any of the other fraternities. There was also a goodly number of the $\Phi \Delta \theta$ persuasion present, then came $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, a few $\Phi K \Psi$ s, with here and there a $\Delta K E$, $X \Phi$, and $X \Psi$.

The contest was held in English's Opera House, it being the largest in the city. C. E. Jefferson of the Wesleyan University, represented Ohio; W. W. Clark, State University, Minnesota; A. J. Cravin, State University, Iowa; H. S. Fiske, Beloit college, Wisconsin; F. G. Hanchett, Chicago University, Illinois, and C. L. Goodwin, State University Indiana.

The decision of the judges gave Illinois first place, Iowa second, and Indiana third. We have not the space to give even a synopsis of the orations, and we can hardly criticise the decision without being accused of prejudice; but we do not think Ohio's representative had justice done him. The universal verdict seemed to be that he should have had second place, at least, very many contending that he should have been put first, Prof. Ridpath, of Asbury University, among the number. It was conceded by all that Indiana received all she deserved and more, when her man succeeded in getting third position.

There seems to have been great carelessness shown in selecting the judges, for, instead of being well known men from other States, as they should have been, they were all comparatively unknown and from the city. They were Judge J. C. Frazer, Noble C. Butler, and Rev. O. C. McCulloch, with W. P. Fishback for referee. For this, Mr. C. L. Goodwin is held responsible by the President and Secretary of the Association, he being Vice President, and objecting to every prominent man suggested by them.

However, the decision has been rendered, and we, from being represented in the contest, cannot criticise as freely as we otherwise would.

Mr. Hanchett did exceedingly well, and, if the other members of his chapter are like him $\Delta K E$ has no reason to be ashamed of her branch at Chicago University. $\Delta T \Delta$ thanks Brother Craven for the honors he gained her, and is doubly proud of her chapter at the University of

Iowa, as it is one of the youngest on her roll. $\Phi \Delta \theta$ had no reason to complain when Mr. Goodwin, her representative received third honor.

In the contest just ended the fraternities made a good showing for themselves, for, of the eighteen delegates to the Convention, three being from each State, the "Barbs" had but five, and these were from colleges where, for some reason or other, the fraternities have no foothold. Of the remaining, five are members of $\Delta T \Delta$, three of $B \theta \Pi$, two of $X \Psi$, one of $\Phi K \Psi$, one of ΣX , and one of $\Phi \Delta \theta$. Of the contestants, all were members of fraternities, the Ohio and Iowa orators being Delts, the Illinois man a $\Delta K E$, Minnesota's representative was a $X \Psi$, Wisconsin's a $B \theta \Pi$, and Indiana a $\Phi \Delta \theta$. In oratorical matters, at least, the opponents of the fraternity system must admit that the society men are the better trained, they having been victorious in every State.

After the contest, several of the fraternities held reunions and banquets. Of these, $B \theta \Pi$ was the largest, which, probably, accounts for the great amount of noise they made in and about the Bates House.

ΣX held a very pleasant reunion at the New Dennison, accompanied by their lady friends. Great preparation had been made for this, and it was a good success. After the banquet, several enjoyable hours were spent in dancing. About forty couples were present.

$\Phi \Delta \theta$ held no regular banquet, but had an informal spread. $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ did the same. Neither these nor the Betas were attended with ladies.

$\Phi K \Psi$'s made no showing at all, though it has a number of chapters in the State.

Our own banquet, held at the Grand Hotel, was one of the most pleasant ever given by the fraternity, and too much praise cannot be given to the boys of $Z B$ for the way they managed it, all preparations being made in three week's time, after it was found that a goodly number of Deltas would be in the city. The brothers, with their ladies, were driven directly from the contest to the Grand Hotel, where Hon. John M. Bloss,

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and his wife acted as hosts. Eleven chapters were represented, which as many years ago would have been considered a good turn-out for a convention. The Hon. John M. Bloss delivered the address of welcome, after which the following toasts were responded to: Our Fraternity, W. L. McClurg, Allegheny, '79; Our Alumni, Prof. J. N. Study, O. W. U., '71; The Ladies, E. I. Phillips, Butler University, '82; Student Life, Prof. C. L. Ingersoll, Michigan Agricultural College, '74; Professional Deltas, J. L. McMasters, Ohio University, '69; Indiana Delts, C. P. Smith, Hanover, '83.

Among the ladies who honored our reception by their presence were Miss Tarleton and Miss Landers, the editors of $K K \Gamma$'s journal, *The Golden Key*. During the banquet a well-trained orchestra discoursed a delightful programme of music, and afterwards repaired with us to the dining hall, where several very enjoyable hours were spent in dancing. When early morning was beginning to tinge the eastern sky we reluctantly separated, each one feeling that one of the pleasantest occurrences of his life had come to an end, and voting $Z B$, both individually and collectively a trump of highest value.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH CONVENTION.

Time, August 23, 24, 25, 1882. Place, Cleveland, Ohio. These represent the plain, practical facts of the next annual convention of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. The eyes of fraters are beginning now to revert to this gathering, which we all know is the body holding supreme power in our fraternity.

The past teaches that the most potent factor for good, for progress and for fellowship is this same yearly convention. According to the enthusiasm manifested may be counted the advancement of our course. At Bethlehem, at Put-in-Bay, at Pittsburgh the brothers met, clasped hands, and silently renewed their oath of obligation to labor for, and to love the principles which animate the heart of the true Delta. Here representatives from the Empire State first saw their Iowa brethren; here Virginia could sink all differences, having recognized the sincerity of Delta

friendship. Mutual co-operation paved the way to mutual benefits. Past errors were acknowledged, and plans for future progress discussed in that spirit of harmony and fraternity with which delegates at the conventions are familiar. The necessity for a general assembly of the factors of our order, has but to be mentioned to be admitted.

Scattered as we are throughout so wide an extent of territory, with interests so manifold, with intricate, technical questions of government arising so constantly, the imperative need of centralizing power at one point becomes a question of great moment. To-day the fraternity in all respects occupies a prominent position in the World of Greeks.

Conventions held in other days have been grandly conducive to this result. Then why not make the Twenty-Fourth the finest in our history? At Pittsburgh the necessary preparatory work was placed in the hands of Mu, Grand Chapter of the Second Division. With commendable perseverance our chapter at Delaware has done its work. The Kennard House, conceded to be the leading hotel in Cleveland, has been engaged for the occasion, and wearied Delta pilgrims will there find hospitality and good cheer next August. The officers selected at Pittsburgh have notified Alpha of their acceptance of the positions to which they were assigned. Prof. Eversole will make an excellent presiding officer, while we can confidently expect an able oration from Hon. J. L. N. Hunt, of New York City. So far as previous arrangements are concerned, the convention will be successful. It only remains to have a large and enthusiastic attendance. If it is within the range of possibility every chapter should send at least one delegate. Thus complete representation will be assured, which is very desirable this year, as Constitutional questions of much importance will come before the body for final action. Brothers begin the work of preparation. Make your plans so that your summer vacation may come at this time. Resolve to visit the beautiful Forest City. Its fame is wide, but it is not exaggerated. The geographical location is most happy, the people are noted for hospitality, and the young ladies are very handsome. In a word, a better location could not have been made, and we stake our reputation for good looks that every Delta on going away from Cleveland, though agitated with heart trouble, will mutely whisper: "It was good to have been there."

B. M. C.

THE SOUTH.

Prostrated and paralyzed, as were all the industries of the South by the Civil War, it can well be conceived that her institutions of learning passed not unscathed through that fiery trial. Many of her time-honored colleges were compelled to close their doors; others dragged on a precarious existence. In her better days, several of the best fraternities of the North had large and prosperous chapters in the leading colleges of the South. The majority of these either died with the decay of the colleges or were withdrawn by their respective societies. But a new era has come. The abyss which has separated North and South is gradually growing narrower, business prosperity, with all its blessings, is penetrating every part of the South. Her colleges have also received the stimulus of the new life. Northern benevolence has added immense sums to their endowments. Again they are arising in their old-time strength and vigor, and again they are exerting the power which they once wielded. Very naturally the attention of Northern fraternities is once more being attracted toward so promising a field, for the possession of which many strong and able competitors will, in the near future, be contending. Soon every first-class Southern college will be crowded with fraternities, and it behooves those who would establish in such colleges to be up and doing.

The question is often asked, why is *Δ T Δ*, originally a Southern fraternity, not better represented in territory which naturally belongs to her? Why has not more attention been paid in the past to extension in that direction? These questions are very pertinent, and are worthy the attention of every true Delt.

It is to be regretted that the South has been so thoughtlessly overlooked in the past, but that regret will accomplish nothing. What is most needed now is strong, earnest persistent work. It may be said that the difficulties to be overcome are great, and our means but little. But we answer that *Δ T Δ* has never proved unequal to a

crisis. Difficulties have been met and conquered in the past, and they can and will be in the future. In a time when the very *life* of the fraternity was threatened, her sons proved equal to the occasion and guided her to a higher and better life.

We have faith enough in our fraternity to believe that she still has members who have the ability to grasp this matter of Southern extension and push it to a successful end.

There are many Deltas scattered through the South who would willingly and gladly aid in this work, did they but know of it. Some of our active members contemplate traveling through the South during the summer. They should make it an especial aim to see every Delt possible, and arouse them to the importance of immediate extension in the South. The ball once set rolling, the time will not be far distant when *Δ T Δ* will have a good delegation from the South.

Let it be understood, however, that we desire to enter only the *best* colleges of the South. Among these may be mentioned the various State Universities, Wofford, Emory, Randolph-Macon, Washington & Lee, John Hopkins.

LETTER FROM AN ALUMNUS.

EDITOR CRESCENT: I agree with you that, in comparison with her membership, *Δ T Δ* has but few sons who are entirely insensible to her welfare. Nevertheless we confess that we have too many who at least seem to have forgotten that they ever were Deltas. If attention be called to this fact, as an excuse they put forward the plea of business engagements, etc., etc. But granted that their business duties are ever so pressing, there are many ways of manifesting an interest in our good old *Δ T* which can in no way interfere with them. We feel that the most powerful fraternity is the one which possesses the most active, earnest alumni, men who do not forget their vows after severing their active connection, but who always, in the most stirring scenes of life, still preserve a warm and lasting love and attachment to the fraternities of their choice.

Therefore, to place *Δ T Δ* in the very first rank, it is necessary to have every single Delta an earnest *worker*. First, and most important of all, Oh, indifferent Deltas! subscribe for the CRESCENT. We know that ere you have perused one number, memory's mystic chain will carry you back to those halcyon college days when you struck lustily for the purple and gray, and again you will feel fiercely burning the sacred flame which once fired you with zeal and love for *Δ T*. The summit of our desires is to see every Delt a subscriber for the CRESCENT, for we know we would then have the strongest, the most energetic fraternity in the country.

The importance of a continued correspondence between the active graduate members of a chapter cannot be too highly estimated. No more potent influence can be exerted by graduates toward keeping their chapter straight to its line of duty; and through this correspondence the actives are enabled to preserve fresh in the hearts of the alumni, the remembrance of their duty towards the chapter. Nor is this all; there must come times in the history of every chapter when the boys are crushed and almost overwhelmed by disaster, when the clouds of trouble gather dark and portentous, and no ray of hope penetrates their gloom, at such a time, we say, who can measure the influence of a bright and encouraging letter from a brother who, perhaps, has passed through the same experience. Animated and inspired by that one letter, the probabilities are that the chapter will be stronger than ever. At other times, perhaps, when the chapter is torn by internal dissensions, when it seems that the veil of the sacred temple must be rent in twain, a letter of kindly advice from an alumnus comes as a gentle peace-maker and all is again peace and harmony.

Nor does the benefit accrue to the actives alone: There are times in the life of every brother when discouraged and disheartened by the sneers and rebuffs of a cool and biting world, he is ready to give up the ship and cease pursuing that which

may be only a fleeting phantom. At such times a letter from his chapter comes as a messenger from Heaven. He feels that, although all the world may be in league against him, there is yet a little band of brothers who are thinking of *him* and his struggles. Again he joyously buckles on his armor and resolves to do valiant fight. Actives, write more letters to your alumni, and alumni write oftener to your chapters and we know that each will receive an exceeding great reward.

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CONTEST AND BANQUET NOTES.

$\Delta T \Delta$ orators were presented each with a very handsome floral emblem at the close of their speeches, one being a large star and crescent composed of flowers of the colors of the fraternity, the other a basket of flowers, having in the center a large letter Delta, composed of violets.

Bros. Geo. Willetts and W. D. Farley, of Epsilon, surprised us most agreeably by dropping in at the banquet. They were in the city accidentally, and noticing that $\Delta T \Delta$ was to hold a reunion, they stopped over. They gave us a high opinion of our Michigan Deltas.

$\Delta T \Delta$ certainly has every reason to feel proud of her record at the late contest. Of the six States composing the Association, we have no chapters in two, viz: Wisconsin and Minnesota. In Illinois we have but one, and that at a college not a part of the organization; but from Indiana, Ohio, and Iowa we had five delegates and two orators. What is the "National Fraternity" doing!

How does it come that $\Phi K \Psi$ allowed $\Delta K E$ to represent Chicago University at the contest. From reading the *Shield* we had come to the conclusion that there was but one fraternity at that college.

At the home contest held at Ohio Wesleyan University, $\Delta T \Delta$ carried off first, second and third honors, by a strange coincidence, too, we had just three men in the contest.

The chapters represented at the reception were Alpha, Beta, Epsilon, Iota, Mu, Phi, Psi, Omicron, Zeta Beta, and also our former Wabash and Asbury chapters.

ΣX created quite a stir at the late contest by lifting Mr. R. R. McCabe, a junior of O. W. U. from *B \theta II*. Such an occurrence as this is provoking enough to any fraternity, but it must have been doubly galling to one which has such a high opinion of itself as the *B \theta II*, besides ΣX did it, and that too before the eyes of some five hundred fraternity men. At one time an explosion seemed imminent in the lobbies of the Bates House, between the members of the two fraternities, but it was avoided through the exertions of some $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ s of O. W. U.

A SHORT HISTORY OF CHAPTER BETA.

Chapter Beta will be twenty years old on the 12th of June. Theta and Gamma are the only living chapters that have passed that age.

Beta's alumni would do honor to any fraternity. Some of the earlier members became officers of high rank in the War of Rebellion, several of the members have now political distinction, an unusually large number hold high positions as educators, while the others occupy honorable places as clergymen, lawyers, physicians, merchants, etc. Intellectual ability and moral worth have always been a condition of entrance to this chapter. Does not this account for the success of her alumni?

Beta has held an honorable place in the general fraternity work. At National Conventions Rev. Jesse VanLaw and Prof. John R. Scott have read poems and General Thomas F. Wildes has delivered an oration. Prof. W. D. Lash presided at the Convention in Columbus, in 1871; Hon. Charles Townsend presided at the Convention in Pittsburgh, in 1881; Prof. W. S. Eversole was was President *pro tem* of the Convention in Cleveland, in 1870, and he has been chosen to preside at the next Convention. Wilbur Colvin has been an active and energetic member of the

Executive Council for several years. Her members have established three chapters, Mu, Psi and Lambda.

Beta has much to be proud of on her twentieth anniversary. May her future be as bright as her past!

GREEK WORLD.

ΣX seems to have been establishing a goodly number of chapters lately.

We regret to learn that the chapter which $A T Q$ recently established at Stevens Institute is rapidly declining.

ΣX has founded a chapter at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It will be known as the Alpha Theta chapter.

ΣX has placed a chapter in the Ohio State University. It is rumored that $B \theta H$ is trying to work up a chapter in the same institution.

At the University of Wooster, $J T J$ has 18 members; ΣX , 19; $B \theta H$, 12; $\phi J \theta$, 11; $\phi K T$, 10. The First Honor man of the class of '83 is a member of $J T J$.

Of the faculty of Allegheny, four are fraternity men, President Bugbee being a $T Y$, of Amherst, Profs. Williams and Montgomery are $\phi T J$, and Prof. Haskins is a $\phi K T$.

During the past year the charter of the Z chapter of $\phi K \Sigma$, F. and M. college had been left in the hands of one man, but lately the chapter was resuscitated by the addition of two more to the roll.

Several of the members of the $A T Q$ chapter at Muhlenberg college are very young. From an exchange we learn that the age of one is twelve years and of another fourteen. The fraternity should appoint a guardian for the infants. —[*Phi Gamma Delta*.]

Chi Phi has at last aroused from the apathy which has surrounded her for several years past, and has awakened to the importance of extending her borders. In pursuance of a policy of

extension adopted at her last convention, a chapter has been established at the University of Michigan. Other chapters, it is promised, will quickly follow.

$\phi T J$ is making another attempt to gain a foothold in the University of Wooster, and seems very determined this time. A member of that fraternity entered the Junior class this term, and "Phi Gams" from other colleges have been there conferring with him at different times. It is more than probable that a chapter is in process of organization.

The Forty-ninth Annual Convention of the Psi Upsilon fraternity was held in Syracuse, N. Y., Wednesday and Thursday, May 10 and 11. On Wednesday eve Prof. N. M. Wheeler read a poem, and Chauncy M. Depew delivered an oration. After the literary exercises a grand reception was given in the Opera House. Much general fraternity business was transacted. Several institutions of note applied for charters, Lehigh and Minnesota Universities being among the number. The banquet was held Thursday evening. Prof. Willard Fiske, of Cornell, acted as toast master. The attendance at the Convention was large and enthusiastic.

Fifty years ago Samuel Eells, then a student in Hamilton College, formed a social organization of some of his fellow students, which was designated by the Greek letters, $A J \phi$. Since its inception the fraternity has had a vigorous growth and to-day stands one of the leading as it is one of the oldest College Fraternities. At present it has chapters in seventeen of the principal colleges, including Harvard, Amherst, Bowdoin, Cornell, Dartmouth, Hamilton, Michigan University, Williams, Union, Brown, Trinity, and New York. In the fifty years of its existence 5,300 collegians have become members of the fraternity. The present membership is 4,328, of whom 320 are undergraduates. Among the living graduates are Presidents Eliot, of Harvard, Gilman of John Hopkins University, Samuel Eliot of Trinity, Darling of Ham-

ilton; Meredith Reed, Minister to Greece; Jame: Russell Lowell, Minister to the Court of St. James; Bishops Coxe, Huntington, Welles, Stevens and Lyman; Dr. R. S. Storrs, David Swing, O. B. Frothingham, Phillips Brooks; Justices Blatchford, Scofield, Wallace, Choate, and Larned of New York; Judge Bradley, of Rhode Island, and Judge Peters of Maine, and Daniel Huntington, President of the Academy of Design.

The annual convention was held this year in New York, and with it was combined the semi-Centennial Celebration. The proceedings commenced with a secret session in Masonic Hall on Tuesday morning, May 16th, Hon. John Jay presiding. The public exercises were held on the evening of the same day in the Academy of Music, which was handsomely decorated and well filled by an audience drawn from Gothams elite. Hon. John Jay spoke an address of welcome, after which the following program was carried out:

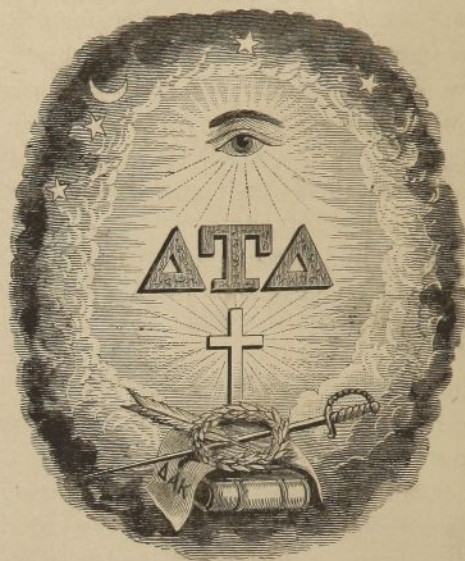
Fifty years progress: In Literature, Donald Grant Mitchell; in Collegiate Education, M. E. Gates; in science, Rev. R. S. Storrs; in our Political System, Hon. A. Q. Keasby; in Morals, Rev. R. D. Hitchcock. The exercises were interspersed with music, among which was the Alpha Delta Phi March, composed by Cappa, and a song written in Greek entitled, "Chaipe Alpha Delta Phi."

On the following day about 260 members participated in an excursion up the Hudson. The final business session was held Thursday morning the 18th, at which Hon. John Jay was re-elected President of the fraternity. It was decided to hold the next convention in Cleveland. The annual banquet was held at Delmonicos in the evening, about 260 participating, Mr. J. H. Choate acting as master of ceremonies.

"The Memory of Saml. Eells," was responded to by J. N. Whiting. "The Past of $\Delta\Delta\Phi$," A. S. Sullivan. "The future of $\Delta\Delta\Phi$," Rev. Percy Brown. The Press, by Geo. W. Curtis, which completed the program for the evening. The speeches were interspersed by college and fraternity songs heartily sung by the banqueters.

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DO NOT fail to read the "Notices to Chapters," as they are interesting to every reader of THE CRESCENT.

THERE remains but one more number to complete the present volume. The editors have decided not to publish the June number until the first of July, and the chapters will confer a great favor on the Business Manager by sending in the address of their members after leaving college, that we may know where to send their CRESCENT. We would also like to have every chapter represented in the last number by a short communication, containing no less than 150, nor more than 200 words.

WE have received the first number of the *Golden Key*, a quarterly journal published by $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}\mathbf{\Gamma}$, a ladies' fraternity. It presents a very neat appearance, containing fifty-two octavo pages,

every one of which is filled with interesting reading matter. The poem, the song, the literary articles, and the editorials are all excellent. The chapter news are all brimming full of enthusiasm and zeal for *K K Γ*, and show that the associate editors understand their duty thoroughly. The *Golden Key* is published at Indianapolis, Ind., with Miss Minnetta Taylor, of Greencastle, Ind., as Editor-in-Chief. Miss Taylor exhibits great skill and judgment in her work.

THE CRESCENT is a monthly journal, published by the *Δ T Δ* fraternity, under the direction of Chapter Alpha, of Allegheny college, Meadville, Pa. It is, perhaps, the best paying of the fraternity journals, having cleared last year something in the neighborhood of one hundred dollars. It is now passing through its fifth year. Each number contains about sixteen pages, arranged in double column, printed on very heavy paper, with an illuminated cover in the colors of the fraternity. The journal has been a great help to Delta Tau. --[Chi Phi Quarterly.

We desire the chapters to elect the corresponding editors for the ensuing year, and immediately forward same to CRESCENT for publication in June number.

PHI GAMMA DELTA's chapter at Wooster, does not start off with the best material. They seem to have overlooked the best set of "Barbs" and taken a lower grade of fellows. Black, their founder, from Delaware, is a first-class, wide awake young man, but he was in too great haste in establishing his chapter. He undoubtedly would have done better had he waited until he had become thoroughly acquainted with the boys of the institution.

To even a superficial observer of the fraternity system, it cannot fail to be noticeable that great and important changes have occurred within a few years. The fraternity lines are becoming more and more strictly drawn. Eligible colleges are being quickly filled by aspiring Greeks, and

in fact many institutions have already become overburdened with fraternities, and the fight for position grows fiercer with advancing years. In nothing is this more apparent than in the struggles for men who may make good fraternity workers. Indeed, in many of the Eastern colleges, most men have chosen their fraternity long before they have seen a college door. As a means of effectual work, nothing can be more efficient than the pledging system as practiced among Eastern fraternities. It has been too little used in our fraternity. Every Delta, active and graduate, should strive to pledge eligible men to join Delta Tau upon their entrance into college. Having witnessed its working we can judge of its efficiency.

THE time for holding our 24th annual convention is drawing nigh. Let every Delta who is anticipating a pleasure trip during the summer vacation and a royal good time, make it a point to go to Cleveland at that time, August 23, 24 and 25. Every chapter should be represented by at least one delegate, as there will be business of importance to be transacted that will interest every chapter. All necessary arrangements have been made by chapter Mu, with whom the matter has been left in charge. They have procured the Kennard House, one of the best in the city. Chapter Mu deserves great credit for the able manner in which she has arranged for the convenience of all Deltas who may be present. Let every Delta be present and make this the most pleasant, largest and most profitable convention in the history of Delta Tau. There is nothing that so inspires a brother with zeal for his fraternity or enables him to understand the working of our brotherhood as our annual conventions.

HALF-hearted, lukewarm men, are a menace and danger to any organization and this applies with all its force to fraternities. The real strength of a fraternity lies in its alumni. Almost invariably in the history of every Greek society, has the work of organization and extension been carried on by graduate members. Earnest, active

alumni insure an equally earnest and active chapter. A chapter which has relaxed its energy and vigor finds it impossible to withstand the efforts of its ardent alumni and must return to its standard of duty. We are proud of and gratified by the fact that most of our alumni are persistent, enthusiastic workers, and that the love of Delta Tau burns brightly in their bosoms and casts into the future broad beams of hope in her "to be." But there are too many, we say it with shame, who seem to have allowed their fraternity to grow away from them, who have forgotten the ties which once seemed too strong to be severed even by the unsparing hand of time. We feel that one of our most solemn duties is to bring these brothers back again to the home of their early love and attachment. Let us not cease our efforts in this direction until we are firmly assured that Delta Tau owns not one single member who cannot be called a *true* Delta, true in every sense of the word.

ALUMNI NEWS.

William H. Crow, old *Θ*, '81, is an attorney and counselor at Sioux Falls, Dakota.

H. F. Earseman, *Σ*, '78, is preparing to enter the Theological Seminary at Allegheny this fall.

Rev. J. S. Hartzell, *Τ*, '77, is now preaching at Girty, Penn'a. We wish the "Bishop" success in his pastoral duties.

Bro. D. W. Henry is practising law at Terre Haute, Ind., with Messrs. Davis & Davis, No. 22½ South Sixth St.

John Sanford, old *K*, '68, is a member of the firm of Sanford & Co, the large carpet manufacturers of Amsterdam, N. Y.

J. F. Patterson, *Σ*, '78, has recently graduated from the Allegheny Theological Seminary, and will soon take charge of a congregation.

Joseph Crow, Jr., old *Θ*, '76, is the City Attorney of Greencastle, Ind. He is a member of the law firm of Lockridge & Grow, Greencastle.

Orris P. Arthur, old *Z*, '70, is a member of the

law firm of Arthur & Vasburge, Saguache, Colorado. He is Treasurer of Saguache county.

Geo. M. Cummings, *E B*, '79, is at present at Senior, Bexar Co., Texas, ill health having compelled him to resign his position of Principal of the public schools at Watseka, Illinois.

Allan McLane Hamilton, old *K*, '66, is a prominent medical practitioner of New York City. He was one of the Government Experts in the Guiteau Trial. He is a member of a number of medical societies.

William Walgrove VanVoorhis, old *K*, '67, is the Treasurer and Manager of the Manhattan Iron Works Company, Manhattanville, N. Y., and President of the Valley Pond Ore Co. He is a Mining Engineer by profession and a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.



ALPHA LOCALS.

Are you going to Convention?

The chapter now meets every Saturday morning

Bro. Hoover visited his home in Bradford a few days since.

The Delta boys were conspicuous in the "rush" last Friday morning.

The boys are already beginning to talk convention, and Alpha expects to be there *en masse*.

The chapter Alpha wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the *Rho Chronicle* and the *Iota Beta Mirror*.

Bro. Richmond's dissertation was one of the "big six" chosen by the judges from the twenty written.

We now have the pleasure of introducing to

the fraternity, our new initiate, Bro. E. W. Rice, of Warren, Pa. Bro. Rice came to us very highly recommended, and has proven himself a genial gentleman and a student of more than ordinary ability. In him Delta Tau Delta will find a strong and active supporter, and one who can but add dignity to our chapter.

We have been desiring all year to say something about the position of Delta Tau in the college battalion, but have been prevented from so doing through lack of space. Delta Tau Delta this year outrivals any other fraternity, having three out of the four captains, Adj., two 1st Lieut's., two 2nd Lieut's., Searg. Major, two Seargt's., five Corporals, also, Drum-Major and several musicians.

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

THE TAU.

Again we are called upon to report the doings of Tau within the last few weeks.

F. S. Elliot, '70, and A. D. Elliot, '81, paid us a flying visit during the Easter vacation.

At a regular meeting held April 20th, we initiated our first man for this year—Clinton J. Foltz, 84. Clint. will make an enthusiastic Delta.

Our Seniors have now finished their "test," and are anxiously awaiting their commencement exercises. By the "going out" of their class we will lose six active, enthusiastic, and loyal Delts. They are respectively as follows: H. S. Coblentz, Reading, Pa.; R. P. Cobb, Lancaster, Pa.; J. A. Harold, Youngstown, Ohio; A. C. Hottenstein, Milton, Pa.; T. N. Reiter, Marklesburg, Pa.; O. R. Snyder, Delmont, Pa. Coby will settle in the West; but is undecided as to what he will do. Cobb and Harold propose entering the Princeton Theological Seminary. "Hottie" will enter the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania next year. "Dore" is undecided as to what he will do, but casts eyes towards the Great West for an opening. The Governor will read law in Greensburg, Pa. They

are now thinking, for the first time, of the "Sweet bye-and-by," and

"When we come again together,
Symposiums to attend,
Wives and children all included,
Won't we be uproarious then?"

At the annual anniversaries held by the Goethean and Diognothian Societies, Delta Tau was well represented. Bro. J. A. Harold appeared on the former's programme, and Bros. Cobb and Snyder upon the latter.

Tau will hold her annual banquet on the evening of June 15th. All Deltas will be welcomed on that occasion, for we expect to have a "Royal time."

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

THE MU.

The warm days have come—those days when, the poet says, "a young man's fancy lightly turns to love,"—those days when the student feels his backbone melting down, those days when energy forsakes him, and he pants for a breath of cool air.

The mill of the O. W. U. is still grinding, but it is too warm to grind exceedingly fine. Between the Sun and the professors, we are somewhat wilted, but life and strength are still our portion.

The spring term is one of much pleasure to us. The pleasant walks in the evening, the ice cream parlors, and the weekly meetings of the chapter are sources of fraternal enjoyment. When we think that five seniors, loyal Deltas, noble fraters, will soon leave us, we realize more than ever the benefit of their companionship and are loth to part with their wise counsel and genial presence. Yet, time nor distance can rob us of their true friendship.

Arrangements for the XXIV National Convention are rapidly nearing completion. Letters have been received from the President and other officers, and much interest is being shown by alumni and active members. The different chap-

ters should immediately bestir themselves, elect delegates, and move forward gradually to the crowning event of the year, our XXIV convention. The Kennard House has been secured for our use. The invitations will soon be ready for distribution.

Prof. Charles Krichbaum of Psi visited us two or three days on his way to the Oratorical Contest at Indianapolis. Krichbaum is an excellent elocutionist and highly entertained us by some difficult selections from Shakespeare.

There is a State called by one writer, "Baby-lonish Captivity," by another "Double Blessedness." Whatever it may be Bro. J. E. Scott, a former member of Mu, has entered it. He was married on the 26th of April to Miss Lizzie Laizure of Cadiz, Ohio. May it prove to be to them a state of "double blessedness."

E. C. B.

ETA ETCHINGS.

Bro. M. E. Bourne, '82, has been sick, but is now able to be around.

Bro. J. A. Motz, '82, is Editor-in Chief of *The Buchtel*, our college annual.

Our annual pic-nic will occur during the latter part of May.

Indications are that Commencement will see quite a number of old Deltas back. Something must be done.

All the fraternities of the College are in flourishing condition. The "Lone Star" is a very active organization, having already secured a hall, something that $\Phi \chi \theta$, a much older organization, has not done.

We have seen the initial member of "The Golden Key," the new quarterly of the $K \kappa \Gamma$. It is a most creditable publication, and bids fair to rank with the best fraternity journals.

There is a better state of feeling existing among the fraternities here than ever before. All hands will take a rest from "Chinning" until next fall, when we may look for some lively times.

We shall next month, if we are alive and the editor will give us the space, give a pen picture of our chapter, introducing the different members and their peculiarities.

THE PSI.

DEAR CRESCENT: Psi still lives on. The blood circulates freely. Every one is active but the S. A.

We number eighteen. We introduce to the Delta world Bros. M. E. Lane and Kinley McMillan. According to the Phi Kappa Psi Bro. McMillan is a baby. He is not big in stature, but for scholarly attainments he is a little David among the Goliaths of his class.

We are to have a gymnasium in connection with the University next year.

Suspicion is strong that the Phi Gamma Deltas have organized a chapter here, as there has been quite a number of visitors of that order here of late.

To-day is the anniversary of our founding. We are not ashamed of our record. It is ours not to say but to do. We hope to preserve the dignity and glory of Delta Tau.

Fraternally,
C. K.

THE SIGMA.

DEAR CRESCENT. Fraternity news is rather scarce at the Mount this spring, owing to the fact that society elections are near at hand, and we are obliged to remain quiet and do our work on the sly. Were it not for the resolution we made at the beginning of this year, viz: That a communication should be sent in each month from the Sigma, we would be reluctant to write you. Therefore you may credit this letter to our conscience.

$A T Q$ seems to be flourishing. They have initiated one or two new men since our last, and their membership now numbers eight. The prospects are that amicable relations will soon be established between them and ourselves and it may be that such action will be necessitated.

We were somewhat surprised to notice, in the last number of the CRESCENT, that the social quality was given preeminence among the qualifications for admission to our brotherhood. Sigma has ever placed the intellectual first and the social and moral as co-equal. Money will procure social standing anywhere, but we never supposed that our Fraternity wanted men with money and without brains. But we have found that it always pays to take brains without money, for merit is almost certain to be rewarded. More anon.

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THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

THE PHI.

DEAR CRESCENT: Your editorials in regard to chapter government were excellent, and were perused with interest.

Bro. Kingsbury says his song will be out in June.

Bro. J. M. Bloss, State Superintendent, an old son of Phi, will be invited to preside at our decennial.

Bros. Olmstead and Hamilton were elected delegates to our next Convention, and will do the "beautiful" at Cleveland.

Bro. McEnery seems to be awfully *doleful* lately, the explanation of which may be found in the following lines that he is wont to utter:

"With the spring days, gentle Annie,
Come endearing thoughts of thee."

"Mac" has it "bad," with no remedy.

Phi has three out of four editors upon the *College Monthly*. This is quite a compliment to the literary talents of our Seniors.

A letter from Bro. Trotter, '85, of Savoy, Texas, tells us that he is in business there, and getting along finely. "Trot," as many of the Delts familiarly call him, has passed many a pleasant evening in the hall of Phi, and says he has a hearty welcome for all Delts who come to that part of the country.

Bro. Parker, '84, is in Georgetown, Ohio, but will return to college in September.

Bros. Fletcher, Kingsbury, and McEnery made a flying trip to Louisville on the 6th inst.

Brother Hamilton and myself "took in" the Inter-State Oratorical at Indianapolis on the 3d inst. While there, we formed many new acquaintances, among whom were McClurg, of Chicago, Craven, of Iowa, and Jefferson, of Ohio. Bro. Craven took the second prize, and many thought Jefferson ought to have had first. The Zeta Beta boys were there in full force, and under the leadership of the gallant Phillips accredited themselves nobly for their self-sacrificing attention to the visiting fraters.

The banquet which took place immediately after the contest, was a grand affair and passed off nicely with the dance.

Zeta Beta deserves great praise for the success she achieved in conducting the exercises, and we will ever have occasion to remember her many favors to us. More anon.

Fraternally yours, C. P. SMITH.

THE IOTA.

DEAR CRESCENT: I take this opportunity to introduce myself as Iota's S. A. for the ensuing year, hoping that our business relations may prove to be most agreeable.

As the time to issue the next CRESCENT is nearly at hand I will enclose a few lines for publication.

Iota recently received a very pleasant call from Bro. John P. Finley, '73, who is endeavoring to discover the cause of the fearful tornadoes which swept over the State a few weeks ago. While the brother is seeking the cause, I will venture to suggest that a preventive would meet with hearty approval from our people. Brother Finley received the degree of M. S. from our college during the past year. An absence of nine years has not proved sufficient to abate his zeal as a Delta in the least.

In connection with our other enterprises, we have decided to run a Bank. Allow me to introduce to the fraternity its President, Bro. E. C. Bank.

Iota looks forward with great anticipations to her decennial Reunion, in August. Let her alumni all plan to take a holiday at that time, and come prepared to enjoy a huge time.

Respectfully, L. A. BUELL.

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IOTA BETA

DEAR CRESCENT: Each issue reminds us that the college year is fast approaching its close, and that commencement week will soon come around.

In reviewing the work of our chapter in the noble cause of our common brotherhood, we find that we have not failed to realize predictions made at the beginning of the year.

We think Iota Beta has made more real advancement this year than ever before. The chapter is substantial and solid in its work. This is, to a great extent the result of the establishment of a chapter of *A T Q* at Adrian. Here we would say that we find *A T Q* a good companion for *A T J* at Adrian. There has been none of the bickerings common to fraternities among us. As far as *I B* is concerned we cherish friendly relations with *A T Q*.

Since our last report we have shown the mysteries to three men: Bros. Geo. E. Carlyle, '85, Toronto, Ohio; Harry R. Lowrie, '85, Adrian, Mich., and Ernest Robertson, '85, Watertown, Mich.

Bro. Cowan, of Grafton, W. Va., has grown tired of single life, and has taken a partner. Iota Beta wishes them the utmost success and happiness.

Bro. E. B. Rood visited the Epsilon a short time ago. He reports Deltaism flourishing at Albion.

Our chapter will soon appear in full regalia. This will add very much to the appearance of the chapter.

We are making quite extensive preparations for our banquet. This will be the first one *I B* has enjoyed, and all are anxious to make it a grand success.

Our alumni have nearly all signified their intentions of being present, and, doubtless, we shall have a pleasant time.

Why could the Third Grand Division not have a convention? There is a splendid opportunity here in Michigan—five chapters within a short distance of each other, and the other chapters are not so far away. Let us see what can be done in the matter. Iota Beta is heartily in favor, I think.

With fraternal greetings for all Delts, I am

Yours in *A T J*, A. H. L.

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EPSILON.

ALBION, May 5th, 1882.

Epsilon boys are progressing nicely. During the State Confederation at Albion, we had the pleasure of meeting nine *J*'s, 7 from Hillsdale and 2 from Adrian. We had a big time and the boys went home with more Delta spirit.

Bro. Fiske is now at home visiting, will go west soon.

Bro. M. Cook comes home to-night. We (the Delts and their sisters), will meet him at the depot and have a grand reception in our old society hall.

Bro. Bacon and your humble servant, J. W. D., graduate this term. Wherever we go I can assure you we will remember the old Delta Fraternity.

Allow me to thank Bro. French for a new ballot-box which he has presented to Epsilon.

J. W. DAVIDS, S. A.

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THE ZETA BETA.

IRVINGTON, IND., May 4, 1882.

M. J. Hovis, Meadville, Pa:

I am sorry to announce that neither of our Bro. *J*'s were successful in the Inter-State Contest, although Bro. Craven gained second place. The decision of the judges did not give general satisfaction by any means. It seems to be the general opinion that Bro. Jefferson should have had a better place than the one assigned to him. Gov. Porter invited Jefferson and the Indiana man to take tea with him the next evening as a token of his appreciation of their speeches. Gov.

Porter seemed to think that the first place should have been given to one of them. It is needless to state that the boys accepted and had a good time.

After the contest *J T J*, with their lady friends, betook themselves to the Grand Hotel where a banquet had been spread for them. The proprietor of the hotel had evidently done his best and consequently it was "away up." After an address of welcome by Bro. J. M. Bloss, the assembled company fell to and the way they made the good things disappear was a caution (no reflection on the ladies). After the assault on the edibles, the following toasts were proposed:

"Our Fraternity,"	Response, W. L. McClurg.
"Our Alumni,"	" Prof. J. N. Study.
"The Ladies,"	" E. I. Phillips.
"Student Life,"	" Prof. C. L. Ingersoll.
"Professional Deltas,"	" J. L. McMasters.
"Indiana Deltas,"	" C. P. Smith.

The worthy Toast Master, C. L. McIlroy, then announced that the company would now adjourn to the hall where the remaining hours of the night would be passed in dancing. This pastime was kept up until 4 a. m., when the company adjourned. All expressed themselves having a very enjoyable time. The following Bro's. from abroad were present:

Bro. C. L. Ingersoll, of Purdue University.

Bro's. J. N. Study, Scott, Crow and ladies, of Greencastle, Ind.

Bro's. Smith and Hamilton, of Phi.

Bro's. McClurg, O'Conner and Boyle of Chicago.

Bro's. Krichbaum and Jefferson, of Ohio.

Bro's. Craven and Howard, of Iowa, and Bro. Farley of North Manchester, Ind.

The following Indianapolis Deltas were there:

Bro's. J. M. Bloss, J. L. McMasters, A. Boice, H. B. Fatout, J. B. Curtis, J. H. Oliver, E. A. Clark and lastly Z B in force.

NOTES.

McClurg was there in all his glory.

Mickey Hooley (B. L. McElroy), makes a dignified Toast Master.

Prof. Study can make a good speech.

J. M. Bloss seemed to enjoy it.

C. P. Smith was lively.

All of Zeta Beta's boys had a good time.

"Taffy" Boyle looked natural, likewise O'Conner of "Rich American Blood Fame."

The ladies pronounced it a success.

The Inter-State Association admitted our delegates, consequently the $\Phi \Gamma J$'s and ΣX don't look well.

Bro. Harry Allen has been confined to his bed with typhoid fever. He is improving rapidly and expects to be able to get around in a short time.

Fraternally,
E. I. P.

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

THE LAMBDA.

DEAR CRESCENT: I have just finished reading the last number of our excellent journal, and find it interesting and instructive; but unfortunately it contained no good word from Lambda. A communication was sent in by the chapter correspondent. This term of school opened nicely, and found Lambda booming.

Our boys returned from their vacation full of life and energy, and the chapter already bears evidence of their good work, for at our last meeting another name was added to the Delta roll, and now the boys shake hands with Wallace F. Small, one of the best students of the theological department. There are more to follow soon.

More interest was never shown by the brothers in their chapter work than at present. Each meeting finds every member in his seat.

Arrangements are being made for our annual banquet in June, and we expect to make it a grand success.

It is reported that Bro. John W. Grubb will be professor of mathematics next year, in place of Prof. Standish, who will travel in Europe for his health.

Fraternally, R. D. B.

THE OMEGA.

DEAR CRESCENT: Omega still flourishes, and

it is with no little satisfaction that we feel able to raise our voices above the din of strife, and tell our brothers that at no time has she been as prosperous as now. We are about two more on the way for the new year: have not as yet tickled the ear of a *new-comer* with the mysteries of the "beautiful and true," but our boys have all been industriously at work arranging new seats for the "Round Table." There are about nine of them, good and stout, for they are to hold strong men, who will soon be invited to the feast, and the *profane* will renew their unprofitable strife, while we will retire from the racket and prepare to do the Freshmen the same way when time shall have showed their men. Every one of our men is a gallant knight, and a true warrior who has imbibed that spirit mentioned of old, that "Paweth in the valley, and smelleth the battle afar off."

We do not avail ourselves of the privilege, perhaps, of greeting our brothers through the columns of THE CRESCENT as much as we should, but then it need not be attributed to a lack of interest, for we enjoy very much our communications with sister chapters.

At our last meeting Bro. Wicks gave us a specimen of his originality, by reading an essay on "The Fate of Republics."

With many good wishes for THE CRESCENT, I am fraternally, S.

THE NECROLOGY OF DELTA TAU DELTA.

The following changes are to be noted in the necrological list as published in previous numbers of the CRESCENT.

ADDITIONS:

A. A. Bramer, K, '74, Greenwood, Mich.. July 22nd, 1876, County Surveyor, Dowajiac, Mich.

Albert H. Barnes, Z, '68, Keota, Iowa. Clergyman.

R. B. Marshall. Z, '65, Hopkintown, Iowa. Clergyman.

John Milton Norwood, O, '72, Lyons, Kansas. Physician.

J. R. Wagner, K, '79, Green, Iowa. Journalist.

CORRECTIONS.

Lewis C. Donaldson, A, '76, June 15th, 1877. Civil Engineer, Mississippi River Improvement.

Franklin Garrison, A, '78, June 1st 1879. Student Albany Law School.

NOTICE TO CHAPTERS.

This gives notice that every chapter in arrears is expected to settle immediately all accounts with the extension and catalogue funds. The urgent necessity of this request cannot be too strongly enforced, as several chapters are very much behind in their financial obligations. Please attend to this matter *at once*. The treasurer does not wish to report a long list of back dues to the Convention.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

S. A's. Take Notice:—The next number of the CRESCENT will not be issued before the 1st of July, when most of the colleges will have closed. Every S. A. is therefore requested to forward a list of the subscribers in their chapter with the proper address, in order that the next CRESCENT may reach all. Further notice is given, that where a new address is not sent, the paper will be addressed as usual, and no orders duplicated through neglect of the S. A. giving the proper address.

BUSINESS MANAGER.

WE appeal once more to those who are indebted to the CRESCENT, to pay up without further delay. College closes June 29th, and all accounts *must* be settled before that date. There are several chapters and also many individual subscribers in arrears. *If you intend to pay, do so; if not, please notify us at once.* Expenses are very heavy this year and every dollar is needed.

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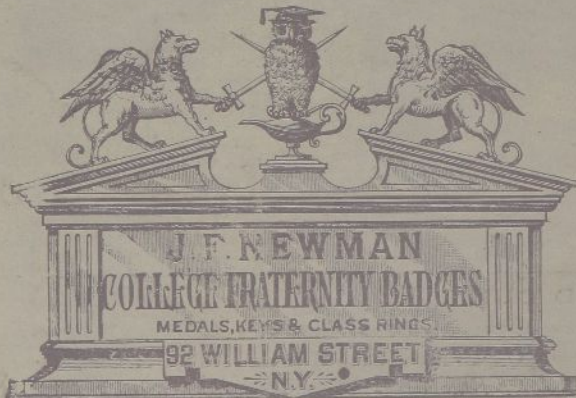
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