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non potest.—CICERO.*



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

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XXIV CONVENTION POEM.

H. W. COLLINGWOOD, IOTA.

Dear brothers: our mother is happy to-night—
Dear old mother Delta. With countenance bright,
Her best purple ribbon tied under her face,
She sits smiling on us, with just the least trace
Of a tear in her eye as she thinks of the past—
The days that have faded, too happy to last—
And back come the trials, the sorrow, the pain,
And into her mind come the struggles again.
She thinks of the babies she comforted then,
But now rubs her glasses, and lo—they are men!
But bravely the old lady smiles through her tears,
And strives to forget all the wearisome years;
And the glistening drops only make her eyes bright
As she smiles on her sons and her daughters to-night,
Her birthday. Dear mother! ah, what can I say?
What gift can we bring her, what offering lay?
How pay her for half of her motherly care?
How fight with old Time for the hue of her hair?
A birthday in youth is a wonderful thing;
How eager we wait it in life's verdant spring;
For life is before us, our hopes and dreams high—
'Tis a mixture of Christmas and Fourth of July.
But when we grow older we find that the day
Has dropped all its fun as the years sped away;
The day is a mirror, our faces we scan,
To see how the wrinkles have chased boyhood's tan.
But now as to-night to our mother we come,
And watch her old face in the dear College home,
We'll think of the future as well as the past—
The lessons she taught us—and then may we cast
Our work at her feet as a present, and then
May she point to her children with pride as true men.

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Where the wild and hoarse Pacific
Rolls its breakers on the beach,
Vainly striving for the ruins
Far above its hungry reach;

When from distant mountains blowing,
Comes the merry upland breeze,
Stealing melody unbidden
From the stately bending trees;

Where the sun sinks o'er the water
In the distance vast and dim,
Years ago a Spanish fortress
By the sea frowned dark and grim.

And beneath its frowning cannon
Lay a sleepy Spanish town,
Where by day the sunshine sparkled,
And by night the fog swept down.

With its gray old walls, the mission
Stood above the waters high,
Where the priest's weird song might mingle
With the sea-bird's wavering cry.

In its dusty court the savage
Kneelt with humble bended knee,
By the sullen cannon conquered,
By the wondrous cross set free.

But the spanish flag no longer
Flaunts the dreamy summer air,
And the mission bell can never
Call the villagers to prayer.

For a heap of hopeless ruins
Lies the mission, fort and town,
With the tangled ivy creeping
Where the cowed priest knelt down.

Though the boundless ocean rages
With the same relentless roar,
All the fort's proud strength has vanished,
All the misson's power is o'er.

Yet above the crumbling ruins,
From the tangled maze of time,
Hangs a sad old Spanish legend,
In its simple faith sublime.

Where the waters curl and sparkle
Hangs the sad old tale above;
Just the simple, mournful story
Of a woman's trust and love.

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O'er the blue and shining water,
By the outward breezes blown,
From beneath the sacred mission
Sailed the Spanish galleon,

Proudly with her white sails gleaming,
Sped she on her sparkling way,
Sailing to the spanish cities
In the southland far away.

And a brave young sailor sadly
Watched a fair hand rise and fall,
Waving him a loving message
From the lonely fortress wall,

Where the stern commander's daughter
Watched with tearful eyes and dim,
As his ship sank in the distance,
For her heart sailed out with him.

For beside the gray old mission
Underneath the starry skies,
He had read the wondrous secret
In the wistful Spanish eyes,

And the old, old tale was spoken,
By the crumbling walls of gray;
On his breast her love-knot fluttered—
In her heart his promise lay.

So she watched him sailing sadly
From the grim old fortress wall,
And a dark and clinging shadow
O'er her young life seemed to fall.
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Day by day the flowers quivered
In the gentle morning breeze,
Day by day the wind went sighing
Through the stately bending trees.

Through the rain and fog and sunshine,
Still the sleepy village lay:
Still below the rolling billows
Dashed themselves to foam away.

Still at eve the frowning cannon
Pealed the dying daylight's knell;
Still the rolling sound was answered
By the tinkling mission bell.

But the stern commander's daughter,
On the ramparts grim and gray,
Vainly waited for the coming
Of the ship that sailed away.

Day by day by wind-swept bastion
Did she watch the distant skies,
While the silent tear-drops gathered
In her wistful, tender eyes.

Day by day her hope grew fainter,
And the fair face paler grew,
And the small mouth curved and quivered
With the agony it knew.

And the long weeks grew to seasons,
And the seasons grew to years,
But no lover home returning
Came to dry her bitter tears.

Yet her trembling lips still faltered,
"He will come from o'er the sea;
From the South his ship will hasten,
Bringing back my heart to me."

But the wailing sea bird only
Came the heaving ocean o'er,
And the cruel breakers mocked her,
Beating on the curving shore,

Then the stern commander watching
As his daughter slowly paced
On the wind-swept bastion daily,
In her eyes the secret traced.

And his proud old heart was softened
At the sad face once so gay,
And he sought to soothe her sorrows
In his roughened, martial way:

"He will never come, my daughter,
You will never see him more;
Some fair face has caught his fancy
On the distant southern shore."

"Dry thy tears, my little daughter,
There are others brave as he;
Here are soldiers brave and loving—
Watch no more the mocking sea."

But in vain the gallant soldier
Bent for her his martial knee;
Vainly wooed the Spanish envoy
From the country o'er the sea.

But the priest oft heard her reason,
Bending o'er the fair young head.
In the whispered words, "I love him,
Be he living, be he dead."
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Years swept by, and time brings changes
To the sleepy Spanish town
Lying 'neath the gloomy fortress
Where the sullen cannon frown.

Still above the earthen ramparts
Floats the banner in the skies,
But the maiden waits no longer
'Neath the flag, with wistful eyes.

For the stern and brave commander
In the grave lies cold and still,
And his daughter waits in silence
In the mission on the hill.

Pale and pinched the face once lovely,
Streaked with white the hair once brown,
Thin and wasted is the figure
Underneath the nun's dark gown.

But the trembling lip still murmurs
"He *will* come from o'er the sea;
From the South his ship will hasten,
Bringing back my heart to me."

And the long black lashes glisten
With the tears that silent start,
While the nun forgets her calling,
In the anguished woman's heart.
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But no lover came to cheer her
'Till at last one fearful day,
When the waves rolled high, a vessel
Sailing came within the bay.

And upon her deck in silence
Stood a gray-haired man apart,
Speeding home a ransomed captive
With the lonely maiden's heart.

Straight towards the hidden ledges
Held the ship her foaming track,
Though the warning fortress cannon
Vainly tried to turn her back.

Where the wild and mighty tempest
 Heaped the cruel rocks with foam—
 Hid the cruel, ragged ledges—
 Down she sank in sight of home.

Then the people from the village
 Thronged the beach, an anxious crowd,
 While the priests sang for the dying
 Solemn dirges, weird and loud.

And the thin and wasted figure
 In the nun's coarse robe of gray,
 Like a fleeting spectre, glided
 From the mission to the bay.

Then the breakers stopped their mocking,
 And the wild storm gentler grew,
 And with soft spray wrapped about him,
 At her feet her dead they threw.

Past the years of weary waiting—
 Past the years of bitter pain—
 In his cold and stiffened fingers,
 Had her heart come back again.

By the ancient mission ruins
 Stands the lonely grass-grown mound,
 Where the sad nun and her lover
 Sleep beneath the welcome ground.

All their life, their trials over;
 But a purer, grander love
 Has their heart's devotion won them
 From the Father's hand above.

Though the ancient ruins crumble
 At the wasting hand of Time;
 Yet their life, their love, their triumph
 Still remains for us sublime.
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Brother Deltas, take the lesson
 In this sad, old tale to-night;
 We have hopes that lie in ruins—
 Faded dreams that once were bright.

Far out on life's throbbing ocean
 We have watched them drift away;
 We have seen them sink forever
 In the distance dim and gray.

Grandest thought and purest purpose
 From our harbor have set sail,
 But we could not speed their coming,
 For our hands were weak and frail.

But as that fair Spanish maiden
 Watched her lover sail away,
 Vowing ever to be faithful,
 So may we be true to-day;

True to all that's grand and noble
 In the hopes that fade from sight;
 True to all that's fair and tender
 In the dreams of youth so bright.

Then above the mouldering ruins
 Of our hopes and dreams long cold,
 Will some tender fancy hover
 Like the dim sad tale of old,

Cheering us as we go seeking
 For the beautiful and true
 Casting out the false and wic'ed,
 Pushing on life's journey through,

'Till we cast aside our burdens—
 Bursting through the prisoning bars—
 Letting in the light of heaven
 From the glory-bearing stars.

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

Our Fraternity by its broad and liberal fundamental principles, its democratic spirit of government and its teachings of an elevated and noble manhood, has deservedly gained a prominent place in the front rank of college fraternities.

That she should not only retain this position, but should constantly fortify and advance it, is the earnest desire of every Delta. How to best accomplish this purpose is a question ever fraught with the deepest interest, and one that should be discussed in all its lights and bearings, in order that the best and most effective *modus operandi* may be found and followed.

Agitation is the sword of progress. If we dearly love our organization we can best show it, not by blindness to its ills, but by kindly counsel as to their remedy. Two things should receive our most earnest attention, internal improvement and external extension. To further the former we must have a larger knowledge of our order; of her history and present workings, and of the institutions wherein her chapters are placed.

I would have at each chapter meeting a class in history of which the most experienced member should be teacher. How many of the scholars, at the first lesson, could give the principle items in the lives of their fraternity and their chapter? Very few, I fear, but it would soon be otherwise.

I would have each S. A. send a catalogue of his college or university to every other S. A. Thus with a very slight individual expenditure of time and money, each chapter would have a collection of data which would enable its members to obtain definite knowledge of every institution where our banner is planted. In the matter of extension we depend altogether too much on our Executive Council. This Council is doing an excellent work, but if every Delta only considered himself a member of it, in spirit, if not in form, the results of that work would be greatly augmented. Often a brother, initiated in one

college completes a course at another, but seldom is this vantage ground improved.

It is true that the work of starting a new chapter is often an arduous task, but the reward, surely, is well worth the labor. Let us then think and work with a zeal that is "of the manor born," and we may be assured that prosperity will bear the purple and gray; that our glorious Crescent will increase in brightness until every nook and corner of college land shall receive her beneficent rays, and that Delta Tau Delta shall be foremost among the Greek phalanxes of modern days.

Very Fraternally,
C. L. EDWARDS.

THE PURDUE CASE.

Much interest has been manifested concerning the legal status of the Greek Letter Fraternities, and to what extent they are under the control of the Faculties and Trustees of the various Colleges wherein they are situated. The latest and perhaps the most important case, in its bearings relative to establishing the legal status of the Greek System, is that known as the Purdue case. The facts are somewhat as follows: In September, 1881, Mr. Hawley, a member of Sigma Chi, having applied for entrance to Purdue University, the Agricultural College of Indiana, was denied admittance for refusing to submit to the following regulation, known as Regulation No. 3:

"3. No student is permitted to join or be connected, as a member or otherwise, with any so-called Greek or other college secret society; and, as a condition of admission to the University or promotion therein, each student is required to give a written pledge that he or she will observe this regulation. A violation of this regulation and pledge forfeits the right of any student to class promotion at the end of the year, and to an honorable dismissal."

S. T. Stallard, guardian of Mr. Hawley, applied to the Circuit Court for a writ of mandate against the Faculty, commanding them to admit Mr. Hawley as a student. A decision adverse to the applicants being given, the case was carried to the Supreme Court of the State, where a de-

cision favorable to Mr. Hawley was given. From this decision we quote:

"Our conclusion is that so much of regulation No. 3, adopted by the Faculty, as may be construed as imposing disabilities on persons already members of the Greek fraternities, and as requires a written pledge as a condition of admission, is both *ultra vires* and palpably unreasonable, and hence inoperative and void, and that the pledge tendered to Hawley was one which the Faculty had no legal right to demand as a condition of his admission."

By the above it will be seen that the Faculty, unless the case be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States, are compelled to admit Mr. Hawley as a student of the University. So far all is well enough. But the Court continues to say:

"It is clearly within the power of the Trustees and of the Faculty when acting presumably or otherwise in their behalf, to absolutely prohibit any connection between the Greek Fraternities and the University. The Trustees have also the undoubted authority to prohibit the attendance of students upon meetings of such Greek Fraternities, or from having any other active connection with such organizations, so long as such students remain under the control of the University, whenever such attendance upon the meetings of, or other active connection with, such fraternities, tends in any material degree to interfere with the proper relations of the students to the University. As to the propriety of such and similar inhibitions and restrictions, the Trustees, aided by the experience of the Faculty, ought and are presumed to be better judges, and as to all such matters, within reasonable limits, the power of the Trustees is plenary and complete."

This decision, while depriving the Faculty of the right of denying a man admission because of previous connection with a Greek Society, just as firmly establishes their control over his movements in regard to these Societies, after his formal entry into the College.

Moreover, it should be borne in mind that this decision, in its effects, is confined to such institutions as are supported by State governments, and in no wise infringes on the rights of Colleges and Universities supported by private endowments. Thus the situation is left in much the same condition as before, and the main question still remains undetermined. But the future will bring a successful solution to this problem, and we have no doubt that all will result eventually in the complete and lasting triumph of the Greek Fraternities.

GREEK WORLD.

ΣX has entered Columbia College, N. Y.

J. W. Newman, Secretary of State of Ohio, is an ΣX .

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has entered the University of Lewisburg, Lewisburg, Pa.

$A T \Omega$ has established a chapter at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.

ΣX has granted a charter for a chapter at Steven's Institute, Hoboken, N. J.

S. S. Hamill, the elocutionist, is claimed by both $\Phi K \Psi$ and $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$.—(*Chi Phi Quarterly*.)

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has established a chapter at Marvin College, Waxahatchie, Texas.

Miss Alma Holman, the newly elected Prof. of Modern Languages, at Asbury University is a $K A \theta$.

$A \Delta \Psi$'s new catalogue shows no less than 93 names of prominent men who were taken into the fraternity after graduation.—(*Chi Phi Quarterly*.)

$A T \Omega$ does not allow honorary members, but each chapter is allowed to initiate "one alien a year at large," who must however be formally initiated into a chapter.

The publication of the $\Phi K \Psi$ *Shield* has been suspended. The matter will be disposed of by their Convention, which meets in February. It is to be hoped that a resurrection may be effected.

The *Beta Theta Pi* tells of a new fraternity with chapters at Columbia, University of Michigan, and Toronto, called Alpha Phi. The badge is a crescent showing the letters of the fraternity mounted on a shield, in black enamel, displaying a skull, bones, book and two stars.

The Biennial Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was in session at Richmond, Va., from the 23rd to the 28th of October last. The literary exercises were held in the State Capitol. Hon. Byron K. Elliott delivered an oration on "King Sham and his Subjects." Prof. W. W. Seals, of Georgia, was poet of the occa-

sion. The next Convention will be held at Nashville, Tenn., in 1884.

The forty-eighth Annual Convention of the Delta Upsilon fraternity was held with the Michigan Chapter, at Ann Arbor, Oct. 25 and 26. Delegates were present from fifteen chapters. A. L. Blair delivered the Convention Oration, subject, "Old Clothes." R. E. Day, of Syracuse, read an excellent poem entitled "Brains." The Convention will be entertained in 1883 by the Marietta Chapter. The Semi-Centennial Celebration will be held at New York two years hence.

The fourteenth biennial Convention ΣX fraternity assembled at the Grand Pacific Hotel, in Chicago, November 8 and 9, about eighty delegates being present. Most of the time was spent in revising and adopting the Constitution. Hon. John M. Hamilton, Ex-Governor of Illinois, was the orator of the occasion. The Poet, Hon. J. J. Piatt, of Cincinnati was not present, having been appointed U. S. Consul to Cork, Ireland. The *Sigma Chi*, the fraternity Journal, was again placed in charge of the Theta Chapter, at Gettysburg, Pa. The next Convention will be held at Cincinnati on the last Thursday of August, 1884.

The 36th Annual Convention of the $\Delta K E$ Fraternity was held with the Upsilon Chapter at Brown University, at Providence, R. I., on the 18th and 19th of October last. The Convention was the largest in the history of the fraternity. Twenty-six Colleges were represented, about seventy delegates being present. The public exercises were held in Low's Grand Opera House, on Thursday evening. The orator was Hon. Andrew J. Jennings '72, Brown, and the poet Rev. James T. Good, '72, Lafayette. Many important measures were discussed with a zeal showing the most lively interest in the workings of the fraternity.

Most of the Dartmouth Greek letter societies have decided to hold their initiations this fall instead of just before commencement, as heretofore. This action has been the means of break-

ing up the two rival freshman societies, Kappa Sigma Epsilon and Delta Kappa. The former was established at the Yale in 1840, and has had several chapters in other colleges, but all are now defunct. The Delta Kappa was established at Yale, like its rival, but five years later. Its southern chapters were broken up by the Rebellion; the Amherst Chapter died in 1870; the Yale Chapter was suppressed by the Faculty in 1879, and now the Dartmouth Chapter gives up the ghost—*Harvard Herald*.

ΔΒΦ is endeavoring to make an entry into Steven's Institute.

ΦΔΘ is considering an application for a chapter from Hillsdale.

NECROLOGY.

William Ellsworth Wiley, Mu '84, son of Bishop I. W. Wiley, was born in Cincinnati, May 24, 1861. On the 15th of September, 1882, while busied in the debris in the cellar of his brother-in-law's oil works, which had burned down the day before, he was almost instantly killed by an explosion of gas. He entered the Ohio Wesleyan University from Hughes' High School in the fall of 1879, joining the class of '83. He was initiated into the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, through Chapter Mu, Oct. 31, 1879.

He was in many respects an ideal frater. He loved his fraternity, and strove to advance its interests with that enthusiasm which he carried into every enterprise. Ever impulsive he was willing to fight our battles for us, even at the expense of personal interest and popularity. His generous spirit knew no bounds; all that he had or expected to have, was at the disposal of his friends. He realized in a remarkable degree the obligations he had taken upon himself; the sacredness of the vows which bound him to the brotherhood. His naturally sympathetic disposition led him to seek that intimate communion which is the foundation of all fraternities. Needing sympathy himself, he was ready to rejoice in his brother's prosperity; to counsel him in prosperity; to aid him in trouble; to weep with him in affliction. At a memorial meeting of Chapter Mu, held September 23d, 1882, the following resolutions were adopted by Chapter Mu.

Whereas; An all wise Providence has removed from the circle of our brotherhood, our dearly loved frater, William Ellsworth Wiley, and

Whereas; By his untimely death, Chapter Mu has sustained an irreparable loss; both because of his noble character and his untiring zeal in promotion of her welfare; therefore

Resolved, That, while we humbly bow before the will of the Omnipotent, we deeply lament his loss; and

Resolved, That in testimony of our love and grief, the chapter hall be draped, the badge be inverted, and mourning to be worn for the period of thirty days.

Resolved, That in this hour of gloom, we extend to the family and friends of the deceased our most earnest sympathies.

Resolved, That a copy of the minutes of this memorial meeting be forwarded to the Reverend Bishop and family, as a last token of our love for his son—our brother.

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WE earnestly exhort our subscribers to pay *at once* their subscriptions. There is no time like the present to square the little debt you owe us and the fraternity.

SEVERAL chapter letters were unavoidably crowded out of the first issue. We hope the chapters so served will pardon us and continue to send their communications.

WE acknowledge receipt of Rho's and Iota's *Chronicles*. They present their usual neat and tasty appearance, and deserve the hearty support of their respective chapters. That they will receive it, is beyond question.

THE editor of the CRESCENT is very desirous of procuring copies of the first and second editions of our fraternity catalogue. Any brother having an extra copy of either would oblige us by sending price asked for such.

THE Convention Minutes, after a long and vexatious delay, have at last been printed and distributed to the fraternity. Brother Best is certainly to be congratulated on having clothed the Minutes of our greatest convention in so beautiful a dress. Any chapter having failed to receive a copy, should report at once to the G. S. A.

WE would esteem it a favor if our readers will draw our attention to such contributions to correct literature by members of the Fraternity which may come under their notice. We shall always be happy to review or otherwise notice the literary efforts of our alumni and thus continue the bibliography of Delta Tau Delta already begun. Our Fraternity, young though it

it, has already made for itself a record in the field of literature, of which it can justly be proud; and now that these efforts are becoming more and more frequent and noticeable, we deem it our duty to record them in some permanent and appropriate manner. No better way suggests itself than the columns of the CRESCENT.

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IN no other direction has the fraternity been so derelict as in its duty to our honored dead. Many of our brethren, who have nobly fought to sustain our interests have passed away, without being remembered even by the poor boon of an obituary in the CRESCENT. Difficulty in completing our Necrological List has been the natural result. Our excellent Catalogue Committee, although laboring under many difficulties, is striving to make the list as perfect as the means at their command will allow. It is our intention to make a complete and radical change in this direction. We desire to make the CRESCENT the receptacle of such information concerning our deceased brothers as will render it an easy matter for any future catalogue committee to prepare their lists by referring to its pages. For this purpose we have prepared a form of necrology, which the G. S. A. will furnish the chapters through the Grand Chapters. Upon the death of a brother, the S. A. of his chapter shall correctly fill all the blanks on the form, and send it to the CRESCENT, with such resolutions as may seem appropriate. The blanks having been filled in a manner satisfactory to the editor, the obituary will be published. By this means we hope to inaugurate a lasting reform in this matter, and also pay a small token of respect to those Deltas, who having fulfilled their mission here, have passed to that bourne whence none return.

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DURING our connection with the fraternity as a member of the Alpha, we have often noticed that some chapters have been exceedingly negligent in matters which we have always considered of vital importance to the general welfare of the fraternity. The blame must be attached to the

chapters, because the S. A., as holding the most important position, has been careless in the performance of his duties. But we think that much of this seeming diffidence is owing to the ignorance of what the S. A. is expected to perform. We call their especial attention to the following duties, which will admit of no negligence and which must be fulfilled in a business-like manner. We are certain that all will recognize their importance: 1. Give prompt attention to all correspondence concerning the fraternity or any part of the fraternity. 2. At the close of each term, accurately make out the term report and forward same to Alpha. 3. Upon an initiation fill out an enrollment form, or upon a death, a necrological form, and forward same to Alpha through the proper channel. 4. Write, as often as possible, chapter communications for the CRESCENT.

Different chapters may entail upon their S. As other duties of which we are not cognizant, but we ask the closest attention to the above, in order that the Alpha may know the condition of each chapter, and be enabled to give to the fraternity that care consistent with good and wise government.

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WITH the ensuing number we will commence the publication of a list of all men initiated into the fraternity. With this object in view we desire the S. As. to fill out the necessary enrollment forms and forward same to the Grand Secretary. The blanks have been furnished the chapters through the Grand Chapters. The attention of the S. A. of the Chapter is called to the necessity of correctly giving *all* the points of information required by the blank, as upon these, to a great extent, will depend the reliability of our future catalogues.

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THE current number of the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, suggests a convention of the editors of the fraternity journals. To this scheme we give our hearty endorsement. Much good would undoubtedly proceed from such a meeting, and the prospects for seeing that much wished for object, The Pan Hellenic Council, would be doubly great.

THE following communication from the secretary of the Catalogue Committee will probably satisfy the many eager inquiries we have been receiving lately:

HOBOKEN, NOV. 15, 1882.

DEAR SIR:—

In reply to numerous inquiries concerning the new catalogue, the Catalogue Committee has directed me to announce that corrections and additions to the chapter lists will be received up to December 21st. The catalogue will go to print as soon after that as possible.

We will send you next month for publication in the CRESCENT, a list of all alumni of $\Delta T \Delta$, whom we have been unable to trace, in the faint hope that some of the subscribers to the CRESCENT can put us on the right track.

We would call attention to the notice of the Catalogue Committee published in the October number of the *Rho Chronicle*, (copies of which have been sent to all the chapters) and would earnestly request that the demands made therein be complied with as soon as possible.

All further inquiries and communications to be addressed to

Lock Box, 236,
Hoboken, N. J.

H. T. BRUCK,
Secretary.

The minds of thoughtful fraternity men are being agitated by that problem most vexatious, and difficult of solution—the Prep. Question. The distinctively Eastern fraternities are fortunately free from embarrassment on this point, their chapters usually being situated in colleges having no preparatory schools in immediate connection. But to those fraternities having chapters in several sections of the country, this question is one of the greatest importance. A man of impartial mind, unbiased judgment and a fair knowledge of fraternities, cannot fail to see that the initiation of preps. has a direct tendency to lower the tone and dignity of his fraternity. But the evil stops not here. One fraternity injured, the whole system suffers in the same proportion, and is subjected to the ridicule and adverse criticism of its opponents.

Many able thinkers and skillful organizers are bending their energies and powers to the discovery of some happy mode with which the different fraternities may be satisfied, the honor of the Greek system be preserved, and its standing and dignity be exalted to a higher plane. But at the very threshold of their endeavors, perplexing and seemingly insurmountable complications are met. One chapter says, it cannot exist without preps.; another, that its existence would be precarious if the initiation of such was forbidden; still another, that their best workers were initiated when preps., etc. These are but a few of the many difficulties which embarrass the free action of those who desire to see the right of initiating sub-Freshmen entirely abolished. It is only too evident that a successful solution of the problem will require the highest skill and the nicest discrimination of those engaged in the work.

Delta Tau Delta has not been free from trouble in this regard. Several times has the attention of the fraternity been called to the reckless manner in which several of our chapters were availing themselves of this privilege. It has long been thought by the more conservative members of the fraternity that this right should in some degree be curtailed. As a result the following ENACTMENT was passed by the last convention:

"It shall be the sense of this fraternity to initiate none but those in college classes proper in colleges where there are no opposing fraternities established; and where serious opposition exists, none lower than senior preparatory students."

The above was not passed hastily, unadvisedly, and without proper forethought, but after due deliberation and discussion. Its provisions should be distinctly understood: No chapter can initiate students lower than the senior preparatory; in colleges where there is little or no opposition this right of initiating senior preps, even, is *entirely withdrawn*, and their initiates must be confined to the four college classes proper.

We have heard on reliable authority that three, perhaps more, of our chapters have initiated

members of the second preparatory, and in one instance, of the first preparatory class. Such action has been taken in ignorance of, or in direct opposition to the spirit of the above act. It places such chapters in an attitude of undisputable disobedience to the highest tribunal of the fraternity—the Annual Convention. The actions of that honorable body are always taken for the general good of the fraternity, and no chapter should dare to presume that its wisdom and sagacity are in any wise superior to that of the Convention. That which may assist one chapter, may work an irreparable injury to the fraternity. When any chapter assumes a position of hostility to any of the decrees of Convention, such action is taken at the risk of incurring the displeasure of that body. It is probable that these members were initiated through ignorance, or a misunderstanding of the above law. Let us hope so. But ignorance in the future cannot excuse any violation of it, and such violence will be done at an imminent risk. We hope that there will be no further occasion for speaking on this subject.

DELTA TAU DELTA IN LITERATURE.

Devoted to Reviews and Notices of the Works of Members of Delta Tau Delta.

REPORT ON THE CHARACTER OF SIX HUNDRED TORNADOES. By John P. Finley (Iota '73), Sergeant Signal Corps, U. S. A., Washington; Government Printing Office, 1882, 4 to., 19 pp.

In this report, which is known as No. VII. of the *Professional Papers of the Signal Service*, Sergeant Finley, who is rapidly becoming a recognized authority on the subject of hurricanes and tornadoes, has compiled with great care in the form of comprehensive tables, all the observed physical phenomena attending some six hundred tornadoes which have swept over this country during the present century, and more particularly during the past decade, when the subject first received the special attention of the Signal Bureau.

From this table certain conclusions as to the laws governing the occurrence and character of these tornadoes have been deduced; this being the first systematic effort in this direction of meteorological research, the

results may be considered as of great importance, and they will, no doubt, attract the attention they so justly deserve. A number of interesting maps, showing at a glance the geographical distribution of these tornadoes, accompany the report. A number of instructions for the proper observance of tornado phenomena are appended and are designed to facilitate the intelligent co-operation, with the Signal Service Bureau, of volunteer observers throughout the districts subject to visits from Tornadoes.

HER TOUR: A POEM. By Will Carleton (Kappa, 69); *Harper's Monthly Magazine* for November, 1882.

TORNADOES: THEIR SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS AND DAMAGES. By John P. Finley (Iota '73), Sergeant Signal Service U. S. A., Kansas City, Mo.; 1882, 8 vo., 29 pp.

This pamphlet was designed for the purpose of disseminating, in a popular shape, much useful information concerning windstorms of the more violent and dangerous class, and contains some practical directions as to the precautions which must be observed for the protection of life and property. It has therefore been widely distributed by the Signal Bureau.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE. By Prof. Alfred H. Welsh (Eta '77), 2 vols., crown, octavo, 1,100 pages; S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago, 1882.

This is undoubtedly the ablest work on English literature that has come from an American pen, and, as we believe, from any pen. Taine has hitherto been acknowledged as the most philosophical writer on this subject. Welsh is just as philosophical, and his work is more comprehensive, more systematic and more intelligible. Taine leaves a French savor in the mouth, and his style is decidedly "Frenchy." Welsh's style is clear and transparent as crystal; the reader need never be at a loss as to what his meaning is. His statements are direct and pointed, leading to a truth by the shortest and surest path. His style is ornate and elegant, as well as strong and virile; his scholarship is wide and varied, as well as profound and accurate; his book is one that elevates the character at the same time that it informs the understanding.

Each chapter treats of a distinct period, the first head of each being *Politics*. History and thought are interdependent. The mind may direct the course of events, but these events, in time, determine the trend of thought. Recognizing this fact, the author traces the influence of politics upon literature. The second head is *Poetry* and the third is *Prose*.

Prof. Welsh does not hear serve up dishes of trivial gossip about literary men, but gives a judicious statement of the characteristics of the prose and verse of the time. He recounts the work and notes the influence of the better writers. While treating mainly of the literature of culture, he takes a brief survey of religion, philosophy, education, science and society. His brief paragraphs on these topics are fine examples of sound and enlightened judgment, and of terse and concentrated statement. Under the fourth head, *Representative Authors*, there is (1) Biography, (2) Writing, (3) Style, (4) Rank, (5) Character, (6) Influence. In the treatment of these topics, the author shows extensive reading, sound judgment, and a philosophical turn of mind.

We will fortify our humble opinion by that of some of the best authorities. Of the author, the *New York Herald* says:

"His scholarship is ample, his reading wide, his taste good, his selections are judicious, his philosophy is sound, and his style forcible and vivid."

The *Cleveland Sunday Ledger* says:

"The diction of his opening chapters is worthy an Addison or a Macaulay, bold without being ponderous, and brilliant without being superficial. He is lofty, without being stilted; cultured, without being pedantic; pure, without being puritanical; analytical, without being irksome; instructive, without being arbitrary; and interesting without leaving the reader in a haze of dissolving mists."

We most heartily urge the perusal of this work; not simply because Prof. Welsh is a member of our fraternity, but because his work is the best in this department of learning. It is published by the enterprising house of S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago, in two large octavo volumes of over 500 pages each; price \$5.00. It has already been published in England by Trubner & Co.

ALUMNI NEWS.

Charles W. Landes, *B B*, '72, is of the firm of C. W. Landes & Co., Druggists, of Greencastle, Indiana.

Frank A. Estep, old *I*, '64, is the Agent for the Allegheny Valley and the Buffalo, Pittsburgh and W. R. R., at Oil City, Pa.

Irwin A. Detchon, old *T*, '73, is a practising Physician, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Boston H. Grayson, *B B*, '70, is a prominent Physician of Huntingdon, Ind.

Walter E. Knibloe, old *I*, '76, is Superintendent of the Public Schools of Girard, Ill.

Will. Carleton, *K*, '69, was the poet of the Annual Convention of the American Press Association recently held at Jamestown, N. Y.

John M. Wallis, *P*, '76, is Superintendent of Shops of the Northern Central R. R. at Baltimore, Md.

Madison R. Calvert, *II*, '82, Assistant Paymaster, U. S. N., was detached from the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, at Washington, on May 31st, and was ordered to the practice steamer "Mayflower" on the first of June.

James A. Scott, *B B*, '80, is joint proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel, Greencastle, Indiana.

William H. McGary, old *I*, '69, is a lawyer, practising in Pittsburgh, Pa. He resides at Glenfield Borough, Allegheny, Pa.

Hiram P. Hugus, old *A*, '62, one of our pioneers, is a highly respected and successful physician at Ravenna, O. He is Secretary of the Portage County Medical Society, member of the Ohio State Medical Society, and Surgeon to the Cleveland and Pittsburgh R. R. at Ravenna.

W. L. Adams, *E*, '81 is running a sheep ranch at Colorado City, Texas.

C. H. Dowler, *E*, is teaching at Wheeling, W. Va.

That John Adams, *A*, '81, is prospering is evidenced by the following, clipped from the Birmingham, Iowa, *Enterprise*:

"J. E. Adams, our fellow townsman, has been doing some splendid work for the Republican party, the past few days, by speaking in several of the townships of this county. Every where that he has spoken he has been greeted by large audiences. * * * * * Mr. Adams is a fluent talker and one that can hold his audience spell-bound until the close. His speeches are masterly and convincing arguments, backed up by facts, and at his meetings the citizens are well pleased, and he creates an enthusiasm where no other speaker can."

C. E. Richmond, *A*, '82 is studying law in his father's office at Meadville, Pa. "Chip" was promoted to the rank of Major on Gen. Hartranft's staff last summer, and carries his new dignity like a true soldier.

C. M. Blair and E. P. Cullum, both *A*, '82, are

engaged in the arduous task of editing "The Morning News"—an enterprising daily of Meadville, Pa.

D. A. Gill, *A*, '81, is engaged in the hardware business at Meadville, Pa.

C. M. Snyder, *A*, '82, is in Florida, overseeing his father's plantations.

F. S. Chryst, *A*, '80, has entered into a partnership with A. P. Grout, of Syracuse, Neb. The new firm will be known as Grout & Chryst, Attorneys.

Reuben C. Dennington, *B B*, '73, is practicing his profession, that of a physician, at Crawfordsville, Ind.

George A. Gilbert, *B B*, '79, is special agent for Illinois and Iowa, of the Travellers' Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn.

Oscar B. Gibson, *B B*, '80, is a member of the law firm of Sawyers & Gibson, Newport, Indiana.

William Kent, *P*, '76, of Pittsburgh, has just returned from a trip to Europe, undertaken with a view of improving his health.

Allen A. Swartz, *B B*, '82, is a merchant in Greencastle, Ind.

Dudley H. Jackson, *B B*, '82, is at present reading law in Brazil, Ind.

Albert W. Stahl, *P*, '76, Cadet Engineer, U. S. N. is about to return from the Mediterranean station and present himself for examination for promotion.

William Cairns, *B B*, '78, is an Attorney at Bloomfield, Ind.

J. William Littell, *P*, '78, was one of the managers of the farewell Hop at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, given by the class of '83 to the graduating class of '82, on June 9th. He was also one of the managers of the series of summer Hops given during July and August by the corps of Cadets at camp Garfield.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

Bro. Charles McKean is attending Eastman's Business College. Charlie has our best wishes for a prosperous business career.

Bro. Elmer Rice, while passing through on his way to Cleveland, stopped off with us for a few days.

Permit us to introduce to the fraternity our latest in "Royal Purple and Silvey Grey," Bros. James Henry Thompson ('86) and James Miller McCready ('83), both first class men.

Last vacation, Bro. Harry Flood and Miss Mabel Douglass, of this city, were united in the bonds of matrimony. Although a little late, we extend our hearty congratulations.

And on the first day of the week the Philistines came unto the habitation of the Blair's and they did much damage thereto, even unto the beds, and "Portage," and "the Editor" waxed exceedingly wroth, for they knew not where to lay themselves down to sleep.

Bro. Frank Koester is studying law in his brother's office at Bradford, Pa. Koes' ruddy countenance is much missed at Allegheny.

Burt and the two Jims managed to catch on in the oil market at a very opportune time and consequently rejoiceth exceedingly. Would that the same could be said of all the boys.

Recently, Alpha added to her by-laws an act requiring her actives to subscribe for the CRESCENT. We much regret that the last convention did not pass an act similarly effecting the entire fraternity, for although a majority already take the journal, yet the heavy expenditures for improvement render it imperative that the subscription list be increased. However, the desired result may in a great measure be obtained by each chapter following our example. D. M.

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Since our last letter was written we have had the pleasure of his instilling the Delta Tau Delta principles into the following candidates: Howard P. Wanner, '84, Reading, Pa.; N. J. Blackwood, '86, Lancaster, Pa.; J. H. Gerhart, '86, Lancaster, Pa.

We have had the pleasure of knowing that they were solicited by every fraternity here, before we "bid" them to join our ranks.

Again is the old story repeated, we have taken the cream, and left the remainder to be initiated by the other fraternities.

At the beginning of this term we resolved to make every exertion possible to secure a club room. Heretofore, we met in the Odd Fellow's Hall, a place that was in every respect desirable for chapter meetings, but not a room which we could call a home or a club room.

Now, after much exertion we have secured a room in the central part of the city, and are now fitting it up in "good old style."

A few weeks ago, D. W. Mickley, '84, left us to accept a situation in New York. We were sorry to part with "Mick," as he always proved himself to be a "good boy."

We now number nine, and ere long we will make it an even number. Our object is to limit our number and touch nothing but the best material, thus always giving us power here.

 Upsilon—RENSSALAER.

That Upsilon has not been represented in the CRESCENT for some time, is evident to all who have received the last two or three numbers. Our negligence was forcibly impressed upon our mind on turning to chapter "Communications," when the October number reached us, and we resolved, if possible, to appear in the next issue, or at least make the attempt.

Upsilon entered upon the new year with six men, having lost four, Bros. A. E. and E. A. Deal, Masses and Rosenberg, by graduation, and

one, Bro. McPherson, who left without completing the course.

Of our graduates, Bro. Ruple, '81, is assistant engineer on improvement of the Mississippi River, with his headquarters at Mayersville, Miss.

Bros. A. E. and E. A. Deal, '82, our twins, are at their home in Green Island, N. Y. They expect soon to enter upon their profession.

Bro. Masses, '82, returned to his home in Cuba as soon as he grasped his sheepskin.

Bro. Rosenberg, '82, accepted a position as engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, immediately after his graduation. He is now stationed at Blairsville, Pa.

Bro. McPherson, '84, has accepted a position at Reading, Pa.

Bro. Fred Martinez made us a flying visit on September 30th, when on his way to New York. Bro. M. makes the third Delta who has favored us with a call since the foundation of the chapter.

Although our number is not large, sickness has found its way into our midst. Bro. Ranney, '85, had an attack of fever, and was compelled to return to his home in Mohawk, N. Y. It will be sometime before he will be able to resume his duties at the Institute.

Before leaving Bro. R. resigned his position of S. A. and Bro. Spearman, whose address is "1 Clinton Place, Troy, N. Y.," was elected to fill vacancy.

We have been trying for sometime to obtain No 1, Vol. II., of the CRESCENT, to complete our file. Any person sending the said copy to Hugo Weber, 59 Fourth street, Troy, N. Y., will receive one dollar by return mail.

Yours,

F. S.

 RHO—STEVENS.

Rho has a well established reputation at Stevens for deviating from the usual course of college fraternities, in not "rushing" men during the early part of their first year, and only in exceptional cases, i. e. when men have been known by mem-

bers of the chapter for a considerable time before entering college, have they been received during the first or second terms or before they have had time to fully establish their character. Hence the majority of our initiates are men of upper classes, and we have to report the initiation of but one new man, Bro. W. L. Lyall, '84. Before, however, the appearance of the CRESCENT in print, we shall probably have initiated two more men, one freshman and one sophomore.

This policy of giving each candidate a simple invitation, and letting the very evident merits of the fraternity do the rest, has been found to be most successful in securing us stronger and thinking men and better workers.

One feature of fraternity life at the Stevens' Institute lies in the fact of the hearty encouragement of the faculty. And Prof. and Mrs. Leeds have recently instituted fraternity receptions in addition to their class receptions. The Deltas were invited for the fifteenth and spent a very delightful evening.

One more member of the Sigma Chi fraternity has entered the freshmen class and as there are now four members in college the probability of their establishing a chapter seems to be much increased.

F.

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

ZETA—WESTERN RESERVE.

The old CRESCENT in her new and pretty dress received a hearty welcome from the "Crescent Knights" of Adelbert. Long may she wave. We have no more pleasant visitor.

Fraternity matters are very quiet here just now. The time of "good feeling" is upon us. The time when all the eligible men have been taken, and there is nobody to fight about; when fraternity men slap one another on the back and speak of the "good feeling" that exist and form ΠK and TKA societies in token of the great esteem in which they hold their rivals. This delightful state of affairs will continue until some eligible new-comer shall set the ball to rolling again.

It may not be amiss to state that in regard to the number of students Adelbert is far behind some of the colleges in which we have chapters. There are only eighty in all, including four young ladies. About a dozen new students came at the beginning of this year, some of whom were eligible, and some already pledged: so that our chances for effective work were exceedingly limited. We hope for a boom at the beginning of next year. Give us the hundred or more new students that some of our chapters report, and we will try very hard to increase the Delta force here from five to twenty. The chapter of ΔY here numbers fourteen: $AA\Phi$ and ΔKE about a dozen each: and $B\Theta II$ eight.

Brother Waite has made a very pretty and unique design for a chapter cut for our annual "The Reserve," which will appear at the close of this term. We think it will compare favorably with that of any other fraternity in college. We are also preparing a list of "fraters in urbe" for publication, and the work of looking up the Deltas in Cleveland is a very pleasant one. We fixed about twenty who have fought under the purple and gray.

Fraternal letters have come to us this month from Brothers Eversole, of Wooster, Martinez, of New York, and Ritezel, of Warren, and also from some of our sister chapters. Brother Bourne our old friend at Eta remembers us in a good letter too. We need not say such letters are always welcome.

Brother L. P. Hole, of Sigma paid us a short visit last week. "Lew" is a western man now, but a Delta still. Let all Deltas, who happen to be passing through Cleveland, follow his example in calling on us. Zeta's latch-string always hangs on the outside for the boys of Delta Tau.

Fraternally yours,

J. W. McLANE.

MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

The Ohio Wesleyan University is the center of fraternity interests in Ohio. Seven fraternities are represented here. From the simple fact that

in a college with seven hundred students and seven fraternity chapters there are but seventy-six fraternity men, it can be readily seen that the chapters here are choice in their selection of members and have the best of material from which to choose.

As a necessary consequence, each of the chapters with which we come in contact seems to hold a commanding influence in the State. The Chi Chapter of the Chi Phi holds no official position but is recognized everywhere as composed of strong and able men. The Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi was formerly one of the foremost in the fraternity and is now endeavoring with considerable success to regain its former position. From the Eta Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta the chief executive officer of the last two State conventions has been chosen. The Ohio Alpha of Phi Kappa Psi occupies an adjoining hall in the building where our Mu holds forth. The Theta Deuteron Chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta has the publication and management of the fraternity journal, the "Phi Gamma Delta," in her charge. The Alpha and executive head of Sigma Chi has been at Delaware for several years. With such rivals Delta Tau is worthy to cope. From such rivals when rushing them, we have taken our members whenever we saw fit to add to our number. The last rescued from the host of barbarians and from rival rushers, we will now introduce to the general fraternity. On one Saturday night in October, Chapter Mu after making the night hideous with much tribulation and groaning, was fairly delivered of a new born Delt. To his family name, Emory B. Lease, Wilmington, Ohio, we added the surname, a Delta Tau of Chapter Mu. To show that our baby already knows how to make use of his lungs, bring out your cornet and flute, Emory, and play us a couple of tunes. With this flourish of music Chapter Mu will for this month subside; but we may be allowed to gently hint before the curtain falls, that these triumphal strains, like those of Orpheus some time ago, will lure some other liv-

ing creature within our secret band before the next CRESCENT comes out. D. A. H.

THETA—BETHANY.

We are sorry that Theta was not represented in last month's CRESCENT. She does not propose to keep her "light under a bushel," but is resolved that each month shall have her speak. The fire on her altar burns high and more fuel has been added to the flame. We began the year's work with the determination of being very particular in regard to selection of new men. It is our pleasure to introduce four men to whom our critical eyes could make no objection—G.W. Smith, Platts City, Mo., J. M. Culhoun, Lockhaven, Penn., D. S. Gay, of Kentucky, Floyd Phillips, Gordonsville, Va. Theta has sustained the loss of one of her most active members, Bro. E. M. Smith, a senior, and a coming "first honor man" after delivering a most eloquent oration before the Meotrophian society, and after doing much fraternity work none other could have done, was taken sick and compelled to return home. Notwithstanding our present loss it is consoling to know that we shall have him with us next year. The gallants of our chapter have good case to sincerely ask the sympathy of their brother.

Our faculty formerly known for their support of this class has surprised us with a rule that all love making (politely called "calls") shall be made between the hours of four and seven (p. m. of course). The experts in the art suffer no particular disadvantage, but amateurs claim that their hopes are seriously curtailed. We are in possession of such data that we are able to name several who are sad on account of "regrets," "owing to previous engagements."

Theta is prepared for a year of good work, and is determined that her star shall shine in Delta's galaxy as brightly as any. We pledge ourselves anew to every interest of the fraternity. We fear no enemy, and shall endeavor to put Theta in possession of that quality of mother's qualities, to be able to spank any of her children.

Very fraternally, F. M. D.

CHI—KENYON.

To Chi, a chapter which leaped forth into the Greek world so fully equipped and apparently able to surmount all obstacles and battle victoriously against all opposition, a chapter which began with such brilliant hopes and flattering prospects; to Chi, under such circumstances, it is rather humiliating to announce so soon that she has only three men left to labor in the cause which brought together so many noble Deltas at Cleveland in August. Yet while we are more than sorry that we have been bereft of so many excellent workers while here, we are glad to know that they are manfully battling against the world and are proving themselves worthy of the badge worn, except one who has, for less than a mess of pottage, sold his birth-right: although we are few we are resolved to "hold the fort" at all odds, and to prove successful in the end as Deltaism is accustomed to do.

If it is not too late to speak of the convention and I think it is not nor will be till we meet again at Indianapolis, I wish to say that the undersigned was there and while I would not wish to say that my being there was a "thing of beauty" it certainly will be "a joy forever." Having been able before to meet but few of "the boys" outside of my own chapter, it was a very great treat to meet such a crowd of boys as a Delta convention brings together. And it was indeed gratifying to me to see the interest of the convention in Chi's success, and the enthusiastic expression of willingness to assist her, and we have only to hope that this feeling may not cease, but the fraternity wherever represented may lend us its aid in whatever way seems best.

But there being but little of us we have but little to write.

DELTA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Delta Beta, although a new chapter, is fast coming to the front among the other fraternities in college. After our organization last year we worked *sub rosa* the remainder of the year in order to escape the oppression of other fraternities.

But we came out at the beginning of the present college year fully determined to "paddle our own canoe," notwithstanding the breakers might rage around us. We expected to meet strong opposition at the hands of the five other fraternities in college, but we have been agreeably surprised so far to find them to be on friendly terms with us. We hope that our friendship for each other may be lasting. At the close of last term we had ten men on our roll in Delta Beta chapter, and we are happy to say that we have the same number of men this year with nine others added to the list, which make in all nineteen men. There is only one other fraternity in college that has more members than ours, and the best of all is that we trust our men are fully alive to the interest of Delta Beta chapter and to the general welfare of *Δ T Δ*.

We are much gratified at the progress which the *Δ T Δ* fraternity has made in Georgia, and hope that before this college year will end, there may be several other chapters established in the South.

We have just received the first copy of the CRESCENT. It is always a welcome messenger for Deltas.

Fraternally,

H. W. DUGGAR.

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

EPSILON—ALBION.

College opened Sept. 21st with a much larger attendance than last year. Everything seems to be indicative of a grand future for Albion College; and consequently for Epsilon Chapter. Among the old students that returned were to be seen ten who bore to full view the Royal Purple and Silver Gray, and whose hearts were filled with the resolve to carry high the standard of Deltaism.

Some time ago we conceived a plan whereby we might entertain the citizens of Albion. Accordingly we wrote Dr. Alabaster of Detroit, who is perhaps the best lecturer in the State, requesting him to give his lecture upon "Michael Angelo." He responded he would. The chapel was granted us by the faculty and they favored

us with their presence. They thus evinced their feelings of regard for us.

As I have said, at our first meeting, there were but ten of us to take our usual "walk-around" in the halls of Epsilon. Notwithstanding the small number, I doubt whether there were ever ten boys bound together with stronger ties of fraternity love. As we listened to the eloquent words of our representative to Cleveland we became more and more alive to the fact that there is a great deal in Deltaism. The meeting was an enthusiastic one. Not much different, however, from those that have followed. Epsilon was never so strong; nor did the boys ever pull together so well. We are striving to as fully realize as possible the true spirit of Deltaism.

Since the beginning of the term we have initiated three new members, who are as enthusiastic as we and whom I am pleased to introduce to the fraternity, Bro's W. C. Graham, senior: G. W. Healy, sophomore, and Charles Kimble, freshman.

Faternally,

W. C. WALKER.

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BETA BETA—ASBURY.

At the beginning of the year we started out with the intention of having the very best men or none. Some of the other fraternities seem not to have adopted such a high standard judging from some of the men [they have taken in. We have carried out our intention for all of our new men are excellent students, fine fellows socially, and already evince the true spirit of Deltaism. Allow me to introduce them to you. Bro's Frank Wimmer, '86 and Will M. Crose, '86, both of this city. Horace S. Norton, '86, Lemont, Illinois, and Chas. F. Neuffer, '86, Wawaka, Ind.

$\Phi \Delta \theta$ has withdrawn from her combination with $\Phi K \Psi$ and $B \theta \Pi$, and entered our combination which now consists of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Delta K E$, ΣX , $\Phi \Delta \theta$, and $\Delta T \Delta$.

Bro. W. H. Crow, '71, of Sioux Falls, D. T., has been visiting the city.

Faternally yours,

OLIVER MATSON,

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

LAMBDA—LOMBARD

The first number of our excellent journal is at hand and has been carefully read. We were at once struck by the greatly improved appearance and we must say the managers are to be congratulated on the taste they have displayed. But while the outside was excellent the contents were even more so. It just made our heart boil with enthusiasm when we read about the convention at Cleveland. How we should have liked to have been there! Delta Tau Delta is marching gradually on to the front and will soon be the leading college fraternity in this great country of ours, although she is one of the youngest of all the college fraternities. "The good, the beautiful and true" will triumph at last.

We began the year with eleven loyal Delts—all determined to do their best "for the cause they hold so dear." We have added one alone to our number, Charles Omar Parker, a man who is "true blue," and a faithful soldier in the grand army of the "Purple and the Gray."

Lambda's sons have regaled themselves with a picnic since school began. Yes, of course, the fair ones were along. Bro. Small, our poet, has immortalized it in verse and if it were not for want of space we would send this poem for publication.

Bro. Edwards has entered Minnesota State University and is working manfully. Charlie was one of Lambda's best members and we regret that he had to leave us. At the bicycle contest at the Minneapolis fair this fall, he took the second prize of \$30. In order to express their appreciation of his victory his Lambda brothers adopted a series of resolutions which shows our appreciation of his effort. We hope that encouraged by this success, he will fight for the consummation of a scheme which interests the whole fraternity.

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