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The XXVI Convention of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity will be held at Watkins' Glen, N. Y., August 20, 21 and 22, 1884. The officers of the Convention are: *President* Rev. Benj. F. Dimmick; *Vice-President*, Wm. W. Cook; *Secretary*, J. W. McLane; *Orator*, Hon. William B. Sutton; *Poet*, John R. Scott; *Historian*, A. P. Trautwein; *Song Writer*, C. M. Snyder.

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*Amicitia nisi inter bonos esse
non potest—CICERO.*



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

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A LEGEND OF THE RHINE.

PHIL. Y. PENDLETON.—THETA.

A castle stands upon the Rhine—

A relique of the olden time,

Covered with the ivy vine,

It crowns a rugged peak sublime,

The castle of Rolandseck.

Great was the Lord who ruled the land,

And strong and mighty was the band

Who ever came at his command,

To heed his nod and beck.

The river holds an island green,

On which a convent's walls are seen

A dismal, dreary home I ween,

For such a young and lovely queen

As it did once contain.

And there the two in silence stand—

The convent with its garden land ;

And, towering high the castle grand

O'erlooks the walled domain.

Sir Roland was born in castle walls,

Was loved and petted by scores of thralls

Who waited in his father's halls.

They heard his crys, obeyed his calls

Until a lad he grew ;

Well skilled in every manly art,

Bold of purpose and strong of heart,

Prompt and ready to take his part,

And yielding but to few.

He loved a maid of high degree,

And none more beautiful than she

Have mortals yet been blest to see,

One worthier him there could not be ;

And thus their love grew strong,

They loved in happiness and peace,

And ne'er a war disturbed their ease,

Save such as lovers wage to tease,

And so the years wore on.

II.

But into the court there came

A monk with stately mien,

Who told of a glory and fame

Such as man had never seen.

A fame to be gained by the brave,

A glory becoming a king,

'Tis a strife for the Savior's grave

Where sabers and bucklers ring.

'Tis a war for the Holy City,

A battle for Zion's hill,

Where the brave shall cope with the mighty,

And the vultures shall get their fill.

'Tis not of nation 'gainst nation,

Nor kingdom 'gainst kingdom hurled ;

'Tis a war of God's creation,

'Tis Europe against the world.

III.

Sir Roland's heart was won by the glorious news he bore,

So he left the walls

Of his father's halls,

Impatient for the war.

And Phoebus' beams descending, flashed on his armor

bright,

And lit up the shades

Of the forest glades,

With a flood of golden light.

While the river rushing below him in the shade of the giant
trees—

In the glowing noon

Reflected his plume,

As it waved in the dancing breeze.
While the horse, as if proud of the mission on which the
master rode,
Step't with the spring
Of a stately king,
As if spurning the grassy road.

IV.

And the maiden watched him leaving, saw him wave his
last farewell,
Heard the ringing of his armor, saw his pennon droop
and swell;
He, with joyful comrades round him, banished sorrow from
his breast;
In the thickest of the battle, madly lulled his grief to
rest.

But a rumor—false, unholy, reached the idol of his life,
That the lord she loved had fallen, killed amid the
thickest strife;

While around him lay the foemen whom in battle he had
slain,

With that hand of mighty prowess which so late had
struck amain.

Many suitors, rich and noble, vainly sought her heart and
hand,

Offered love and endless treasure, proffered castles,
wealth and land;

But their kindness only grieved her, only made her love the
more,

For that bold and noble hero, who had fallen in holy
war.

Worn and wearied by their wooing, by them driven to de-
spair,

She in secret quit her chamber, left her gems and jewels
rare;

Left her father's ancient castle and her mother's tender care
To the convent's walls she hastened—found a peaceful
solace there.

V.

From the field of battle gory
Comes Sir Roland flushed with glory—
From that home of legends hoary
Which furnished themes for minstrel story,
For ballad and for rhyme;

He comes to claim his tender bride,
For this his vessels swiftly glide
Across wide ocean's heaving tide,
In summer's happy time.

Though moslems tremble at his name,
He found his battles fought in vain,
In vain his glories and his fame;
Remembering him as one long slain
She'd sought the convent's peace,

And tho' through constancy to him
She'd fled to cell and cloister dim,

Debarred by vow in prison grim
She could not gain release.

He built that castle o'er the tide,
With ramparts high and turrets wide;
In vain the convent seeks to hide
Among the willows at its side;
His towers o'erlook it all,
And forth he comes with morning's beam
And then at dewy eve is seen,
As if to tempt his lovely queen,
Her pledges to recall.

God at last, of life the giver,
Bade them cross death's unknown river;
Called them home to dwell forever
With the Son who can deliver
From human grief and woes;
But there the castle ever stands,
And there the convent garden lands
Are girded by the river's bands,
Forever as it flows.

SONG.

F. W. PIERPONT.

Tune:—Bonnie Blue Flag.

The Delta banner grandly floats
O'er Adrian's classic walls,
The purple and the silver gray
Are seen in all her halls,
The Crescent and the Golden Key
Fraternally are bound,
And over both the Watchful Eye
In approbation's found.

CHORUS—

Hurrah! Hurrah! Our Chapter e'er will be,
The envy of all others in our loved fraternity.

America's budding manhood
To-day 'neath college walls,
Is fastening on its armor,
To meet the nation's calls.
We are starting on life's voyage
A brave and noble crew,
And the world will see us conquer
Battling for the true.

CHORUS—

Our aims in life all 'twine about
The Delta Brotherhood;
Our purpose is to labor for
The beautiful and good.
We yield obedience only,
We know no other law,
Than to labor for the honor
Of good old Delta Tau.

CHORUS—

Then let us 'round our Delta Queen
The myrtle wreath entwine,

For the principles she honors
 Are Godlike and divine.
 The best years of our college life
 To her we freely give,
 And may kind Heaven prosper her
 And may she ever live.

CHORUS—

THE CRESCENT

The unexpected and rather protracted delay in the appearance of the first number of this year's CRESCENT, and the inconvenience thereby caused throughout the Fraternity, and which soon found expression upon all sides, should, we think, carry with it this very important lesson: that our CRESCENT has now become an absolutely integral part of the machinery, by means of which the affairs of the Fraternity are conducted. To those who will reflect but for a moment, it must at once occasion surprise that Delta Tau Delta should have been able for so many years to do without so important an aid as our journal. Every body who at the beginning of this year was identified with either the management of the Fraternity, of his Chapter, or any of the numerous enterprises in which we are engaged—indeed every Delta who has been in the habit of looking forward to the regular visits of our CRESCENT, either as a source of pleasure or a convenience, is in a position to realize in some measure, the state of affairs throughout the Fraternity several years ago, before the advent of our CRESCENT. It was the absence of just this means of intercommunication which resulted in the loss of the excellent Delta Chapter at the Indiana State University. The correspondence of this Chapter which is preserved in the archives of the Fraternity plainly shows what the cause of its disbandment was, and we can not but sympathize with its members in their apparently vain efforts to glean, by means of an extensive and tedious correspondence, precisely that information which the CRESCENT in its monthly visits presents to us in so readable and comprehensive a manner. The General Secretary of the Fraternity at that time, seems to have been overwhelmed with similar cor-

respondence from other Chapters, and as a matter of course, was unable to promptly do justice to their requests. It is surprising, indeed, that the losses at this period were not more serious than we have indicated, although it would seem probable that the loss of several other Chapters might be traced to the lamentable ignorance as to the general status of the Fraternity, and the consequent apathy which, at that time, so strongly manifested itself on all sides.

No amount of correspondence, however systematically and faithfully conducted, can begin to supply the place of the CRESCENT, and Delta Tau Delta can prize herself fortunate indeed that no longer period than 18 years was allowed to elapse before the CRESCENT was presented to the Fraternity. Minerva-like, and complete in most details. Other Fraternities allowed 30 and 40 years to pass by before they realized the necessity of entering the journalistic field, and we see to-day some of the oldest, most conservative and influential Greek-letter Fraternities preparing to follow the example of their younger and more progressive rivals. The day is doubtless not far distant when a handsome and ably edited journal will form quite as essential a part in the organization of any well regulated Fraternity as the catalogue itself. These journals have done more to break down the barriers of intense secrecy and silly humbug with which Fraternities in former years, saw fit to surround themselves, than all other influences combined. They have placed the Fraternity system in the proper light in the college community and have wrought changes which surprise the older members who vividly recall the trials of the early days of Fraternities. In short, the Fraternity press has shown itself to be, quite as much as can be expected, the same potent factor in moulding public opinion, correcting evils and encouraging progress, as the press in all its other applications. And how stands the CRESCENT, in which we all are so deeply concerned, in this progressive movement? For many years it has held a most prominent place among the Fraternity journals, and has won for itself much

pleasing praise from its contemporaries who can not but admire and approve of the non-aggressive yet manly policy always characteristic of the CRESCENT, and which it has so long and consistently pursued. It has been the good fortune of the writer to examine at various times, almost every Fraternity journal of the day, and to note their gradual development; and while the CRESCENT can not, perhaps, compare in point of elegance and finish, with some of the quarterly or bi-monthly publications of other Fraternities, it is certainly more replete with news of current interest in its monthly visits, and a better exponent of a thoroughly live Fraternity. Of course its monthly competitors have certain individual merits which the CRESCENT does not possess. Indeed there is much to be commended in them all; but we can not hope at this day to be able to combine so many excellent features in one journal.

The Fraternity, then, evidently can not at this date, do without the CRESCENT; on that point all who have taken the trouble to trace the unusually rapid and judicious growth of our Fraternally, both in its external relations and, more especially, in its internal affairs, since the advent of our journal, must be thoroughly agreed. While it is true that the CRESCENT has had a more general support from its readers than most other journals of its class, it is not possible to give it too much aid; and, we are assured, that it is only a lack of larger means which has heretofore prevented our friends of the Alpha from introducing numerous good features for some time under contemplation, which would not fail to render our CRESCENT more readable and interesting, more elegant and neat in appearance, than it is to-day.

During the present year, the CRESCENT has been materially enlarged, and in thus promptly meeting the rapidly growing wants of Delta Tau Delta, it certainly deserves a larger support than it has heretofore had. It is not fair, of course, to expect too much of the Fraternity journal; it will never be able to compete in magnitude, general excellence of *all* its contributaries and elegance of appearance, with the great popular

magazines of the day; but Delta Tau Delta *must* have a journal to represent her interests, maintain her in her entirety, and be fairly readable for the average alumnus. We are sure that there is sufficient talent and ability within our Fraternity—and our list of active workers is growing every day—to make the CRESCENT all that its readers can justly demand, and it simply remains to extend its influence by extending the circle of its readers, and thus supply the “sinews of war.”

Now, it occurs to the writer, himself an alumnus, that if we will all regard our subscription toward the CRESCENT, in even no other view than that of a slight and indirect tax in aid of this, the most important general enterprise in which our Fraternity is at present engaged, and to which it is quite fair to submit, we would soon see many improvements in our journal, which would make it very much more readable even than it is to-day. It seems to the writer that if we were to make even a slight effort to bring the CRESCENT to the notice of all Deltas with whom we may professionally come into contact, and this can often be done with propriety, and without the slightest inconvenience, we would simply perform a duty which Delta Tau Delta can justly require of her graduate members.

It is needless, perhaps, to say, that every undergraduate of our Chapters should subscribe for and read the CRESCENT; it is difficult to understand how those who neglect this plain and obvious duty, can justly claim to be regarded as useful members of our undergraduate body, upon which the welfare of our Fraternity so largely and directly depends; and it has often occurred to us that it would be well if a legislative enactment, similar to that already adopted by other fraternities could be framed, and thus hold our younger brethren to their duty. True, cases doubtless often occur in which a brother can not really afford to subscribe for the CRESCENT, but we venture to say that no hardship will thus be caused because in every Chapter which is imbued with the proper spirit, some kind and considerate member will be found, who by the silent methods

of all true charity and benevolence, will see that the CRESCENT nevertheless reaches his friend. Is there a better way of manifesting that feeling of kindly interest which should exist and which we know does exist among our younger brethren at College, than by just such quiet thoughtfulness as this?

In this and other ways which will doubtless suggest themselves upon a moment's reflection, every reader of our CRESCENT can quietly and without any inconvenience, do his share of the work, and it is hoped that the managers of our journal will soon witness a realization of their most ardent hopes.

A CONSTANT READER.

A PROBLEM.

This day of progress and prosperity in the Greek World presents one question, which, above all others, is of vital interest to us all. A question which we have, to a certain extent avoided in the past, on account of its consequences. We might state the problem thus: Is it possible to preserve the true Fraternal spirit in our Alumni? And in attempting to answer it, we will lay down the consequent results. If it *is*, our ideal Fraternity system is attainable, and is a possibility to which we are fast approaching.

If *not*, our system is a failure—a childish bubble, bright and glorious as it reflects the warm light of college life, but ready to break at the first cold breath of a practical world. We talk of our joyous memories; the bright visions or the careless pleasure of our college days; we promise ourselves never to forget them. We think of ourselves as looking backward through a hazy past, from a possible future and regretting their departure, and yet when all these halloved memories centre round the mystic altar of our love, even then the one step taken and our past is but a dream. Where memory leads us through the pleasant paths of yore, recalls old scenes, and for a moment touches our hearts to warmth, but still a dream from which we never wake with warm, whole-hearted interest in that

past. We do not wish to be understood as saying that this is the *universal* result of graduation, but we *do* say that it is by far the case with the majority of Fraternity Alumni, and under the present system we can see no promise of a change. The *A K E Quarterly* has well stated the case when it says, speaking of an Alumnus:

"The time soon comes when he knows that all whom he knew in the Chapter have left its halls, and that the matters which, while he was present, were of intense, though transitory interest, have long been settled for better or worse; when his belief as to the continuing existence of the Chapter is an assumption rather than a conviction. And it is not strange that ignorance has begotten indifference, and he takes that listless interest in its affairs with which he would inquire what sort of people lived in the old homestead."

Not only do we allow him to thus grow indifferent, but we place an unconscious barrier between us and our graduate brother. He feels as he comes into his Senior year that this is his *last* year in the Fraternity as an *active* member. He feels that he will no longer have a personal interest in his Chapter, for he must sever his active connection with it and join the band of Alumni whom we tacitly acknowledge to be a separate organization from us. This is the first question of our problem, and it answered, the rest must follow as a natural result. It is true that we have Alumni Chapters and Graduate Associations. It is true that we rely upon them for aid and counsel, and most Fraternities place their government at least partially in their care, yet all the past is one long witness of failures.

We have not succeeded in making them a *working* part of the Fraternity. Now, if Alumni Chapters fail to achieve the desired result, and we claim that they have failed, some other plan must be adopted. The question of Fraternity degrees has been discussed heretofore at considerable length, but a final decision has always been avoided, and the great army of graduates which each year leave our Chapter halls, has been allowed to go—bound to us only by ties

of love which each year will grow fainter and fainter until lost amidst the absorbing requirements of life. To-day we must decide whether our Fraternity shall be an organization of college students or a united brotherhood, embracing both graduate and under-graduate men. While we believe that several degrees among under-graduates might be injurious and harmful, yet two degrees, one of under-graduates, the other of graduates, the one a preparation for the other, would undoubtedly be an improvement on the present system. The members of this post-graduate degree I would organize into Chapters, choosing some central geographical point as the home of the Chapter. I would have these Chapters a working part of the Fraternity. This might be done by distributing them among the four divisions now existing, or they might be organized into a fifth division having a Grand Chapter. Let these Chapters carry on their part in the internal work of the Fraternity. Let them have all the privileges of the under-graduate Chapter, except the right of initiation. Let them have a member on the Executive Council and delegates at the General Convention. Let them be Deltas and not Alumni. Can this plan be carried out? Is it practical? These are the only two remaining questions to be answered and our problem is solved.

To the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity I respectfully submit this question, hoping that before another class may be called upon to "sever their connections," they may be assured of a post-graduate degree, in which they may live over again the days of college life, and realize that they are still an important factor in the Grand Brotherhood of Deltas.

THE SIZE OF CHAPTERS.

[Communicated.]

It is difficult to add anything of weight or value to the arguments which were advanced in favor of a limitation of Chapter membership, in the CRESCENT for April, 1881, by so old and experienced a Fraternity man as Prof. Eversole of the

Beta, whose utterances always command attention; and in taking the subject up anew at the present time, it is done merely to express gratification that the seed then sown, has finally, and, it is hoped, firmly taken root in many of the Chapters of our Fraternity. It must be evident to those who have intelligently followed the policy of the Fraternity during the past few years, that the tendency toward smaller Chapters is rapidly gaining ground, and that such a policy will be the best, in the end, which can be pursued. It is only necessary to point to the fact that several of our Chapters have, with signal success, placed and maintained fixed limits in their membership, while in others, it has come to be tacitly understood that the membership shall not exceed from 14 to 16 in the under-graduate body, precisely as Prof. Eversole suggested. A somewhat intimate acquaintance with the methods of our own and other Fraternities, and with the history of most of our Chapters, including those no longer in active existence, enables us to fully and strongly endorse this limit as best calculated to produce a homogeneous, active, and useful Chapter.

It is all the more to be regretted then, in view of the favor with which this idea has met, that several of our Chapters seem to have failed to fully appreciate the meaning of this undercurrent of opinion, and still persist in maintaining a membership of from 20 to 24 or more. We have one Chapter in mind especially, which has sinned in this respect more than once, and which, only quite recently, boasted of having admitted no less than twelve Freshmen. It is needless to say that the Fraternity can not and must not tolerate such wholesale initiations, which must necessarily tend to lower the value of membership in *that* College community, to say the least, and it seems fair to demand a thorough investigation by the general officers of the Fraternity, into the condition of a Chapter which does not display a sense of shame in reporting such an act. We do not of course draw the calibre of the men thus hastily introduced into the Fraternity, and for aught we know they may personally be all that can be desired;

the fault lies not with them, but with the Chapter; but the inference seems fair, that but few of them will remain in active connection with the Chapter a sufficient length of time to enable them to thoroughly appreciate the workings of the Fraternity. This brings us at once to one very essential element in the make-up of a Chapter. When it is here argued that the active membership should not, under average circumstances, exceed sixteen men, or say, four from each class, it is not only to be understood that the membership at any one time, should not exceed this limit, but also that only additions should be made every year which would compensate for the loss of members by graduation and for an occasional withdrawal from college for some good reason. In other words, we should endeavor preferably to select those men who will successfully pursue the full collegiate course, rather than those who enter College with the avowed purpose of remaining but a few terms or a year or two at the best. The proportion of graduates in those of our Chapters which have been in the habit of maintaining a large, active membership, has invariably been quite small; and while, of course, the fact that a man did not complete the full course, does not by any means imply that he can not, and does not, take much interest in the Fraternity, and does not fully appreciate the lessons which it has taught us, it is none the less true, that a large proportion of our best workers are those who have remained in active affiliation with their Chapters during the space of three or four years. Moreover, a graduate in good standing has usually accumulated during his college career, an ardent attachment for his *Alma Mater*, which can not but react beneficially upon his relation to the Chapter, and *vice versa*.

The tendency toward large Chapters should, then, be fought by every possible means, as being contrary to the best interests of the Fraternity, and it would indeed seem proper to impose some constitutional restriction which would at once define a policy which so many of the Chapters have voluntarily adopted. Large Chapters are very

liable to meddle in College politics to a greater extent than is advisable for their own good and that of the College communities in which they exist. In Colleges afflicted with this evil, a small Chapter, it is true, no matter how influential its individual members may be, would find it difficult to be considered a factor in College affairs; but we would rather see all of our Chapters stand aside in these struggles for College honors, after all the emptiest of honors, than to see them attain prominence owing, perhaps, largely to the influence of members. A small Chapter, on the contrary, by no means always implies weakness, and we know of several Chapters in our own and other Fraternities, which wield a vastly greater influence in College affairs, simply on account of the individual merits of their members, than their rivals with memberships fully twice as large.

Finally, while we regard it as a source of gratification that our Chapters are beginning to find it to their advantage to reduce their membership, we do not hesitate to confess that if we were more intimately acquainted with the circumstances surrounding several of our smallest Chapters, we *might* find that in some instances the small membership may not always be the result of choice, but rather of necessity. To those we would say, that the example of the Pi, Tau, Rho and Chi, and others of our Chapters, which at one time labored under circumstances similar to their own, should ever be before them; their experience has abundantly demonstrated that even the smallest Chapters, judiciously conducted, may be made productive of the best of results and furnish, after all, no just cause for alarm.

AN EXPLANATION.

The following letter of explanation from Eta Chapter fully refutes the charges therein mentioned:

In the Cincinnati *Commercial-Gazette*, of Monday, Nov. 19, '83, appeared the following malicious and wholly false article, the origin of which Eta took immediate steps to discover:

"There are well grounded rumors that the Eta Chapter of Delta Tau Delta, located here, under one Hyn (Hyre), a member, have been endeavoring to secure a charter from Delta Kappa Epsilon, but failing in this, they applied to Alpha Delta Phi. It is needless to say that they failed in both directions, and neither 'Dekes' nor 'Alpha Delts' have seen fit to locate here, at least under such circumstances."

Suspicion immediately rested on F. O. Payne, President of Delta Province of Phi Delta Theta, as the only man, who, from his known reputation, would be guilty of so gross a falsehood. The malicious design of the fabrication is evident from the fact that he took especial pains to spread a marked copy of the *Commercial-Gazette* upon our reading room table, and to call attention to the article in question. A committee who waited on Payne gleaned from him the following:

"I am the author of *Commercial-Gazette* note of November 19th. By 'Hyn,' I meant Hyre. I took a copy of the paper to the reading room, and, changing 'Hyn' to Hyre, said: 'This is what I meant.' I got my information concerning your application to Alpha Delta Phi, from J. C. Tomlinson, who had it from Arthur H. Walker, an Alpha Delta Phi. On the other hand, I had my information concerning Delta Kappa Epsilon, from Hal. Hitchcock, who had it from a $\Delta K E$. I published this to take revenge on Hyre."

Now the confession of this person, that the article was published to satisfy a grudge, the malice of his actions, and his general reputation, is enough to condemn the whole thing as a lie at once in the opinion of all fair-minded persons. But let us see what his informers have to say. Mr. Hitchcock tells us in our interview with him: "I never told F. O. Payne or any member of $\Phi \Delta \theta$, that a $\Delta K E$ had informed me that A. E. Hyre, or any member of Eta Chapter of $\Delta T \Delta$, had applied to a $\Delta K E$ for a charter; nor did I tell him I knew they had. I told him positively that I had only a vague idea they had. Payne brought this matter up himself."

Is it necessary, after having convicted this "sweet innocent" of a lie in the first instance, to examine his next reference? In fairness we will do it. Mr. Walker says very concisely, "I never told J. C. Tomlinson, or any other member of $\Phi \Delta \theta$, that the Eta Chapter of $\Delta T \Delta$ had applied to $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ for a charter, or, in fact, to any other Fraternity."

This, then, is the foundation for the "well grounded rumor." Comments are unnecessary at this stage. We need have gone no farther to have proven F. O. Payne, President of Δ Province of $\Phi \Delta \theta$, an unqualified liar, but we went to the end. In answer to a letter of inquiry to John DeWitt Warner, Secretary of $\Delta K E$ Council, we received the following:

NEW YORK, Nov. 24, 1883.

Dear Sir:

Yours dated this inst., just received. Neither A. E. Hyre, nor any member of $\Delta T \Delta$ at Buchtel, so far as I know or believe, has ever applied for a charter. * * * * *

Believe me,

Very Truly, Yours,

JOHN DEWITT WARNER,

Sec'y $\Delta K E$ Council.

We wrote also at the time we wrote $\Delta K E$ to $\Delta \Delta \Phi$, quoting to them the article from the *Commercial-Gazette*, and asking if A. E. Hyre, or any member of Eta, had ever applied to them for a charter. Up to Friday, Nov. 30th, no reply had been received from them. As a last resort we telegraphed them as follows: "It is reported in the Cincinnati *Commercial-Gazette* that the Eta Chapter of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, through A. E. Hyre, has applied to Alpha Delta Phi for a charter. Is this true? Did any member ever apply? Answer immediately at our expense.

A. E. HYRE,

For Eta Chapter.

To this dispatch came the reply:

NEW YORK, Dec. 1, 1883.

A. E. HYRE:—Have no information with which to answer your telegram to Mead. Have written.

H. C. FOLGER, Jr.

Mr. Folger's letter came to-day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1, 1883.

MR. A. E. HYRE, Akron, O.—*Dear Sir:*—Your dispatch of the 30th ult., to Mr. T. L. Mead, was handed me this morning. I have been unable to secure any information about the subject-matter of your telegram from any of our Fraternity men here in the city, and so telegraphed you a few moments ago. Mr. Mead is now in Florida.

Yours, Truly,

H. C. FOLGER, Jr.,

For the STAR and CRESCENT.

To our letter to *A Δ Φ*, through Brother H. W. Plummer, we have never received any reply. We have written Mr. Folger a letter, which we desire him to forward to the Executive Council of *A Δ Φ*, and will give you his earliest reply.

Is it necessary after such a showing as we have given, to pronounce this thing Payne an unmitigated liar? To do so would cause no ripple of surprise here at Buchtel, where his name has become a synonym for *criminal falsifier*. On his own confession he has the reputation of being the "biggest liar in college." The article can do us no possible harm here, where this clambrained slanderer is known, but among those not knowing his character, it is calculated to work us injury and cast a reflection upon the entire Fraternity.

ETA CHAPTER.—DELTA TAU DELTA.

[The above article or explanation we have been forced to condense somewhat, but believe that sufficient has been published to entirely clear away any suspicions that may still remain concerning the malicious libel referred to. Of the author of this slander we have little to say. His reputation is a sufficient advertisement of his qualifications. It is a deplorable misfortune that the man holds a high position in one of our sister Fraternities, for his shameful act must throw a shadow over them. It is also a pity that such men are allowed a place in the Greek Fraternities of our land. They are a disgrace to the Order to which they pretend to belong. Eta can congratulate herself that she has been able so fully to repel these false insinuations, and to brand the author of them as she has.—ED. CRESCENT.]

THE DIVISION CONFERENCE.

We, of the Third Division, are thinking and planning just now for our Division Conference, and hence each Chapter has discussed, and is alive to the needs and importance of such a Convention.

Of the importance and usefulness of the local congress, too much cannot be said. Too many such gatherings cannot be held. If there is one thing above all others that we, as a Fraternity, need to guard against, it is the far too prevalent opinion that our little Chapter circle of Brothers limits our interest in Delta Tau Delta. It seems that there is far too much of this feeling among those Chapters that are not called upon by the Fraternity to do official business, as are the Alpha and the Division Chapters. We are too prone—turtle like—to draw ourselves within our respective shells and think no more of the Delta World around us. Far, far should be such feelings from a Delta's heart. Great are the benefits we receive within our Chapter halls. Greater are those we receive by becoming acquainted with the broad Pan-Fraternal spirit of Deltaism, by thinking, feeling, and doing with and as other Fraters.

How can this end be best attained? By taking the Fraternity organ, and reading every word of it is one means which cannot be overvalued, yet not the only means. There is something in the hearty grasp of a Frater's hand, especially if it be the first meeting, that cannot be acquired from the printed page. The second means, then, is to make the personal acquaintance of as many Deltas as possible. Few Brothers can be met by accident at the greatest. Some means must be provided, then, whereby Fraters may be congregated. The National Convention does this for the few, but only for the few. Many of the Alumni, it is true, seek this annual council, but very few actives. Time, distance, and lack of means forbid a general gathering. Then, too, the National Convention is pre-eminently the place for business, not for sociability. All who attended the last Conven-

tion will testify with one accord to this fact. The Division Conference, then, is the only alternative—this a happy one. The purpose of these local gatherings is solely for the advancement of Fraternal feeling. No action on Fraternity questions can be taken in such congress. The Division Conference is not recognized by the Constitution, hence it has nothing of a legislative character; its only purpose is to strengthen the ties that bind us to each other and our good old Delta Tau. This is purpose enough. Each Chapter should do all in its power to be present *en masse* at such Conventions.

Now comes the question: Ought each Local Convention to be a Division Conference? This is a vital question with us in the Third Division just now. At the Indianapolis Convention the Michigan Chapters were criticised for holding a "Michigan Convention." But it seems to us that such criticism was unjust, because a "Michigan Convention" was not held to separate ourselves from our Indiana brethren. We well knew, since a distance of from three to four hundred miles separated us, that few, very few, from each Chapter would have been present, had the place of meeting been equi-distant from the Michigan and Indiana Chapters; and thus the main object of the Convention would have been defeated.

The most successful Division or Local Conference, call it what you will, is that one where the greatest number of Chapters are represented *en masse*, and hence those Chapters which are most favorably situated, geographically, should hold their Convention together, irrespective of Division limits. Let each knot of Chapters unite in its Local Convention, have its discussion of Fraternity topics, its banquet, and possibly its literary programme; have its minutes published, and advertise far and wide the glorious Fraternal time enjoyed. It is not intended by this that the whole Delta World, outside of these little "knots," be excluded from such Convention—every Delta is welcome, thrice welcome—but that the Conference be held in such a place that all its members can be represented *in toto*, not simply by a delegation. Above all, never hold a Conference in any other than a college town, thus sharing Fraternal hospitality.

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THE Indianapolis Convention was forced to recognize the fact that if we would have Deltaism grow into a fine symmetrical tree, the pruning knife must not be spared. Although no definite action was taken on this subject by that body, we feel confident that the next General Convention will direct the striking of several insignificant institutions from our Chapter roll. Fully realizing the arguments that will be hurled against the advocator of such a measure, we still feel that it is a duty which THE CRESCENT owes to the general Fraternity to present its views upon this question, so vital to our interests, and then offer the use of our columns to any who may either support or condemn our position. First, therefore, we will take for our defense this self-evident proposition: *That anything that tends to injure the present standing, or to retard the wise and politic extension of the Fraternity, should be removed.* We believe this position is unassailable, and will therefore consider it as true, and as a second premise we will present: *That small and insignificant institutions, which have either lost their prestige or never had any, are detrimental to the best interests of our Fraternity.* Now, if we can establish these two premises laid down, the result, that such institutions should be removed, will follow as a matter of course. The first premise being conceded, we have only the second to consider. Are such in-

stitutions detrimental? It seems almost unnecessary to spend time in proving this position. *Every Chapter of a Fraternity must add to or detract from the strength of the Fraternity.* If the Chapter is strong, if the institution is growing and influential, a member of strength has been secured. If the college is weak, debilitated and dying, instead of supporting the Fraternity, it sucks its strength away in vain hopes of once more reviving the withered branch. The college has lost prestige, and the class of students attracted to its halls has fallen far below the standard to which every Delta should attain. The Chapter must either dwindle to one or two men, or forgetful of the duty they owe to the order of which they are but a factor, initiate men who are not worthy the honor which is offered to them. On the other hand, colleges which have no strength, Grammar School Universities and third-rate colleges have long been left in the rear in the rapid march of progress which has marked the last ten years of the Fraternity, and incapable of catching up are content to lie down and be dragged along by their stronger sisters. To all such Chapters there can be only one decree—go! But I hear some one say, “Is there not a duty the Fraternity owes to the Chapter, as well as the Chapter to the Fraternity?” Certainly there is, and we can only account for the mistaken policy of mercy that has been pursued for some years—on this theory. But even this is a forlorn hope. Can the duty owed to *one* Chapter, balance the obligation due to *thirty-three*? Certainly not, and believing that this second premise is proved, we can lay down the result: *That small and insignificant institutions, which have either lost their prestige or never had any, should be removed from our Chapter roll.* Using this conclusion as our first premise in a second couplet, we will take as a second: **SOME OF THE INSTITUTIONS, IN WHICH WE ARE REPRESENTED, HAVE LOST OR NEVER HAD ANY PRESTIGE OR STRENGTH IN THE COLLEGE WORLD.** It will be almost impossible to prove this premise, unless we enter into a discussion of the

several individual Chapters. This we do not feel prepared to do, for lack of authentic information, but to our Fraternity and to the Fraternity World in general, it is a patent fact that such is the case. The persistency with which these colleges, and ones of similar strength, have been withdrawn from by other Fraternities, all prove the truth of this statement. The experience of our Extension Committee is ample proof of the same fact. The action of the last Convention proves that the matter has been passed over too long, and is now vividly before the executive head of the Fraternity. The catalogues that these institutions put forth, varnished as they usually are for public gaze, bear on their title page the word “decay.” The dwindling number of students in attendance, and the reduced number of instructors, all appear upon the witness stand against them.

Therefore, without further comment, we will draw our last conclusion: **SOME INSTITUTIONS, IN WHICH WE ARE REPRESENTED, SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM OUR CHAPTER ROLL.** We have endeavored to present this question in logical form, hoping that by that means we might avoid any undue expression of feeling on the subject. We will allow this article to end in the same general manner in which it has been carried on, believing that the time for individual investigation is not yet. The general proposition is before us. It is with difficulty we refrain from expressions of personal experience upon this subject. Suffice it to say, that for years we have seen our Fraternity impeded at every step; dragged back from every undertaking; doomed to defeat at the moment of success, by the inopportune appearance of some Grammar School University or Academic College. Forbearance has been our policy too long. We must free ourselves from these unhealthy and withered branches, or the decay that has seized upon them will be conveyed to the parent tree. This is a question of vital interest to the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, and we will gladly present a live discussion on the same to the readers of THE CRESCENT.

UPON THE first of January the new Constitution of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, adopted at the Indianapolis Convention, went into effect. Doubtless some confusion will result from this change, until the various Chapter officers have become familiar with the new system, and for their benefit we will make a brief synopsis of the effects of this change. The Executive Council are now the supreme executive head, and have the entire management of the Fraternity, except at such time as the Convention is in session. This Council is composed of nine members. Brother H. T. Bruck, Hoboken, N. J., is President; W. L. McClurg, 117-121 Wabash avenue, Chicago, Ill., is Treasurer; and Wilbur Colvin, Springfield, O., is Secretary; Prof. W. S. Eversole and W. M. Day complete the list of Alumni members. Of the under-graduates—H. W. Plummer, box 144, Meadville, Pa.; J. W. Magruder, box 1233, Delaware, O.; A. G. Pitts, box 583, Ann Arbor, Mich.; and E. L. Edwards, box 732, Galesburg, Ill., have been chosen. The Divisions of the Fraternity will remain as heretofore, except that the Alpha becomes the Grand Chapter of the First Division. This Council is vested with almost the same authority that the Alpha has hitherto exercised, and its President, Secretary and Treasurer, are the general officers of the Fraternity. Without doubt, the several Chapters will readily familiarize themselves with the change, and the internal workings of our Fraternity will continue as in the past. The absence of any dissatisfaction or unpleasant feeling that has attended a change of such importance is very encouraging, and we can confidently predict a just and full period of success to the new Administration.

The new Constitution, printed in one volume with the Convention minutes, under the efficient supervision of Brother H. W. Plummer, of the Alpha, have been distributed to the Fraternity, and will materially assist the Chapters in conforming their internal workings to its requirements; and in this connection we would advocate a more careful and thorough knowledge of our

Constitution, not alone to Chapter officers, but to every member of our Fraternity. The wanton ignorance of its requirements that have come to our notice, not of individual members only, but also of a whole Chapter, can have no excuse whatever. Not long ago one of our Chapters, well informed and intelligent men, *construed* the words of our Constitution to suit their own wishes upon a certain subject. If this was the result of a mistake, it is deplorable. If intentional, it should be investigated. Every member of our Order, who wishes to be a true Delta, should and must know every requirement of our Constitution. He must be perfectly acquainted with the method of every department of this system, whether he is an officer or only an observer of its workings. Many of our Chapters insist on the members being familiar with the Initiatory Service. Then why neglect the Constitution? We would gladly see a reform in this respect.

WE PUBLISH in this issue an article by "A Constant Reader," which we can not recommend too highly to the attention of the Brothers who may read it. It suggests one idea that has, we fear, received but little thought from the Alumni who read our journal. It is this: Too many of us think that we do our whole duty when we send in our name as a subscriber to THE CRESCENT, and never think that we owe a duty to the Delta friends with whom we often come in contact, and to THE CRESCENT in calling their attention to it, and allowing them an opportunity to judge of its merits. We do not ask you to canvass for our journal, but with little or no inconvenience to yourself, you can either place a copy of THE CRESCENT in some Brother's hand, or drop a postal, with his address, to the Business Manager. And in this same connection, we wish to remind our Alumni that THE CRESCENT belongs in part to you, and we wish to make our Alumni department a true source of enjoyment to you. To do this we ask that you send us from time to time word of your place of residence, occupation, or items of interest con-

cerning your undertakings. In such communications please state name of college and year of graduation, addressing all such matters to the Editor.

It is now over two years since a committee was appointed by Convention to compile and publish a Delta Tau Delta song-book, yet the successful completion of this undertaking seems as far off as ever. Fully realizing the difficulties attending such a work, we wish to cast no reflections upon the Chapter (Tau) having this work in hand. We know of at least two occasions upon which appeals were made to the Chapters requesting that some effort be made in this direction, but having heard no more on the subject we presume that these requests were for the most part in vain. Must this plan of a Fraternity song-book be abandoned? Surely we ought to have such a book, even if it contain but half a dozen selections. Quite a number of songs have appeared from time to time in *THE CRESCENT*; can not these be secured? There is without doubt considerable talent in the different Chapters and in our Alumni. Let the Chapter Secretaries make an effort in this direction, and we are sure that this shadowy possibility, that has eluded our committee for two years, can be captured and reduced to a practical reality. H. P. Wanner, 250 N. Duke street, Lancaster, Pa., is, we believe, Chairman of this committee. Write to him.

IN THE November number of *THE CRESCENT* appeared a brief report of the discovery of Alexander C. Earle, of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The success with which the work of gaining information concerning our founders has been attended, is very encouraging—even surprising. The clouds of Civil War had spread themselves so completely over the scene, and shut all avenues of information concerning the birth and early struggles of our Order, that any definite facts concerning the same were well nigh dispaired of. However, in spite of these difficulties, the untiring perseverance of the Brothers having this mat-

ter in charge has met its just reward, and we can now confidently look forward to the time when we shall have full and authentic information concerning the mysterious early days of our Fraternity. So far, three of the original founders have been discovered—Prof. J. L. N. Hunt, of New York City; Rev. William R. Cunningham, of Bates City, Mo.; and Alexander C. Earle, of Arkadelphia, Ark.; and the co-temporaneous history of these three Brothers will make clear any lingering doubts that still exist upon this subject. We hope soon to be able to publish a paper from Brother Earle, which will contain his early reminiscences of the Fraternity, feeling confident that it will be gladly received by all.

FROM AN accumulation of unavoidable circumstances, serious delays have attended the first two issues of *THE CRESCENT*. Finding that our efforts to gain this lost time was vain, we have been forced to consolidate two numbers of our journal into one, and therefore publish this Double Number for December and January.

WE ARE dependent upon our Alumni to quite an extent for the literary department of *THE CRESCENT*. Last month we wrote to quite a number, and unavoidable business requirements prevented their complying with our request. Now, there are many whose addresses we can not secure to write to, but who would gladly contribute something to increase the value of our paper. To any such we can only say we will be glad to hear from them, and to receive any communications they can favor us with.

BROTHER PLUMMER, former Grand Secretary of the Fraternity, has sent copies of the Minutes of Convention and Constitution, to each of the Chapters. He would like very much if the Chapter Secretaries will acknowledge the receipt of the same.

BEFORE ANOTHER number of *THE CRESCENT* shall have been published, two of our Grand Divisions, the First and Second, will have held their annual Division Conference. The great

work of uniting more closely our Chapters, and by acquaintance and fellowship strengthening and developing the love of the individual members, which these Conventions achieve, can not be commended too highly. The workings of these gatherings, if we could analyze them, might be found to contain the first germs from which have sprung many important measures in our Fraternity. And although no executive power is possessed by such a Convention, it is highly proper and desirable that each Chapter should be numerously represented. The Conference of the First Grand Division will be held the latter part of February, in New York City. We are very sorry that we are unable to be more specific in our statement, but up to date we have been unable to learn the particulars, further than stated. Invitations will, however, be issued soon, which will supply all needed information.

The Second Grand Division will be entertained at Akron, Ohio, by the Eta Chapter, situated at Buchtel. The following will be the programme adhered to:

Thursday, February 21, 1884.—Morning session, 10 a. m., to 12; afternoon, 2 to 5 p. m.; evening, 7 to 10 p. m.

Friday.—Morning session, 9 a. m., to 12; afternoon, 2 to 4 p. m.

Many very important questions will be discussed at the Second Division Conference, and it is especially important that all should be present who can possibly attend.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

ALPHA.—ALLEGHENY.

At the opening of this term we find our number reduced to ten, three having left us, not to return again as active members of this Chapter; one, Brother Fulton, delayed by the serious illness of his brother, but we hope soon to have him with us. Brother Bryan has decided to leave college for the remainder of the year, and the absence of "Molly, the Drum Major," is deeply felt by all; Brother McClurg leaves to

pursue a course in scientific engineering, at one of the Eastern colleges; "Mac" has our best wishes. Brother Gibson returned to the Iowa State, depriving us of a good man and a loyal Delta. But this reduction in our number has in no way discouraged us, and while we feel the loss materially, yet the Chapter is strong in spirit and filled with earnest workers in the cause of Delta Tau Delta. The term having so recently opened, there is little of interest in the Fraternity World at Allegheny to chronicle. Of our active members, two Brothers, Guthrie and Plummer, of the Senior class, having completed the course of study required, are devouring the subtle intricacies of the law, at a rate that is truly alarming.

The furnishing of our Chapter rooms is still progressing rapidly. The furniture, which we had made to order, has been placed in the Lodge Room, and we can honestly congratulate ourselves on the elegant Chapter home we now have.

The annual "Choctaw Pow-wow" will occur next month, about the 19th. To any and all of our Brothers we extend a cordial welcome. If you have never had the pleasure of witnessing the Alpha "Choctaw Warriors," in full war paint, do not allow this opportunity to pass by. A full supply of "jerked meats" will be on hand, and the "braves" (?) will sit around the camp fire and recount the scalping expeditions of yore. Invitations, with the definite date, will be sent to all the Chapters. Come and see us. (No squaws.)

Brother Best, of '83, is acting as City Editor of the Meadville Daily and Weekly *Republican*. Brother H. C. Flood is Editor and Business Manager of the same. It would seem that Deltas regulate Meadville journalism. Last year, Brothers Blair and Cullum, both of '82, founded and managed the *Daily News*. Having sold it at the end of the year, realizing a handsome profit from the enterprise, Brother Blair was retained as City Editor, while Brother Cullum embarked into a manufacturing business.

Brother "Gil" Nodine was recently admitted to the bar, and, we understand, contemplates leaving for the far West.

Our Business Manager displayed his usual courage and ability, at the recent burning of the Opera House block, actually taking up a nozzle, deserted by the firemen, and fighting the fire until the last moment. Brother "Chip" Richmond is a heavy loser, having a large interest in the Opera House itself.

Brother Frank Barr was recently called to Franklin by the critical condition of his father.

Brother Ed. Hughes, formerly of Alpha and now of Delta, visited the city a few days, renewing his old acquaintances. He gives a glowing account of our condition at Ann Arbor.

The invitations for the marriage of Brother Will Powers are out. We wish him much happiness.

The college has received an addition in the shape of several thousand dollars, from the estate of a late Trustee.

The Alpha sends her greeting to the new Administration and to the individual Chapters. And to the First Grand Division would say, that she hopes, as Grand Chapter, to hold as pleasant relations with each Chapter as she, as the head of power, held with all the Chapters of the Fraternity.

BETA DELTA. — UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Our Christmas Holidays are just over, and the boys of *B Δ* have returned, very much refreshed by the few days of recreation which we have had, and with renewed energies for the labors of the remainder of our term. Our Secretary chosen at the beginning of this collegiate year, (Brother M. N. McRae), left us a few weeks ago on account of physical infirmities. He will perhaps return to college next fall.

Beta Delta seems to be a little on the progressive. We have recently made some valuable additions to the beauty and comfort of our Chapter Hall.

It affords me no small amount of pleasure to

be able to say that all of our members, who graduated last year, are in honorable and profitable business, making their lives useful already. They are all doing well.

BETA EPSILON.—EMORY.

Since our last we have initiated one into our ranks, making six since the opening of the term in October.

Our plan is to move slowly, but surely. Beta Epsilon is still in her infancy, consequently as yet not very strong numerically, but it is the earnest effort of her little band to build up on a sure foundation, always adhering to right principles.

In order that our Brothers, who are scattered over distant States, may better know what we are doing and what our prospects are, a few words about Emory will not be out of place.

As it was in the case of a great many other institutions, the outlook of Emory College was rather gloomy at the close of the Civil War, and it seemed for several years that it would be a long time before it could recover from the shock of that strife. But by the untiring exertions of our President, Dr. Haygood, and the hearty co-operation of an able corps of Professors, all backed by the liberal contributions of noble hearted men, both North and South, the college is placed on the thresh-hold of an era which promises more than at any time in its past history. Old debts have been paid, several Professorships endowed, and a large building recently erected, besides other improvements. During the last three years, the attendance has been about doubled. The exercises of the present term opened with a larger number in attendance than ever before, composed of men from nine different States, and from China. With such an outlook it is not a surprise that Deltaism be granted and maintain a place here. The *Δ T Δ* was the last of the six Fraternities now existing here to make its appearance.

The *X Φ*, *K Δ* and *Φ Δ Θ*, have had established Chapters here for several years, consequently

they are a little stronger, numerically. The following may not give exactly the strength of each Fraternity here, but it will approximate very closely: The $X \Phi$, fourteen; $K \Lambda$, twenty; and $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$, thirty.

The $A T \Omega$ Fraternity made its appearance in this institution nearly three years ago, and now numbers seventeen.

The $\Sigma A E$ was admitted later, and has about ten representatives.

Beta Epsilon, of $\Lambda T \Lambda$, was established in June, 1882, and has an active membership of fourteen.

We avoid, as far as possible, engaging in college politics, and do not desire to enter into combinations, but that all elections turn on merit. There appears to be, what we are sorry to say, a growing evil in college Fraternities, and that is to suppose that the honor and prosperity of a Fraternity depends upon the number of men they can get elected to fill places of honor, regardless of fitness for office or manner of election. Many seem to forget that an honest defeat is better than a fraudulent victory.

We are proud of our Fraternity organ, **THE CRESCENT**, and we assure you Beta Epsilon will do more for it in the future than she has in the past.

BETA GAMMA.—COLUMBIA.

We beg to be forgiven for not appearing in the November number of **THE CRESCENT**. In the hopes of that forgiveness being granted, we will say that we will in the future endeavor to be represented in every number of our journal.

We now feel that our future is assured at Columbia, as everything points to that success for which we so anxiously sought last year.

We have at present seven men on the *tapis*; three or four of whom we feel sure of initiating by next February.

Brother James Walden Cleland, '85, School of Law, Brooklyn, N. Y., was made a Brother of our Chapter, on December 27th. He promises to make an ardent worker in the good

cause, and already evinces all the enthusiasm of many older Deltas.

On December 7th, we had the pleasure of initiating, into our mysteries, Brother Ernest Carson Hunt, '85, School of Law. Brother Hunt was formerly '85 School of Arts, but was obliged to leave on account of sickness. On his recovery he entered the Law School. We believe that this is the first case where the son of one of our founders has been initiated into our Fraternity, and we therefore congratulate ourselves.

By the New Year we intend to secure suitable rooms and furnish them well. Heretofore we have never occupied one room permanently, and consequently have never made any outlay on decoration of furniture.

There are two old sayings, which seem to us especially fitted to our case. "It never rains, but it pours," applies to us both now and at the beginning of our trials, with this distinction, that then it was a rain of troubles, while now it is apparently an outpouring of blessings. The application of the other saying, "It is a long lane that has no turning," is obvious to all.

The college is very quiet now, and there is no news which would interest the rest of the Fraternity.

Before closing, I would like to say that I am no longer living at 66 East 49th street, N. Y., and desire that all communications be sent to Edward W. Clark, Box 66, Tenafly, N. J.

BETA IOTA.—ADRIAN.

Our last initiate into the mysteries of $\Lambda T \Lambda$ was L. A. Cranston, '87, of Gibson, Ill. He has fallen in love with Fraternity life, and tells us that he never felt at home since he came to college, until he became a member of Beta Iota. It is the first time he ever realized that a stranger could be a friend.

On the anniversaries of the Literary Societies, taking place December 19th and 20th, Brothers Lowrie, Carrier and Cranston were represented, and they did honor to our Chapter.

The three Fraternities at Adrian have decided to issue an annual in the spring, each Chapter being represented by two editors.

A few days ago Brothers Lucas and Rinehart came back to the halls where they first saw the light of Deltaism, and that they are still filled by the same Fraternal friendship as of yore, was evident to all. We enjoyed their visits, as we do those of all who wear the "purple and gray." Brother J. R. Chaplin also made our hearts glad by his presence on the 15th inst.

To the feeling expressed by *J* and *I*, in regard to a Division Conference, Beta Iota gives hearty sanction. If other Divisions can have successful conferences, so can the Third. Its success is only a question of effort. Let us decide upon the place and time and then go to work at once.

Several Chapters have of late shown considerable enterprise in preparing for themselves permanent homes. This is just what Beta Iota needs, and what she intends to have, but as our Chapter is yet young and our Alumni few, we must of necessity proceed slowly. Our hopes are bright, and by earnest work we have every reason to believe that we will be successful.

BETA THETA.—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

On looking over the last number of *THE CRESCENT*, I feel that I have allowed too long a time to elapse since my last letter, but must plead great stress of business, examinations and the like, as my excuse.

The University has closed for the winter vacation, and nearly all the boys have left us within the last fortnight or three weeks.

Your unfortunate correspondent thought he would be gone by this time, but the fates proved unpropitious, so he still finds himself roaming 'round Sewanec, but he hopes to be off very soon now on a Southern trip.

At the close of the term we took in a new "Frater"—Samuel G. Smith, of Heckatoo, Ark.—and have every reason to be proud of him as a "Brother," for he is a good fellow and a smart student.

We hope, when we all meet again next March, to be able to send more liberal support to *THE CRESCENT*. We are doing all that we possibly can do, so you must not expect more than that from us.

Fraternity news is somewhat scarce at Sewanee just now. Perhaps next term we may send up some jottings.

One of our alumni, Brother C. P. Matthews, paid us a short visit before Christmas, and of course we were all delighted to see him well. He is working as a surveyor in Tennessee, and is doing well. He left us for a holiday at his home in Georgia.

Beta Theta sends hearty New Year's greetings, and good wishes for all future prosperity to all her fraters in *J T J*.

DELTA.—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We have to announce the greatest piece of good luck that Delta Chapter has yet met with. By the incessant labors of the active members, and the loyal support of the alumni, we have secured an elegant new house for a Chapter home. It was built for this purpose and is, therefore, especially convenient and well arranged. It is three stories in height; is furnished with gas and a furnace, and contains suites of rooms for 14 or 16 men, beside rooms for a matron and a fine parlor. This last we are now engaged in fitting up. The boys will return from the holiday vacation, January 7th, and will occupy the house at once. The parlor will be ready a few days later. We might have made known our plan to the Fraternity some weeks ago, but preferred to wait until all was settled beyond possibility of failure. We now invite any Delta Tau, who is able to spend half an hour in Ann Arbor, to call at 17 N. State street and inspect our new quarters.

We are now 22 in number. We have initiated our fourth Freshman, Will A. McDonald, Bay City, of whom it is enough to say that he is of the same stuff as the three we have already introduced. The other additions are Brothers

Walter J. and Bruce Millroy, Chapter Φ , of Olympia, W. T.; and Brother Somers, Ω .

Brother Waller, Law '85, has left to take charge of the schools of Dexter, Mich. He will not be too far away to attend our meetings frequently, and will be back next year.

We have had the pleasure of receiving visits from Brothers Hanns, '78, McMillan, '79, and Garvin, '83. Prof. Hanns went from here to Boston, where, on December 12th, he addressed the Unitarian Club at its December meeting. He will be recognized as the founder of *B K* Chapter, University of Colorado.

The new \$100,000 Library building has been dedicated, and we are happy; unreasonably so, perhaps; but the change is so great that we may be pardoned for losing our heads in delight at the beauty and convenience of the new building.

The Third Division Conference is now an assured fact, and it is time for the various Chapters to begin to devise schemes for making it interesting, profitable and well attended. The time and place of holding it are sufficiently well determined, so that all arrangements can be made, though they can not yet be announced.

The table of Chapter lists of CRESCENT subscribers, as published in the last CRESCENT, does us an injustice. It was doubtless true that we had sent but 17 names when the table was put in type, but we had then just commenced working up our list. We have now sent 23, and expect to send more.

Ann Arbor, January 2, 1884.

EPSILON.—ALBION.

Our untiring efforts to accomplish the remodeling and renovation of our hall were crowned at last, on the evening of December 18th, by the dedication to our graces, the true, the beautiful and the good, of what outsiders say is the finest hall of its kind in town. Our improvements in both hall and ante-room have been general. Every square inch in the two rooms, except the window panes, has been covered anew. We have papered walls and ceiling in exquisite pattern, have laid a new Brussels, hung new cur-

tains and chandeliers *et al.* To say that we are proud of our rooms is far from exaggeration.

We were pleased to meet at the dedication the genial countenance of our new college agent, Dr. Smart. It was through the influence of this good friend, with that of Judge Brown, of Port Huron, that the opposition of the college authorities was removed in '77.

After speeches from our W. P., Brother Forey, Dr. Smart and our old frater, H. W. Mosher, spiced with numerous musical selections furnished by the Delta ladies, the Magister Epularum ordered the floors cleared—for the banquet. Friends and fraters alike testify that this was the best banquet Epsilon ever gave, and that the dedication was the most enjoyable event of the season.

The Pleiad, published by the Sophomore class, has just made its *debut*. The editor-in-chief and business manager, as well as one corresponding editor, are Deltas. It is to be hoped that this paper will fill a long-felt need in our college politics.

We are in receipt of the chapter publications of the Rho, Upsilon and Beta Beta, all creditable sheets. We hope to make our first issue at the beginning of the winter term.

Brother C. C. Landon is studying medicine, and Brother E. C. Barton law, at the Michigan University. Δ Chapter will find in them the true spirit.

A new Delta born into the kingdom. Brother R. L. Griffin has been father to a fine young Delta lady about four weeks.

The art department is fast gaining prominence under the active management of Prof. H. A. Mills. $\Delta T \Delta$ may well be proud of this rising artist.

Rev. W. C. Burns, K , pastor of the Paw Paw Baptist Church, made us a flying visit some weeks since.

Brother F. M. Taylor, '81, has taken unto himself a bride in the far off "lands of the Dakotas." Our best wishes, Frank!

We are all much gratified over the improvements in THE CRESCENT. All anxiously await its monthly advent.

ETA.—BUCHTEL.

Notwithstanding the charges made in the Cincinnati *Commercial-Gazette* of recent date, by F. O. Payne, President of the Delta Province of Phi Delta Theta, we still live, and hope we enjoy the confidence of our sister Chapters. The affair was an unfortunate one, and it is to be regretted that men of Payne's character are allowed to remain in the fraternity. Phi Delta Theta is too fine a fraternity to be befouled by any such nastiness as he. Such cases as these, of willfully and maliciously lying about a rival, would make fit subjects for discussion at the Pan-Hellenic Council. Such spirits as these, born as they are of pettyness, can only be overcome by the broadening influence of a general knowledge of and acquaintance with all fraternities. Their objects are essentially one. Their methods are not unlike. Their courtesy should be universal. It seems to us that the fraternities represented in the Pan-Hellenic Council might well adopt some inter-fraternity laws or rules of comity by which we should be governed in our dealings with each other. "Full faith and credit" should be given in each fraternity to the "public acts, records and judicial proceedings of every other" fraternity.

Our new rooms are now finished, and we are making active preparations for furnishing them. We think we shall have a home that we can show without shame when we have finished. We will reserve our description until we have fully taken possession. We will be ready to show off by the 22d of February.

Committees have been appointed to provide all arrangements for our Conference, and will begin their work at the opening of the next term. Nothing will be spared to make this one of the most pleasant of our Division gatherings. We are assured, from the work to be done, that it will be one of the most instructive as well. We sincerely hope that every Chapter in the second will send a delegate. Those outside of the Division need by no means feel debarred from coming. We will find a lodge somewhere in this vast wilderness for you all.

One of the probabilities, in fact we might say one of the sureties of the future, is a Chapter paper at Eta. We have not decided on its name yet, but we have decided that it shall be a living reality among us. Brother S. S. Wilson furnishes us the press, as also the ability to set type. With his efficient aid, we hope to gain a means of keeping alive the interest of our alumni in their old Chapter.

Our Chapter is in a fine condition. Our men rank high in their classes; they stand high socially. There is plenty of chance for "manly growth," but we feel that a finer set of men could not have been picked out at Buchtel, and we are not giving our own words, but the common verdict, when we say this. We have been particularly fortunate so far this year in obtaining our own pick of the new men. We did not gain them without an earnest fight, but we scored a victory each time. Fair, honest dealing is bound to win.

A. E. Hyre spent the holidays among his friends, at his old home in Springfield, Ohio. Alonzo's love for Delta Tan waneth not, the æthetic dude correspondent of the *Commercial-Gazette* to the contrary notwithstanding.

C. S. Bock spent a part of his vacation in the country. The long and winding Charles says he gained over five pounds of solid meat a week while rustivating. Owing, however, to the area over which it was distributed, it made no apparent change in his aspect.

F. S. Grandin spent his holidays looking for "gushers" down in the oil regions of Tidioute.

Frank Samuel is preparing a monograph on "What I know about National banking," or "How I got it onto Prexy."

Will E. Hugill visited with S. S. Wilson, at the latter's home in Willoughby, O. He says "Tug" entertains royally, and that they had a very large time.

J. O. Buchtel and his saxophone visited friends at his home in Ligonier, Ind., during the vacation. "Buch" can wring such dulcet sounds from his saxophone as would make the angels weep. It is a rare instrument, and he is a rare player.

James Ford spent part of his vacation in Milledgeville, Pa. He also visited friends in Southern Ohio.

Will Ford and Hyre had a loud time at Springfield, Ohio, during the holidays.

Carl Thomas regaled himself with the traditional turkey, at the old home, in West Springfield, Pa. "Tommy" says he created a turkey famine in Western Pennsylvania. We believe him.

Smith and Canfield find time now and then to send us a word of good cheer from Tufts, College Hill, Mass.

GAMMA.—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Since our last letter to THE CRESCENT, our number has been increased to eight, by the initiation of two men. We beg leave to present to the Fraternity Brothers I. Newt. Reed, of Allegheny, Pa., and Harry E. Alexander, of St. Clairsville, Ohio. They have the true Delta spirit, and will make earnest workers.

At a late meeting it was decided to procure an addition, or rather ornament to our hall, in the shape of a Chapter photograph album. It is proposed to gather up the photographs of as many of the Alumni as possible, and hereafter of the men who graduate or leave college. This, we think, is a good idea, and will tend to create a greater interest in our Alumni.

Brother J. F. Marchand agreeably surprised us with a few days' visit at the opening of the term, while on his way to the scene of his labors. Jake is engaged as Principal of the Canton (Ohio) High School, where he is well liked and getting along finely. Although out of college two years, the earnest working spirit which characterized him while here has none the less subsided, but is as much interested as ever in the cause of $\Delta T \Delta$.

Fraternities at Washington and Jefferson are working quietly with, at present, not much opposition. $B \theta H$ and $\phi K \Sigma$ confine themselves to small numbers. $\phi K \Psi$ is to have a hall in a new building, in process of erection, adjoining that in which our own is located.

IOTA.—LANSING.

Since my last letter to THE CRESCENT the sons of Iota have parted for the winter. Some are in the North woods, some East, some West, and others yet in the sunny South. While thus separated, our love for each other, the Chapter and Fraternity suffers no diminution, but, if we may judge from letters received, glows now as brightly as in the past. We are now enjoying a winter's rest, and hope to return with new zeal and greater strength with which to labor for the principles of the fraternity.

All our men expect to return in the spring, which will give us a Chapter of sixteen members, four Seniors, seven Juniors, four Sophomores and one Freshman. The Juniors received one addition by the return last fall of Brother Bartmess, formerly of '83, and in the spring Brother C. W. Collingwood, '83, will be back and join it. Through the return of these brothers the number of our men is more than we like; still we are glad to have the boys again with us.

The work of the past term has been good, and every member has seemed to have the best interests of the Chapter at heart. We initiated three men during the term, and have some good men in view for next term.

Before leaving college the next term's work was all laid out, so that we can go right to work on our return. We feel justified in promising a valuable term's work to the fraternity.

LAMBDA.—LOMBARD.

We take pleasure in presenting to the Delta World our last initiate, Brother Jay Welsh.

We should like to call attention to the Fourth Division Conference. It will be held with the Omicron, at Iowa City, in May, and the afternoon of the day following the Inter-State Contest has been decided upon, as the time for convening. We hope for a large attendance, and we know that the Conference can not but be highly beneficial to the Division. Deltas of the West, we expect you there in full force, and we trust that some of our Eastern Fraters, drawn by

the double attraction of the Inter-State Contest and the Conference, may be with us.

The term just closed has been a good one for the West.

Our young Chapters at Colorado and Minnesota State Universities are fully organized, and at work with that enthusiasm which Deltaism inspires. While they are wisely conservative in their method of work, they are at the same time full of pluck and energy, and we may expect a good record for their future.

MU.—OHIO WESLEYAN.

Brother Gilbert Austin, '83, *the* one of the immortal six to whom Mu owes her existence, spent several days among his many friends here, just before the winter vacation. He has had the satisfaction of seeing a steady growth in the Chapter from the date of its foundation, June 23d, '79, up to the present time, when it has reached—if some of our sister Fraternities give a proper estimate of themselves—about the lowest position in the Fraternity scale. But we continue to reckon ourselves a little lower than the angels.

Like all beginnings, ours was accompanied with labor. Two things were needed, a hall and money. There was a dearth of both. Meetings were first held in private rooms, then in the K. of P. Hall, and for four years in our present quarters, or rather quarter.

We have now secured a place worthy of the name hall, which we hope to have furnished by spring, in such a style as will make it pleasant for ourselves and attractive to visitors. Our Alumni are sending in their *tokens* almost without solicitation, for which we return thanks.

Brother M. M. Elliott, '85, will be out of college until spring, teaching school at Bellevue, Ohio.

The Fraternities of the University have elected a corps of seven editors, and will publish a "Bijou" some time in May. It is intended to be the finest in the land.

OMEGA.—IOWA STATE.

Our college year closes in November, hence you see we are scattered and have not much of importance to communicate to CRESCENT readers.

The college year for '84 opens on February 27th. In the meantime the boys of Omega are preparing for another year's work.

Brother J. C. Haines, of '78, B. Sc., M. D., who has been Assistant Professor of Mathematics in Iowa State College, at Ames, has been elected to the Chair of Physics for '84, and is now at Ithaca, N. Y.

Brother W. S. Summers, of '82, B. Sc., is studying law at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Brother W. W. Wheeler, B. Sc., also of '82, has taken unto himself a wife, Miss Nelly Merrill, of '82.

Brothers C. M. Doxsee, B. Sc., and R. M. Hunter, B. Sc., of '83, are teaching for a livelihood.

President Welch, of the Iowa State College at Ames, has been removed, and Prof. Knapp put in his place. What effect the change will have on Omega cannot now be known.

The boys of Omega have no special reason to complain, on the whole. Two of their number, Brothers McHenry and Champion, were on the Oratorical Contest, and one took first and the other second place.

Brother McHenry will represent us and the college in the State Contest at Ames, on March 13th, 1884.

The Deltas of Omega are in good spirits, as we will have about 18 or 20 actives to open '84 with, notwithstanding the anti-opposition.

OMICRON.—STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Omicron closed the last term of '83 with a banquet in her new halls. Here, on the evening of the 18th inst., were gathered twenty-three loyal Deltas, with as many fair ladies of the S. U. I. After the banquet came a few selected toasts. Stephen B. Howard, '83, responded to "The Ladies."

"The world was sad, the garden was a wild,
And man, the hermit, sighed—till woman smiled."

Prof. T. H. McBride, Delta Tau's representative in our college Faculty, in answering the toast, "College Fraternities," spoke very eloquently as to their great value in and out of the circle of student life. After the tables were cleared away, our Brothers and their ladies indulged in the "light fantastic" to the music of the orchestra. We all had a good time, and vote our "opening banquet" a big success.

We are quite fortunate in having with us this term the three founders of our Chapter—Mr. Thomas J. Hysham, '84; Mr. Sam Fairall, of Beta Beta; and Mr. Whitney, of Omega. These gentlemen all take an active interest in the growth of Omicron.

Our relations with our rival Fraternities are at present of the most friendly kind. There is plenty of room for us all—and plenty of work. It has been our policy to keep clear of all school politics, though during the past term the Fraternities have been compelled to unite for self-protection, against a so-called anti-frat party.

There are rumors that the Delta Upsilon have been organized here by one of the Professors, for the purpose of working against the Fraternities. The Fraternities are all too well established, however, to fear anything from such an organization.

We all leave the S. U. I. for the Hollidays, well pleased with our successes of the past term, and with the brightest possible prospects for the coming winter.

PHI.—HANOVER.

It is with pleasure that we introduce to the fraternity Brothers W. C. Voris and T. W. Lopp. It was an oversight that I did not make mention of Brother Voris in my last communication. He was initiated at the close of last year. They both manifest the spirit which, when guided aright, develops into a true love for Deltaism.

Brother H. S. Slaughter, '80, of Evansville, writes: "We have a bran new girl down here. She is a 'bouncer.'" Brother S. is prosecuting attorney of Evansville, and is a very successful young lawyer.

Brother Jett, *B. B.*, will be with us next term. A hearty welcome is awaiting him.

Brother C. E. Brand, '81, of Hanover, is preparing to enter the Episcopal ministry.

Brother Voris represented us on the fifty-fourth annual exhibition of the Union Literary Society. He managed his subject well, and his easy position while on the stage caught the eye of the audience. Immediately after the speaking was over, Brother Hamilton was called upon for a toast. He responded in a style peculiarly his own, which carried the audience with him. At times, by his flow of wit and graceful passages from the sublime to the ridiculous, he caused a smile to dawn upon the countenance of some of the members of the faculty that have not smiled for years, except at their own "gray-headed" jokes. Without doubt, it was the best appreciated performance of the evening. We feel justified in saying Brother Hamilton is the best orator in college. He received the prize both in his Freshman and Sophomore year, for speakership.

Miss Minnie Friedley, of Madison, was out to attend the U. L. exhibition. Miss Minnie was formerly a student at Hanover, and a friend of *Δ T Δ*, and is still a wearer of "the purple and the gray."

Our examinations are past, and not a Delta wears a fallen countenance. It is not all the Frats represented in our college that can say the above.

All the fraternities are hard at work for the coming election for delegates for the oratorical contest. The combinations are as follows: *Φ Γ Δ*, *B Θ Π*, *Δ T Δ*, and the Barbs verses *Φ Δ Θ*, *Σ X* and a few stray Barbs. The girls seem to be taking a very active part in the canvassing, yet they have entered into no combination as a body. As to the results of the election, I will be able to speak more positively later. We have prospects of a complete victory, and are positive that we will not get completely snowed under.

Brother Williamson will spend the holidays with Brother Hamilton, of Greensburg. We

are well represented at and near Greensburg, and are sure the boys will have a pleasant time.

Our sister Frat, the *K A Θ*, was considerably aroused some time since over the report that endeavors were being made to establish a Chapter of the *K K Γ* here. As far as we know, the report is erroneous. At present the two ladies' Frats that are here seem to leave no room for more.

As the term approaches its end, society circles seemed to liven up more than they have for years. Socials were quite the rage. At a certain one dancing was freely indulged in. All went well with one exception, *viz*: when it came time to withdraw the boys were compelled to go without hats, as they were not to be found.

Prof. Young presented Brother Stratford with a number of very fine specimens of mounted ferns and grasses, collected and prepared by the professor. Brother S. received the prize for collecting the most specimens while pursuing the study of botany last year.

Fraternities here seem to be moving on very quietly, although not as strong in number since the Prep. law, yet, as far as we can judge, our rivals are in a flourishing condition. As Iota says, "We have healthy opposition, but no more than is necessary to stimulate us to honest efforts."

Our prospects are unusually bright, and with such a number loyal alumni as we have, we are able to banish the word failure from our vocabulary.

PSI.—WOOSTER.

The November CRESCENT was a fine number. Its contents were full of interest to every Delta, while in typography and in general make-up it was at least equal to any preceding number.

The boys of Psi are back in full force at the beginning of the new term, ready for hearty work in college and in Frat.

Brother Allen Krichbaum, who was kept out of school nearly all of last term by severe illness, is in his place again ready to do his duty, and likely to lead his class in spite of these difficulties.

We have our eyes open, but the supply of available men is not very large, and so our initiations do not crowd on one another's heels. We have a Chapter of fair size, and unless a man is good we do not propose to make it larger by adding him.

Our Alumni are in various walks of life, and none of them does discredit to his Chapter nor to his *alma mater*.

John Lockart, '81, is a druggist at Millport, Ohio.

James Alexander Gordon, first honor man of '82, is in his middle year at Princeton Theological Seminary.

John Calvin Rice, '82, is in the lumber business in West Virginia.

Charles Krichbaum, '83, has been compelled, under advice of a physician, to give up his position at the State Normal School, Indiana, Pa., and has accepted a position in the Public Schools of Canton, Ohio.

RHO.—STEVENS.

The close of the first term finds Rho with twenty-four active members, none, however, of the present Freshman class. Notwithstanding the efforts of most of the other fraternities to recruit a large delegation from among the new class, Rho has not seen fit to deviate from her usual custom of hastening slowly in the matter of initiations. We have, however, had the satisfaction of convincing several promising men that it is to their interest to delay a selection from among the many proffered chances of membership until the second term at least; and having thus effectually blocked the wheels of our rivals, we hope to secure a good delegation from '87.

Since our last communication, the Chi Phi Fraternity has shown its Chapter here. It starts with at least four Freshmen and several upper classmen, and, on the whole, has made a very creditable start, better, at all events, than others of the recently established fraternities here. Stevens now boasts of seven fraternities, with all indications that Phi Kappa Psi, which has

four men here from various Chapters, may decide to establish also. This may do while the present number of students (170) are in attendance, but the present depression in industrial circles, which seriously affects the engineering profession, may possibly effect a diminution in the average for the next few years, and it will give some of these numerous Chapters at Stevens a pretty hard show.

The board of editors of our embryo monthly, *The Stevens Indicator*, has met and organized, and Brother Whiting, '84, elected chief. The first number will be issued about the middle of January. Brother Parker, '84, is chief of *The Eccentric*, our college annual, and the editors are now doing some good work upon it. *The Bolt*, the annual of *B Θ II*, *A T Ω*, *X Ψ* and *Σ X* is now in press, and will shortly appear. We shall be pleased to exchange both annuals for other similar publications.

Our Chapter had the pleasure of welcoming to our rooms on November 23 Brothers A. C. Campbell, of Nu; G. B. Lindeman, of Pi, and T. F. Martinez, of Beta Gamma, and several of our alumni. Our visitors gave us interesting accounts of fraternity affairs at their respective colleges; after the meeting, a little collation, which had been hastily prepared, engaged our attention, and enabled us to delightfully end a very pleasant evening.

The second annual conference of the Eastern Division of the fraternity will be held on February 23, in New York City. The joint committee of Beta Gamma and Rho, which has charge of the preparations, is not yet able to make any definite announcement. It will appear in *THE CRESCENT* in due time. Whatever their official arrangements may be, this Rho will say: that all Delta's will be made welcome, so far as we are able to carry out our ideas of how a Delta convention should be held.

SIGMA.—MT. UNION.

Our last meeting for the year 1883 was on the evening of December 31st. When mother earth had wrapped herself in her black rag, a number of boys found their way to that house,

which is the home of Mt. Union Delts. One of the Brothers brought with him a person who was not "one of us." Our custom is never to let a man enter there without his learning something or teaching us something. We have learned that the best way to teach facts is to operate on the feelings. We believe that more facts can be pounded than soaked into a person. And everyone knows that facts ought to be impressed on the mind of a Fraternity man. Hence our *modi operandus* (as Mrs. Partington might have said had she thought of it, and probably has said for anything that I know) which I will explain. The person is brought into the sanctum sanctorum, or devil's den. After, by gentle heating, his mind has become quite pliable, he is brought into the inner chamber, or place of the gods, where the Father of Angels arranges the facts to be impressed in convenient places for being struck. Then the Keeper of Demons brings forth the animal which, but—I find that this is compelling me to reveal that which the wicked world is not prepared to hear.

I would just say that in this case, after the animal had done his work, we placed the remains of the person in the mill, ground him, worked it over, pressed it, rolled it, and we have made of it, and wish to introduce to the Brothers, a loyal Delta, John E. Morris, of Garrettsville, Ohio.

The Trustees have voted an endowment fund of \$200,000 for the college, to be raised during the present year.

Chapter Alpha of *Δ I* presented us with a very beautiful plush stand scarf with:—"Merry Christmas to Sigma."

TAU.—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Things are moving along so slow at Franklin and Marshall that we find it somewhat difficult to write a very interesting Chapter letter.

The winter term opened on Thursday, January 3 with an address by Rev. Dr. F. A. Gast, of the Seminary.

At the last convention the song book was

again put into the hands of Tau. As regards this, we have only to say that its success depends upon each individual Chapter. So far we have received little material from any of the Chapters. Brother Cook, who has the matter in hand, will again send letters to all of the Chapters, asking for material, and we hope they will comply with his request.

The all-absorbing topic of the Chapter is the coming second conference. All of Tau's active Deltas will be present.

It affords us pleasure to announce that Brother Wanner has been elected anniversary orator of the Diognothian Society, and Brother Cook eulogist of the Goethean.

Brothers Maybury and Heisler, of '83, are studying law, the former at the University of Pennsylvania, the latter at his home in Easton.

THETA.—BETHANY.

Since our last communication, we are glad to say that Chapter Theta has grown in life and hence in strength. She has just received into her care, in addition to old boys, (making twenty-one in all) Brothers H. L. Willett, E. H. Jackson, S. S. McGill, T. S. Martin, R. M. Rosser, all worthy of high regard, and are of sterling character. This gives us courage, and with the aid of our new brothers, we trust the coming winter will be prosperous, and that rich returns may be realized from an earnest and manly effort to keep in view the immortal principal of Old Delta Tau. As to our standing among other Frats, it is good, and we strive to be above those petty animosities that too often exist. And, regarding our motto as too pure to be soiled in those unmanly and unkind allusions often advanced by those who seem to have sadly mistaken the true fraternity spirit, we hope to render Theta's banner unsullied and free from tarnish, at the close of our labors here. We say this not in boasting, but with a desire that our sister Chapters may know of our efforts, and while we expect to fail many times, yet the indomitable spirit of our boys gives us reason for

our hope of a worthy position among the able men of our country.

Brother F. M. Dowling has decided to remain another year, on account of being chosen as Tutor in the college, which will give us a noble worker longer than we expected.

UPSILON.—RENSSELAER.

Upsilon wishes her sister Chapters a happy and successful New Year, and the Fraternity as much prosperity as it has enjoyed in the past year.

It has been the custom at the Institute for some years past that a caucus was necessary for the election of a candidate, but at the last meeting it was decided, after much argument, that as that office was created for the most popular man in the Institute, it should be abolished.

We have our rooms now nearly furnished, and would like to see some of the brothers in our cosy "home."

The Institute has started a monthly, to be published by an editor from each class, the editors choosing their own chairman.

We have purchased the lease of the West Troy base ball grounds, supplying a long-felt want. We will now be able to put out a nine which will be an honor to our dear R. P. I. We are also trying to build a gymnasium. The collection has so far reached about \$3,500. The difficulty now seems to be that the committee cannot find suitable grounds.

Theta Delta Chi has at last swung out with nine men. They have two men from '84, five from '86, and two from '87. They had a Chapter here years ago.

We have received the Beta Beta *Record*, and are waiting to see the Iota *Chronicle*.

XI.—SIMPSON.

At the present writing, Simpson Centenary is scattered to the four winds to take in the good things that pertain to Xmas and New Year.

Xi closed her term's work the evening of the 15th with an informal supper. Each of the four sororities of Simpson Centenary had representa-

tives among the guests. The evening passed merrily and all too soon. Brothers Thompson, Proudfoot and Conrad, respectively, responded to "The Past, the Present, and the Future of Our Fraternity," in short, pithy speeches.

The L. F. V. Sorosis have sent out invitations, announcing a New Year's reception. It is understood that they will close the festivities of New Year's day by a grand banquet.

Brother Ralph Collins made glad the hearts of his old friends by putting in an appearance at Indianola, the 18th inst. Brother Collins has been in the Indian Territory for some two and a half years, and is so in love with the squaws and papooses that he will return soon.

Brother J. F. Samson has been elected as Annual Secretary.

Brother Tom Murphy will record the history of Xi during the present year.

Lee, '85, and Thompson, '86, are training the "young idea" to shoot. They are near Indianola, and are frequent visitors at the Chapter meetings.

Brother S. L. VanScoy, '87, is our one initiate for the term. He is a worthy and good man.

The Phi Kappa Psi have twenty-two actives. Delta Tau Delta has sixteen.

The Phi Kaps. and the Delts. here are planning to issue an *Annual*.

The writer had the pleasure, not long since, of meeting with Brother Hallock of Alpha.

Brother Proudfoot is clerking at Indianola.

Several Deltas attended the banquet of the Kappa Kappa Gamma. They report a very enjoyable occasion.

Xi has made several additions to her laws for the local government, and has much improved her workings as a Chapter.

Simpson Centenary was greeted by an increased attendance for the fall term.

Our college is having a steady and healthful growth in students, money, and all the appurtenances that make a first-class college.

Mr. Butler, one of Indianola's jewelers, has established a contest in declamation, between the

Freshman and Sophomore classes. The prize, a gold medal, worth \$25.

Mr. Buxton, of Carlisle, has a fifty dollar prize for the second year preparatory. The establishing of the prize is a step toward making the preparatory distinct and separate from the college proper. Xi hopes by this means to be able to make some arrangement which will effectually put a bar to the initiating of preps. in our school.

Your correspondent has just returned from a visit to the bluff country of the Missouri, where he had a jolly visit.

Xi wishes all the Chapters, and each Brother, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ZETA.—ADELBERT.

Fraternity news is somewhat scarce this month. We are all working hard now, for examinations come soon, so we haven't much time to put into Frat. work at present, but after vacation we will be "loaded for bear."

Another fraternity has been blown in here by the gentle zephyrs from way across the lake. A couple of would-be dudes from Ann Arbor, wearing X Ψ pins, dropped down on Adelbert just before Thanksgiving and took in five men, one Senior, two Sophs, two Freshmen. They found no opposition, for none of the other Frats would even think of taking the men they got. They have not yet "come out," probably waiting for spring rains to purify the new recruits, but they might just as well, for everybody knows all about it. It was so good that the new X Ψ 's couldn't keep it, but had to tell some of their friends, and from them we learned what we didn't already know about it. Nearly every student in college is now a fraternity man. Over sixty out of seventy-one boys have "rid the animal." A grand, good chance for two or three new Frats here. Only nine men left, and they will be sold to the highest "bidder," regardless of cost. They have not improved much, and probably never will. Can't be bleached; therefore we want to close out and make room for the spring stock. Now, who will be first? It is

"root hog or die" up here now—everybody for himself, and the d—— take the hindmost.

We are all looking forward to what a grand, good time we shall have at the Second Division Conference at Akron. Eta's boys know how to furnish a grand, good time, and we know she will make it very pleasant for every brother who attends.

We had a very pleasant call from Brother Bemis, '83, on Friday evening.

ALUMNI NOTES.

BETA.—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

'62—Rev. William H. Gibbons was assigned to the pastorate of Gallipolis circuit at the recent meeting of the Ohio M. E. Conference.

'64—Rev. Zalmon C. Rnsh, a Baptist minister, is now located at Gibbon, Neb.

'66—Rev. Frank S. Davis is pastor of the M. E. church at Jackson, O., he contributes to the *National Repository*, and other journals of the religious and secular press.

'66—George W. Wakefield is now to be found at Christian, Texas, being engaged in farming.

'68—Rev. Thomas G. Wakefield, recently became pastor of the M. E. church at Royalton, O.

'70—Rev. John C. Jackson contributes largely to the *Western, Pittsburgh, St. Louis*, and *Northern Christian Advocates*, to *The Methodist, Christian Standard, Zion's Herald* and the *Methodist Quarterly Review*. He was recently transferred to the pulpit of the Walnut street M. E. church, Chillicothe, O., made vacant by the transfer of Rev. F. S. Davis, '76, to Jackson, O.

'71—Warren Miller is a prominent Lawyer, at Jackson, C. H., W. Va.; he fills at present the office of Prosecuting Attorney for Jackson county; his term extending from 1881 to '85.

'75—Isaiah T. Prickitt is a rising physician at Tyner, Wood county, W. Va.; he graduated at Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, 1876, and is a member of the State Medical Society of West Virginia.

'80—Bro. Wilber Colvin passed his final examination and was admitted to the bar, Wednesday afternoon, at Columbus. Out of a class of twenty-three examined, by the four examiners appointed by the Supreme Court, only five proved their ability to pass. As the names were read off in the Supreme Court, Mr. Colvin's name was first, giving him the place of honor and showing that he had done the best of all.

BETA BETA—ASBURY.

'73—Dr. A. J. Keightley is a rising physician at Louisville, Ky.

'74—Reuben C. Dunnington is a physician at Crawfordsville, Ind.

'75—Allan A. Swartz is a prosperous dry goods merchant at Jeffersonville, Ind.

'75—Charles E. Emswiler is a merchant at Peru, Ind.

'75—Albert J. Huffman is Superintendent of the Indiana Manufacturing Company, at Peru, Ind.

'76—Francis A. Smith is meeting with great success as a physician, at 66½ N. Penn street, Indianapolis.

'76—Joseph Crow, Jr., is an attorney-at-law and city attorney at Greencastle, Ind.

'77—Rev. Virgil W. Tevis is now pastor of the M. E. Church at Seymour, Ind.

'78—Alfred M. Shields is a physician at Rochester, Ind.

'78—Preston B. Triplett is a hardware merchant of the firm of Kellogg & Triplett, Brazil, Ind.

'81—Thomas E. Rowan is a live-stock dealer at Livermore, Ky.

'85—Will G. Friedley has gone to Colorado to spend the winter.

Claud T. Griffith is with Griffith Bros., wholesale millinery house, Indianapolis.

J. Q. Kingsbury is attending Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

BETA IOTA—ADRIAN.

'78—W. S. Plumm is a rising young lawyer of Bellefontaine, O.

'80—W. S. Margerum graduated in the Ann Arbor Law School in the spring of '82. He is now pursuing his studies at Middletown, O., and expects to be admitted to the bar soon.

'82—G. C. Sheppard is a successful minister at Connellsville, Pa.

'82—A. M. Lyons is much liked as principal of the High School at Steubenville, O.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

'76—John C. Floyd, B. S., M. E. clergyman, Whitehall, Mich.

'76—Joseph O. Ripley, C. E., civil engineer, Sault St. Marie, Mich.

'78—Paul H. Hanns, B. S., Professor Mathematics Colorado University.

'78—Horace G. Myers, farmer, Varna, Ill. Has made money dealing in Dakota land.

'79—Charles G. VanWert, B. Ph. L. L. B., '80, lawyer, 7 Wood Block, Minneapolis, Minn.

'79—Newton McMillan, B. A., lawyer, 53 Dearborn street, Chicago.

'80—N. W. Haire is studying law at the University of Michigan.

'80—Byron S. Waite, lawyer at Menominee, Mich.

'82—Fred. Betts, with Patton & Henry, lawyers, Pueblo, Colorado, has lately been admitted to the bar.

'82—James F. Gallaher studying law at Hillsdale, Mich.

'82—Arthur M. Gelston, bookkeeper Industrial Works, Bay City, Mich.

'83—W. B. Garvin (not Gowin), Superintendent of School, Allegan, Mich.

EPSILON—ALBION.

'71—John G. Brown is a leading drug merchant in Albion.

'76—Rev. E. B. Bancroft is pastor of the Tawas City M. E. Church.

'77—C. M. Ranger and W. D. Farley, '79, compose the firm of Farley & Ranger, dealers in furniture, Battle Creek.

'79—All traces of Brother John M. Roach have been lost by E. Any information will be thankfully received.

'78—C. A. Chase is principal of the Leslie High School.

'78—J. C. Camburn is general agent for the Michigan School Furniture Company, Northville.

PSI—WOOSTER.

'83—Dwight C. Hanna is studying at the Princeton Theological Seminary.

'83—Columbus O. Johnson is reading law in Wooster, O.

'83—Charles Krichbaum, so well known as the representative for the Ohio colleges in the Interstate Oratorical Contest, formerly Teacher of Elocution and English in the Normal School, Indiana, Pa., is now teaching in Canton, O., Public Schools.

'83—Alton B. Nicholls is studying for the ministry at the Northwestern Theological Seminary, in Chicago.

'83—Manala A. Garnell is teaching in Mt. Vernon, O.

IOTA—MICHIGAN STATE.

'75—O. E. Augstman has removed to Detroit, and will there continue the practice of law.

'77—W. O. Fritz has charge of experiments in horticulture at Perdue.

'78—E. C. Herrington has taken to himself a wife. This, however, does not interfere with his practice of law.

'78—F. E. Robson has formed a law partnership, and will practice in Lansing.

'81—B. S. Palmer is recently married, and is practicing dentistry at Paw-Paw, Mich.

'81—C. W. McCurdy is teaching at Old Mission, Mich.

'82—J. E. Coulter is still manager of a wheat farm at Stephen, Minn. He will spend the winter at Ontonagon, Mich.

ETA.—BUCHTEL.

'75.—George A. Peckham, Professor of Ancient Languages at Hiram, paid Akron friends a flying visit a few days since. He is making his department very popular at Hiram. We know him of old as an efficient instructor.

'75.—C. J. Robinson has tried more cases than any other lawyer in Akron, during the last term of Court, and with uniform success. So says one of Akron's young attorneys.

'75.—Edwin F. Voris divides his time between a flourishing law practice and a "bouncing baby boy." Ed. says he is pledged for Delta Tau. Catalogue him as a member of the class of 1902.

'76.—Walla L. Kelly is doing a fine mercantile business at Waterford, Pa.

'76.—A. B. Tinker and H. T. Wilson, '80, have opened a law office at 116 South Howard. One would naturally suppose that, having his attention divided among the secretaryship of the college, the professorship of law and his law practice, Brother Tinker would not do well in any one. The fact is, however, that we never had so good a secretary before. The law is becoming one of the most popular branches in college, and he is building up a neat practice in his chosen profession.

'77.—A. R. Ginn. Will some kind spirit whisper where Ginn is? We have sought him high and low. The last we heard of him was that he had run afoul of three Eta Deltas in Cincinnati last spring, and that they had a royal night of it, recalling college days and college friends, relating later experience, and feasting on the fat of Cincinnati. Ginn, stand up and speak your piece.

'77.—Fremont C. Hamilton enjoys a lucrative law practice at Belfontaine, Ohio.

'78.—Frank N. Carter is Business Manager and part owner of the *Cleveland Trade Review*.

'78.—D. A. Doyle. We spoke of Date in our last, but then he is never out of date. * * *

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mention before that he is Secretary of the Republican Central Committee of Summit county; that he has good political prospects; and that he still tells a good story.

'79.—O. C. Beatty is in the U. S. Clerk's office at Cleveland, Ohio.

'80.—H. T. Wilson remarked to us to-day, when we called on him at his law office, that he "feels well, but looks just as d—elightfully ugly as ever." There has been a marked decrease of crime since Horatio commenced dealing out legal lore to the natives. *Post hoc, ergo propter hoc*. It is whispered that he will soon commit matrimony (?).

'80.—H. K. Ranney finds time to carry on an extensive course of reading while farming at his home near Hudson, Ohio. Those who have visited him say it would well be worth one's while to go there, just to see his fine collection of books, and his cosy literary surroundings. The man is more than his books, however.

'82.—O. C. Herrick keeps pretty close to the store. He spent the holidays among friends in Oberlin. Oaky has a good position and flattering prospects with Herrick & Cannon, one of the largest wholesale and retail dealers in glass and crockeryware of any firm in Northern Ohio. His father is senior member of the firm.

'82.—N. A. Stall has given up his position as book-keeper with Baker & MacMillan of this city, and is now taking a rest, preparatory to assuming the *onerous duties of husband.

'82.—George H. Whitmore, junior member of the firm of Cook, Fairbanks & Co., is their traveling salesman.

'82.—J. A. Motz will make application for admission to the bar of Ohio this coming spring. He is thinking some of entering the Senior class at the Cincinnati Law School, if it yet be possible.

'83.—W. H. Sanford has formed a law partnership in this city, with his father, H. C. Sanford. He reports a fine business.

*Term in Scotts Law.—[Ed.]

XI—SIMPSON.

'72—Brother W. H. Berry was recently elected as a delegate to the next General Conference, by the laity of the Des Moines Conference of the M. E. Church.

'75—Brother Ross Anderson, of Steward, Neb., during the summer, was married to Miss Nellie Boyd, '80, a graduate of Simpson and a Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'78—Brother E. D. Samson, has removed to Des Moines, where he continues in the practice of the law.

'67—W. J. Bollman, 2d A, is Professor of Mathematics at Bellevue College, Bellevue, Neb.

'80—F. S. Shaw is a real estate, loan and insurance agent at Nelson, Neb.

'82—P. A. Beachy, is first professor at Red Cloud, Neb.

'82—F. P. Beachy is proprietor of a hardware store at Carleton.

'83—W. S. Wells is cashier of the 1st National Bank at Edgerton, Missouri.

RHO—STEVENS.

'76—John M. Wallis, heretofore a Junior, has recently been made a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

'77—Edward A. Wehling likewise became a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at the New York meeting.

'80—George M. Bond will deliver two lectures on "Precise Measurements," in the lecture course of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, during February. He is a director of the Ballon Manufacturing Company, of Hartford, Conn., recently organized for the purpose of manufacturing fine astronomical and physical instruments.

'82—William L. Breath, until recently with the Atlas Engine Works, Indianapolis, is at present at Killingworth, Conn.

'83—The graduating thesis of Esteban D. Estrada, entitled "The Strength of Cuban Woods," is published in full in the *Eclectic Engineering*

Magazine of New York. It contains the results of an experimental investigation of the strength of the timber of Mr. Estrada's native country.

'83—Joseph E. Steward is now in the employ of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad, at Columbus, O.

THETA—BETHANY.

'67—James Lane Allen, attorney-at-law at Chicago, is a frequent and valuable contributor to *The Critic*.

'77—Joseph A. Walton is engaged in the dry goods business in Germantown, Ky.

'77—Samuel A. Walton, as good a Delta as ever, is a rising young lawyer in Lancaster, Ky.

'78—James M. Hull, after graduating in 1879, in the medical department of the University of Georgia, went abroad the same year and prosecuted his study of the diseases of the eye, ear and throat, under the guidance of the eminent specialists of the University of Berlin and Vienna. Upon his return, in the fall of 1881, he engaged upon the practice of his specialties in Augusta, Ga. He is clinic lecturer in the medical department of the University of Georgia, and a member of the State Medical Society of Georgia.

'78—Joseph F. Walton is in the tobacco business in Germantown, Ky.

'81—Asbury Hull recently became junior partner in the cotton firm of George R. Sibley & Co., Augusta, Ga.

'81—Charles W. Jackson is a partner in the house of Jackson & Sons, Augusta, Ga.

'73—John F. Merryman is practicing law in St. Louis, Mo., his office being at the north-west corner of Fifth and Market streets.

GREEK WORLD.

Phi Delta Theta has entered University of Pennsylvania.

Delta Phi has under consideration a petition from Lehigh.

Geo. D. Robinson, Governor of Massachusetts, is a member of Zeta Psi.

Zeta Psi has recently established a good Chapter at Brown University.

Phi Delta Theta will probably enter Hampden, Sidney College, in the near future.

Phi Gamma Delta is working up an Alumni Chapter at Pittsburg, Pa., with promise of success.

Beta Theta Pi has again refused an application for a charter at Colby University.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, according to report, has a sub-rosa Chapter at Lawrence, Kansas.

Phi Gamma Delta is again agitating the question of publishing a Fraternity song-book.

Beta Theta Pi has recently organized a strong Alumni Chapter at Minneapolis, Minn.

Every active member of Alpha Tau Omega is required to subscribe for that journal.

Sigma Phi intends building a Chapter house soon at Williams.

Report credits Sigma Alpha Epsilon with a Chapter at Davidson College.

A petition for a Chapter at Lehigh University has been presented to Delta Phi.

Kappa Alpha has organized at Centre College with seven men.

Kappa Alpha (Southern) has entered South Carolina Military Institute and University of Texas.

Zeta Psi expects to publish a song-book in the near future, a committee having been appointed for that purpose.

Miss Anna Downey, one of the lady instructors at Asbury University, is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

The Faculty of Monmouth have adopted a non-Fraternity rule recently, which resulted in the suspension of five members of Phi Delta Theta last November.

Delta Gamma has recently established a Chapter at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y.

The Lone Star (local) at Buchtel have adopted new pins, not unlike those of Beta Theta Pi in shape.

X Ψ has entered Adelbert College. She has five men initiated, but is running sub-rosa at present.

$\Delta \Gamma$ (ladies) has initiated several students at Adelbert. They start out with every hope of success.

The 37th Annual Session of the Zeta Psi Fraternity was held in New York City, under the auspices of the Delta Chapter, January 3d and 4th, 1884.

The reorganized Chapter of Delta Upsilon, at Williams, consists of six members, all upper-class men. The movement has every indication of success.

The Omega Chapter of Zeta Psi, which was in a doubtful condition at the close of last year, we are glad to know is rapidly reviving.

Kappa Alpha (Southern) has joined the tide-wave now flowing into Vanderbilt University. Chi Phi has also decided to locate there.

The formation of a club, consisting of elders of the Delta Chapter, (Zeta Psi) resident in New Brunswick, is being discussed.—*Zeta Psi Monthly*.

According to *Beta Theta Pi*, Sigma Chi's Alpha Chapter, at Ohio Wesleyan University, is in a deplorable condition.

The Zeta Psi team of the Tau Chapter won in the tennis tournament, in the full contest, at Lafayette College.

Delta Upsilon expects to found four new Chapters in the near future, principally in the Eastern extension field.

California Alpha of Phi Kappa Psi, situated at the University of the Pacific, has never been blessed with a rival.

Alpha Tau Omega has adopted a new form of charter, which is said to be neat and elegant, both in design and workmanship.

The Manhattan correspondent of Alpha Delta Phi reports the Delta Kappa Epsilon Chapter, at that institution, as deteriorating in rank.

Beta Kappa, (Beta Theta Pi) at Athens, has two men left and no promising material for new

members.—*Beta Theta Pi*. This would indicate a speedy withdrawal; a plan of action warmly advocated by that journal.

The correspondent of the *Phi Gamma Delta*, from Allentown, reports the Alpha Iota Chapter, of Alpha Tau Omega, at Muhlenberg College, as being in a very precarious condition.

The Constitution of Zeta Psi requires that all the Chapter officers shall procure the Fraternity regalia, which shall be worn by them at all Chapter meetings, or at any time when acting officially.

A plan is under discussion to have a reunion of the Pennsylvania members of Phi Kappa Psi. If successful, the reunion will probably be held at Harrisburg, Pa.

We understand that a rule exists, at least in some Chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma, that the members shall accept no gentlemen escorts in going to or coming from their meetings. Query: Why?

The subscription price of the *Beta Theta Pi* will remain at one dollar. The Business Manager reports that the list of subscribers has been sufficiently increased to justify this action.

There are six members of Phi Delta Theta at Tuscaloosa, Ala. They would gladly organize a Chapter, but a hostile Faculty and a Constitution prohibiting sub-rosa Chapters will probably defeat the project for the present.

The *Zeta Psi Monthly* for November publishes the history of two of her Chapters. A prominent member of that Fraternity has undertaken to write a history, consisting of brief sketches of the different Chapters. These from time to time will be published in the monthly. Thus the volume when complete will contain the full history of the Fraternity.

Phi Delta Theta contemplates an organized attack upon the East; Harvard, Columbia and Yale being the assailable points. In this connection the *Scroll* publishes a letter, proposing a contribution of from \$5 to \$10 from each Alumnus, toward establishing an extension fund.

This Fraternity, by its University of Pennsylvania Chapter of ten men, has forty-five active Chapters and is making successful efforts to revive their Virginia Gamma, whose life has been despaired of.

Rev. M. L. Zweizig, of Scranton, Pa., has severed his connection with the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, of which he has been Editor-in-Chief for three years. In Rev. Zweizig the *Quarterly* loses an efficient worker and an enthusiastic Fraternity journalist. Mr. Oscar Meyer has been elected to take his place, and the *Quarterly* will hereafter be published at Allentown, Pa. We wish the new Editor abundant success.

The Phi Beta Kappa Society completed its National Council at Saratoga, on the 6th ult. Constitution of the united Chapters was ratified. The chief business before the Council was the election of a Senate, to be composed of twenty members. President Eliot was chosen President of the Senate, Matthew Hale Vice-President, and A. Wemer Secretary and Treasurer. The Council will convene again at that place in 1886.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.

From the Lawrence, Kansas, correspondent to the *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*: "I will say nothing of the Phi Gams, for the reason that any compliment in God's world to them would be a lie; and you have requested us to say nothing detrimental to our sister Fraternities." From the Lawrence, Kansas, correspondent to the *Phi Gamma Delta*—" * * * This is not boasting, but merely a plain, unvarnished statement of our accomplishments. The Phi Psis are, of course, enraged at their numerous defeats and are trying to injure us by barking at us from a distance, but always carefully refraining from venturing too near."

The Iowa Chapters of the I. C. Sorosis held a State Convention, November 21st, 22d and 23d, under the auspices of the Chapter at Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. This Sorosis, which by the way is not mentioned in Baird's American Fraternities, has sixteen Chapters, principally in Illinois, Iowa and Kansas,

and is possessed of considerable influence and power throughout the West.

A very successful Convention of Delta Kappa Epsilon was that held at Ann Arbor, November 17th and 18th, under the auspices of the Omicron Chapter. The sessions of the Convention were held in the mornings, at the Omicron Temple. Delegates from twenty-seven Chapters were present, numbering in all over 150. The banquet occurred on Tuesday evening, at the Cook House. Wednesday evening was devoted to a literary performance at University Hall, which fully satisfied the large audience attending. The programme consisted of introductory remarks by Col. C. Grant, Omicron, '59; an address by Hon. Samuel F. Hunt, Kappa, '69; and an oration by Hon. Frances H. Hurd, Lambda, '58. Thursday, at noon, the delegates proceeded by special train to Detroit, where they were entertained by the Detroit Club, lunch, yacht ride and banquet comprising the programme. Friday a tour of the town was made, after which the Convention adjourned.

The 37th Annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi, held in New York City, November 22d and 23d, elected the following officers of the Grand Lodge, which is the highest executive power of that Fraternity: President, Seward A. Simons, of Buffalo; Secretary, Geo. S. Taft, of Boston; Treasurer, George Sawyer, of Hamilton College. An important action of the Convention was the founding of the *Theta Delta Chi Shield*, which will be published quarterly. President Capen, of Tufts, Dr. J. M. Curtis and Rev. Cameron Mann are Editors-in-Chief. The annual subscription price of the journal will be \$1.25.

The Annual Convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was held in Louisville, August 14th, 15th and 16th. Three members were appointed to represent that Fraternity at the Pan-Hellenic Council, July 4th, next. The Omega was elected Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. The *Record* speaks of the Convention as in every way a success. Literary exercises composed an important feature of the entertainment.

THE FRATERNITY PRESS.

It is with genuine pleasure that we, even at this late day, extend a hearty welcome to our many exchanges. Some of them familiar, old-time visitors, others in new and pleasing dress, while here and there a new face can be seen, with a "Please Ex." look which we gladly concur in. To one and all we can only say "Welcome," hoping that our relations one with another in the year to come may be pleasant and profitable, and that our friendly rivalry may lead to no petty squibs or malicious slander. As representatives of the grandest organization on earth—for each Fraternity is but a factor in the mighty army of Greek warriors—we have duties to perform too grand and noble to allow us to stoop to childish squabbles. We are heralds on the Greek battlements. Through our columns only can the world in general catch occasional glimpses of that true Fraternal spirit that permeates our order. To us has been intrusted the preservation and ennobling of this system. What work more grand can we ask for. Fraternities are, and justly too, valued and appraised by the exterior indications they present. And in nothing more than in their official publications have they opened a breach for general criticism. But a non-aggressive, upright, reliable journal must be a powerful assistance and support to the Fraternity it represents. Judging from the exchanges we have received this year, our sister Fraternities are all enjoying a time of exceptional prosperity. Many of our old visitors, among whom we notice *Beta Theta Pi*, *Scroll*, *Shield* and *Phi Gamma Delta*, have been reclothed and somewhat remodeled, adding greatly to their appearance and other attractive qualities; while the *Delta*, of *Sigma Nu*, fulfills the favorable prophecies which its first number inspired. Our space will forbid an extensive review of these journals, but we will try to select a few of their best features to present to our readers.

The *Phi Delta Theta Scroll*, changed somewhat and enlarged, first claims our attention.

The two numbers of the *Scroll*, which we have thus far received, while very readable, devote entirely too much space to adverse criticism of its rivals, or unnecessary vindications. We should think that a page or two would be a sufficient treat for the fiercest reader, and that eight or nine times as much would cease even to be amusing. An interesting account of the repeal of the non-Fraternity rule at Vanderbilt University appears in the last number. Notes on exchanges, Chapter letters, personals, etc., make up the number. Aside from the criticism which we have mentioned, we think the *Scroll* is decidedly improved, although the "fire of Thomas" is notably absent.

The *Beta Theta Pi* presents a striking appearance in its artistic dress, and is filled with choice Fraternity and literary matter. A very interesting paper on Harvard appeared in two parts, in the November and December numbers, by Henry W. Winkley. The "Potpourri" and editorial departments of this journal are of the best. An interesting discussion is now being carried on, relative to the withdrawal of certain charters. Many good arguments are presented on both sides. We select the following:

There are two types of colleges, each with a representation or two in our directory, with which Beta Theta Pi ought no longer to have anything to do. A full statement of the condition of such colleges ought to be prepared and laid before the Fraternity, and our Chapters therein immediately discontinued.

The first type is the run-down college. It used to be first-class, or nearly so. And our own Chapter in it has turned out, perhaps, a long and splendid list of the best sort of Beta graduates. But the college has gone to seed—support withdrawn, endowment used up, small faculty, few students, no future. A few weak Fraternity Chapters, relics of its golden age, still struggle along, now and then finding a really good man or two, but necessarily made up for the most part of a very ordinary stripe of fellows. There is only one proper thing to do with such a Chapter as that—wind up its affairs as briefly and painlessly as possible, transfer its names to the general roll, and put after its letter in the catalogue the "prime" mark that stands for *obit*. No other course can be justified, either by a consideration for the welfare of the Fraternity, or by a regard for the Chapter's own past; for it would be a mistaken charity to let a career of honor and dignity run dwindling on into a long mediocrity.

The other type is more difficult to dispose of. It is the second or third rate college that never was anything better,

and never will be, so far as any indications point. Not that it is going to the dogs, either. It has a safe little endowment, and a steady though limited support—sectarian generally—that will enable it to keep on at its present rate for an indefinite time. But it isn't anywhere near the standard we should now set up for admission to our roll, and by merely standing still will every year be falling further below that steadily-rising level. The trouble is, we established our Chapters here with our eyes open. The college was no better when we entered it than it is now. But that was a good many years ago. When that charter was issued, the ambition which most Betas entertained for their Fraternity was that it might be simply the "boss" Western Fraternity—a good Fraternity, of course, and yet not too good to enter almost any Western college of fair prospects and with a decent attendance. But now, as the French say, we have changed all that. We are immeasurably stronger, in every respect, than we were ten years ago, and gaining strength every year. And, in the light of an attained present and an assured future vastly more prosperous than we once foresaw, some acts of our not very remote past are seen to be, not the neat strokes of policy they then appeared, but very distinct blunders. The question is, shall we stand by them and try to make the best of them, or shall we frankly acknowledge them as the blunders they are, and set about correcting them, so far as lies in our power? We say, take the latter course by all means.

The *Shield*, of Phi Kappa Psi, is a live, spicy paper, and deserves far more support than it receives. Having abandoned its holiday gayety, the last number comes to us with a neat, tasty and attractive appearance. We commend the change. In the *Shield*, so far this year, we have found many virtues to commend and very little to criticise. Its tone is pure, and the sentiments expressed high. We quote from the September number:—

Honors obtained through the tortuous channels used by cliques are to be avoided rather than sought, for they are more than hollow and empty, they are tainted and soiled. Honors belie their name when coming as the gift of power in the hands of a few shrewd manipulators of votes, when not the spontaneous offering laid at the feet of talent or industry or both. It may be argued that the combination system has elevated the best men to places of honor, against the mean jealousies shown by the baser majority. That, we grant, looks like a justifiable reason for their existence, especially to a participant, but the cool scrutiny of distance says *no* to this with kindness and emphasis.

Combinations in college politics array Fraternities against each other to the subversion and well-nigh total extinction of any mutual manifestation of these qualities which they are proudly claimed to engender and foster. Cliques are certain to forget in following their boasted high purpose to give desert to talent meriting it, the necessity arising in all questions

of philanthropy of submerging self, and do frequently crowd to the rear the very men, whom in consistency they should put forward; they arouse in the breasts of fair-minded outsiders a feeling of injury and injustice; and they afford to the enemies of the Fraternity system the strongest argument against its existence.

The *Phi Gamma Delta*, published since November, at Greencastle, Ind., is not as great an improvement as we had expected. Sufficiently classical in appearance, it lacks life, and has little matter which will entertain the average reader, aside from Chapter letters, which are quite full.

We gladly welcome the *Α Τ Ω Palm*, for we consider it among our best exchanges. It is published at Richmond, Va., with Otis A. Glazebrook as Editor-in-Chief. In an editorial, "What will Alpha Tau Omega gain from a Pan-Hellenic Conference?" we find the following:

And yet Alpha Tau Omega has something to gain from a conference with other Greeks. Such a meeting would help to broaden her views, to increase her acquaintance with a delightful and cultured, upon the whole, set of gentlemen; she would find in it mutual protection from many of the evils which now come to individual Chapters, from the want of co-operation upon questions vital to the highest possibilities of Fraternity life; she puts herself thereby in the rank of those catholic, true men who can look beyond the confines of "narrow self," and recognize merit and worth wherever they can be found; she can endeavor therein to foster that feeling of respect and love and confidence for other worthy and good men, which respect and love and trust are absolutely necessary to the development of a high and useful life; she can't afford to risk, by withdrawing from such an association, the evils which invariably follow a contracted and selfish policy.

Let other Fraternities think and do what they choose, but for Alpha Tau Omega, strong in her own integrity, with no favors to ask of any, and nothing to fear so long as she is true to her grand aim and her ennobling obligations, may she ever be found in full sympathy and accord with all movements which are characterized by a loving, confiding, catholic spirit.

The *Zeta Psi Monthly* thus editorially advocates the open publication of their Constitution:

It may truthfully be said that there is no valid excuse for this state of affairs. The Constitution of the Zeta Psi Fraternity does not differ materially from those of other organizations of the same kind, and in general is a definition of our objects and governmental powers. The essential secrets of our Fraternity and the signification of our title and motto are omitted from its pages, and the printed publication of the

constitution and by-laws would in no case betray a single secret of the order. Many Greek Fraternities have ere this recognized the advantages to be derived from a printed constitution, not least of which is the removal of the stigma which is often attached by the non-society man, of "ways that are dark and of tricks that are vain." A prominent "Greek" not long since showed the writer the printed constitution of his Fraternity which closely resembled our own, and the result of this open publication was stated to be found in a thorough constitutional knowledge on the part of its members.

Singular to observe, a close examination of our constitution fails to show a single clause wherein its open publication is prohibited, and while no such step should be taken without the consent of the Grand Chapter, legislative action would not be necessary to attain such a result. The question will probably be thoroughly ventilated at the New York Convention, and in the meantime it is recommended to the consideration of the Chapters. Its advantages are numerous, and the sole objection that could be raised is the single point that our constitution has hitherto always been sacredly guarded from profane eyes, and that custom makes inviolable law.

The *Sigma Chi* is a well bound, well arranged and attractive 63-page quarterly. It, however, wastes eight pages of this space in a kind endeavor to demonstrate how Phi Delta Theta ought to be, and more especially in what it is lacking. Could not something better be found to "fill up?" Aside from this, the number before us is good. An able editorial on "The Spirit of the Hour and its Practical Lesson;" a sketch of the early history of the Fraternity; Chapter letters; Greek World items, which are not very authentic; and several good selections make up the number.

The *Chi Phi Quarterly* is also before us. An able article on Fraternity government appears, which we would gladly quote at length, but lack of space will prevent. Chapter letters, editorials and notes make up the number.

The *Delta* of Sigma Nu, No. 3, has been received. The rapid development of this recent venture in Fraternity journalism is truly surprising, and shows a push and determination to be commended. The paper is well edited, but not very well arranged. It has our best wishes that its success may be permanent.

Our next exchange is the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*. It is still the large, handsome

magazine that has won so many just laurels heretofore. We hope soon to be able to select some especially striking articles to give our readers. The editorial department of the *Quarterly* is strong and well conducted. The literary articles are of the very best. *A K E* may well feel proud of her journal.

The *Golden Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma has been received and read with much pleasure. The *Key* maintains the high position it has obtained in the past. The last number is especially meritorious.

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Melton Osborne Reed, '85, Albion, Mich.

EXTRA.

BETA KAPPA.—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

We commence the new term with four "actives," and three in the city.

Brother Thomas resigned as S. A., and will leave shortly for a trip in Europe. Brother George Stidgur was elected to fill the vacancy.

Before THE CRESCENT is issued again we will number about seven.

Brother E. J. Ware, of *A*, was with us most of last term, but is now in Michigan, being called there by the sudden death of his mother. Brother Ware assisted us in many ways, and will long be remembered by our boys as a royal Delta.

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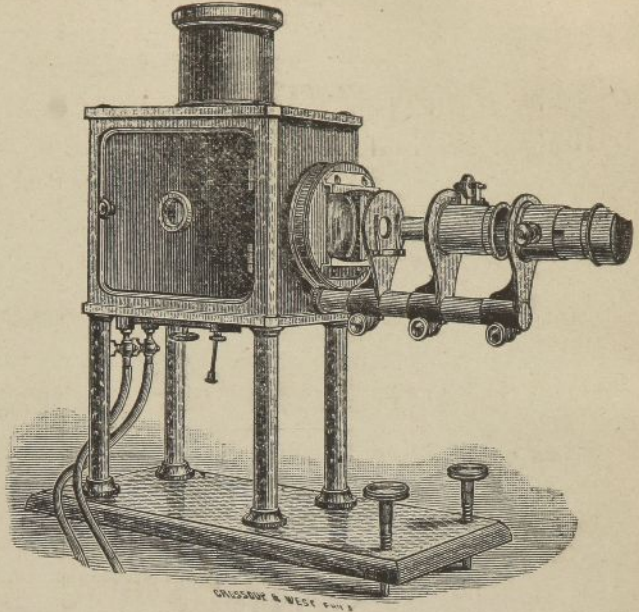
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