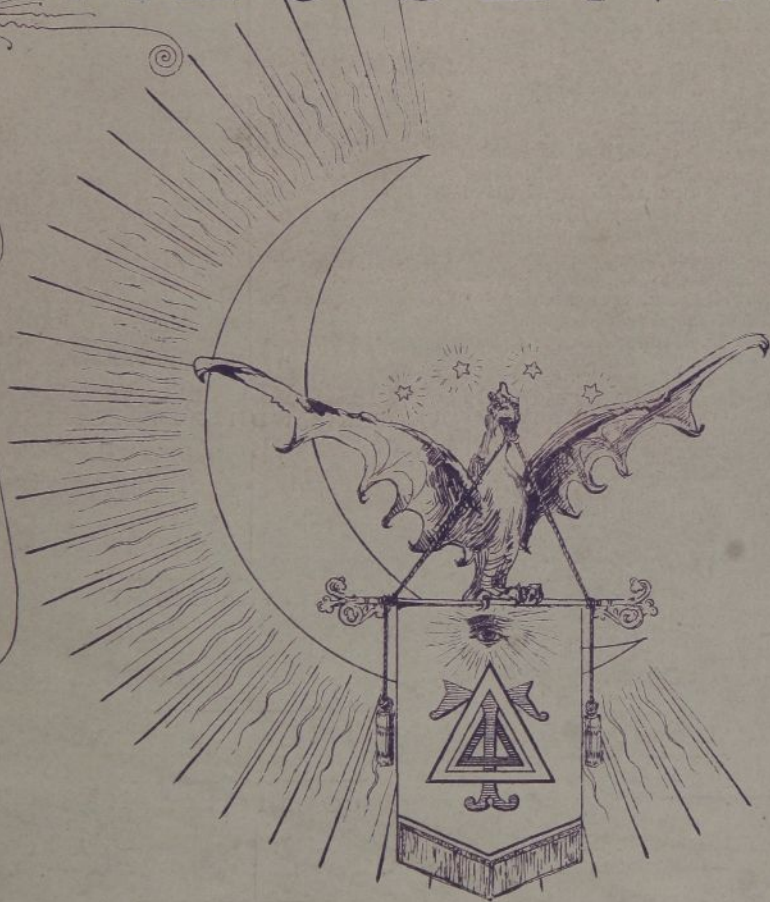


THE

February

CRESCENT.



THE CRESCENT,

A Monthly Journal published by the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, under the direction of Chapter Alpha, of Allegheny College.

H. W. PLUMMER, Editor-in Chief; W. J. GUTHRIE, Vice-Editor-in-Chief; E. E. BLAIR, Business Manager.

Assistant Editorial Staff.

ASSOCIATE EDITORS.

A—DUFF MERRICK, Allegheny College, Box 699 Meadville, Pa.

First Grand Division.

T—(Grand Chapter,) F. C. COOK, Franklin and Marshall College, Box 2, Lancaster, Pa.

P—E. H. FOSTER, Box 185, Englewood, N. J., Steven's Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J.

Y—FRANK SPEARMAN, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, No. 1 Clinton Place, Troy, N. Y.

II—R. H. WILBUR, Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Penn'a.

I—E. F. FRASHER, Washington and Jefferson College, Box 574, Washington Pa.

N—A. C. CAMPBELL, No. 117 Martien Hall, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

IB—EDWARD W. CLARKE, Columbia College, 66 East 49th St., New York, or Box 66 Tenafly, N. J.

Second Grand Division.

M—(Grand Chapter,) D. A. HAYES, Ohio Wesleyan University, Box 1050, Delaware, O.

X—O. B. HARRIS, Kenyon College, box 171, Gambier, O.

*—A. B. NICHOLLS, Wooster University, Wooster, O.

Z—J. W. McLANE, Western Reserve University, Box 371 East Cleveland, Cleveland, O.

E—FRANK W. MOULTON, Mt. Union College, Box 29, Mt. Union, O.

B—W. D. PORTER, Ohio University, Box 139, Athens, O.

Θ—F. M. DOWLING, Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va.

H—C. S. BOCK, Bu:htel College, Akron, O.

ΔB—H. W. DUGGAR, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.

EB—J. B. BANKS, Emory College, Box 24, Oxford, Ga.

Third Grand Division.

Φ—(Grand Chapter,) R. H. OLMSTEAD, Hanover College, box 73, Hanover, Ind.

Δ—E. J. WARE, University of Michigan, Box 5c3, Ann Arbor, Mich.

E—W. C. WALKER, Albion College, Albion, Mich.

I—L. A. BUELL, Michigan Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich.

K—JOS. CUMMINS, Hillsdale College, Box 174, Hillsdale, Mich.

BB—OLIVER MATSON, Asbury University, Box 161, Greencastle, Ind.

IB—W. H. HOWARD, Adrian College, box 193 Adrian, Mich.

ZB—J. F. STONE, Butler University, Irvington, Ind.

Fourth Grand Division.

Λ—(Grand Chapter,) C. E. BREWSTER, Box 1407, Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill.

Ω—W. S. SUMMERS, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Ξ—O. A. KENNEDY, Simpson Centenary College, Box 486, Indianola, Iowa.

Θ—C. E. THAYER, Box 1456, Iowa State University, Iowa City, Iowa.

CORRESPONDING EDITORS.

J. S. HARTZELL, Girty, Pa.

Prof. C. L. INGERSOLL, Fort Collins, Colorado.

C. E. RICHMOND, Meadville, Pa.

Prof. J. N. STUDY, Greencastle, Ind.

F. F. MARTINEZ, New York.

C. E. JEFFERSON, Worthington, O.

Prof. W. S. EVERSOLE, Wooster, O.

A. P. TRAUTWEIN, Hoboken, N. J.

C. M. SNYDER, Okahumka, Florida.

W. L. McCLURG, Chicago.

W. C. BUCHANAN, Fargo, Dakota Ter.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Pres't—H. T. BRUCK, Rho, '78, Lock Box 236, Hoboken, N. J.

Sec'y—WILBER COLVIN, B, '80, Springfield, O.

W. L. McClurg, Alpha, '79, 117 State St. Chicago.

THOS. H. HARDCASTLE, Pi, '80, Easton, Talbot Co, Md.

Prof. JUSTIN N. STUDY, Mu, Greencastle, Ind.

W. B. BEST, Grand Correspondinn Secretary of Fraternity, Box 1487 MEADVILLE, PA., to whom all general fra:ernity matters should be addressed.

COMMITTEES.

Catalogue Com.—H. T. BRUCK, Box 236, Hoboken, N. J.

Color Com.—J. E. STEWARD, 170 Hudson St., Hoboken.

Seal Com.—L. A. MATHEY, 274 Bloomfield St., Hoboken.

Song Book Com.—F. C. COOK, Lancaster, Pa.

The XXV Convention of Delta Tau Delta will be held at Indianapolis, Ind., on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 22, 23, and 24, 1883. The officers of the Convention are:—*Pres.*, Prof. E. G. Walker, Adrian, Mich. *Vice-Pres.* Prof. J. H. Grove, (M,) Delaware, O.; *Secretary*, Prof. J. N. Study, (M,) Greencastle, Ind.; *Orator*, Hon. Chas. Townsend, (B,) Athens, O.; *Poet*, Will Carlton, (K,) 16 Fort Greene Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; *Song Writer*, A. J. Culp, (Σ,) Toronto, O. *Cor. Sec'y*, W. B. Best, (A,) Meadville, Pa.; *Treasurer*, E. E. Baldwin, (A,) Meadville, Pa.

TERMS OF CRESCENT:—One Dollar per Volume, (a volume consisting of nine numbers). Single copies, 15cts.

Communications should be sent in by the 15th of each month to secure insertion—earlier, if possible.

Address, H. W. PLUMMER, Lock Box, 1728, Meadville, Pa.

All matters concerning subscriptions and advertisements should be addressed to the Business Manager,

E. E. BLAIR, Lock Box 1728, Meadville, Pa.

THE CRESCENT.

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



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

VOL. VI.

MEADVILLE, PA., FEBRUARY, 1883.

No. 5.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS.

That college fraternities, as a rule, have too many uninterested graduate members, must be evident to the most casual observer and in a greater degree to all who have a more extended acquaintance with the condition of our own and other fraternities. Unfortunately this is one of those few rules to which there is positively no exception—all fraternities meet with this evil in some or other form. As Delta Taus we might as well at once recognize the fact that our most earnest attention should be directed toward immediate improvement in our relations to our alumni.

Granting that all of our chapters exercise, in the first place, sufficient caution by extending the privileges of our fraternity to those only whose qualities of heart and mind and natural disposition will enable them to enter upon fraternity life with a proper and intelligent appreciation of its privileges and its responsibilities, and granting that our chapters are cultivating this feeling by conducting their affairs in strict accordance with the injunctions of our constitution and with profit and pleasure to all concerned—What can they do to keep our graduate members interested in Delta Tau Delta, after their active connection with their chapter has ceased?

Let us consider for a moment the relations of the alumnus to his chapter in most instances. The accumulated enthusiasm of his undergraduate years will, under any circumstances and for some time at least after graduation, ensure his interest in his chapter. Occasional visits to his Alma Mater and, in their absence, an inter-change of letters from time to time with his fraternity friends will foster his natural impulses and feelings for his fraternity. If, however, in the course of time and for any of numerous reasons which will gradually tend to render it desultory and tedious, this correspondence ceases, then his interest will necessarily begin to lag, and the first tie between the alumnus and his chapter is broken; the advent of a new college generation removes the few interests which might have remained.

Under the best of circumstances, little or nothing else except an occasional notice for a chapter banquet or reunion, or a request for aid of a financial nature, serves as a reminder of the fact that the alumnus has not been entirely forgotten by those that succeeded him in the chapter. He may yet cherish the hours spent in the fraternity circle as the pleasantest of his college career, and regard the friendships there formed as the purest and best which he has made, and still take pride in the fact of his membership, yet he is to all in-

tents and purposes lost to the fraternity in too many cases. Such at one time was, and to-day frequently is, the status of the alumnus in the college fraternity.

The establishment of the general fraternity journal, such as the CRESCENT and its class—and every prominent fraternity to-day, possesses a journal of its own—at once effected a noticable change. The influence of our CRESCENT, however, has been less marked in this direction than we would desire, certainly not so marked as in other directions which have given our fraternity a well defined position among our older contemporaries, for if it had, its subscription list, though ample, would long ago have been double that of to-day; and other journals, so far as we can ascertain, cannot report any more favorable statement.

From the nature of these journals they cannot convey to the alumnus that detailed information regarding his chapter which he desires above everything else. Their special province, to our mind, is to serve as the official organ of the fraternity in the transaction of business, to represent its interests in its dealings with its rivals; to define its policy and to discuss topics of general interest to the fraternity; they should convey general fraternity intelligence, and record the movements of the alumni; to chronicle the progress of other fraternities than their own, and in a limited sense to be the repository of the literary efforts of the fraternity. Indeed there are many legitimate duties which these journals can, and do very properly perform; the CRESCENT certainly has an important mission.

There is a certain class of contributions to the columns of the CRESCENT, as to whose propriety we feel somewhat in doubt; we refer here to a large portion of what now appears in it under the caption of Chapter Letters. It will pass without argument to say that many of these with their undisguised and often unfounded self-laudation, their thrusts at our rivals, their feeble attempts at wit, and their trivial personalities and minor defects, had better be suppressed, because they

detract from the tone and dignity of our journal. We would by no means desire to be understood as favoring the entire abolition of the correspondence columns, for if properly conducted they can be made the most interesting and useful of our CRESCENT and we gladly acknowledge that a marked improvement has taken place of late. It is equally certain that there is still room for a change. Let us have such news only as will have a real interest to the general fraternity and discuss in them from time to time the questions which affect us all; let us have more general intelligence relating to our colleges; much can thus be written which will bear critical reading.

It would be well then if some means could be devised which would enable us to afford the CRESCENT the relief which it so much needs; by means of which much of what now appears in our journal could, if necessary, be imparted to those who alone have a direct interest in the matter—the alumni of our several chapters.

This brings us to the primary object of this article, the subject of a chapter paper. Several years ago one of our chapters, when organizing its plans by which it hoped to improve its relations to its alumni, began the monthly publication of a little paper, very properly named its *Chronicle*, which, we think, admirably fulfills the purposes we have in view. It was designed to supplement, rather than supplant the CRESCENT, and that has always been its policy. The Rho was soon followed by the Iota, who with characteristic energy, has issued its *Chronicle* once every term, since 1880. Several other chapters, most recently Iota Beta, followed, and a few chapters of other fraternities are known to have adopted a similar expedient, though it would perhaps be regarded as improper to claim that Delta Tau Delta first set the example.

A few words only as to the advantages of these chapter papers. In them the affairs of the chapter can be discussed with greater freedom than would seem desirable or judicious in a journal having the peculiar circulation of the CRESCENT. They can be made the means of acquaint-

ing the alumnus with the needs of his chapter and a proper appeal, will not fail to strike a responsive chord in the heart of every alumnus whose chapter seeks to fasten a kind and mutual interest. As a means of aiding in the transaction of business such a paper is at once simple and effective. The many incidents daily occurring within an active and well organized chapter can there be recorded at length, without perhaps seeming trivial as they might in the more pretentious columns of the CRESCENT. The paper can incidentally contribute largely to the interests of the college by keeping the alumnus informed of the affairs of his alma mater; very few of our colleges have undergraduate journals, and it is here where a serious want can often, in a measure at least, be supplied.

It was believed, at first, that these papers might possibly withdraw the support of the alumni from the CRESCENT, but so far from this having been the case, it has been found that they have decidedly increased their interest in the fraternity and its journal.

The chapter paper need not be issued oftener than, say, once every term, when the expenses connected with its publication will be very inconsiderable, and will be gladly borne by the alumni of the chapter, if the undergraduates will attend to its compilation.

There is no reason, whatever, why chapters with a membership as large as that of Gamma, Eta, Theta, Kappa, Lambda, Mu, Xi, Sigma and others cannot at least try to develop this scheme. This we hold is a duty which they, as central permanent organizations, plainly owe to their graduate members; that some at least will succeed, we feel quite certain.

Something must be done to keep our alumni more deeply interested in our fraternity than they have been in the past. The CRESCENT can, and does accomplish much good in this direction; it must, however, be vigorously seconded by the individual chapters themselves.

Yours fraternally.

X. Y. Z.

"VOICE FROM SUN LAND."

There's a voice from the land of sunshine and flowers,

The home of the summer and light
Where time passes by on rosy winged hours
As butterflies flit to the sight.

Where the song of the bird and the blush of the rose

Form part in the soul of the day,
Where harmony lulls in its softest repose
And life passes lightly away.

It speaks to the winds wherever they blow,
It sighs in the zephyrs of spring,
It answers the brooklets which bubble and flow
And calls to the birds on the wing.

"Oh when"—asks the voice—"oh when shall I see
My brothers of days now no more,
Or hear the sweet voices in answer to me,
Or thrill with the welcome of yore?"

There's music in Delta. This tropical clime,
With its whispering woodland and glen
Has sent back the echoing many a time,
"Ho, Delta!"—faintly—"Delta" again.
Till the birds seem to catch the tremulous tone,
While the melody answers me still,
And Delta seems warbled to Delta, alone,
In a beautiful rapturous thrill.

Oh days that are gone, sweet pleasures of yore,
Short season of freedom from pain;
No thought had I then, no care to explore
Beyond what the moment would gain.
I stepped from the heart of the glorious past
And wandered so thoughtless away.
Ah me! shall my destiny turn me at last
To the point I so earnestly pray?

Oh remember amidst all your pleasures and grief
The words of a far distant brother.
Make most of the present, 'tis brilliant and brief,
You'll never have part in another.
Take—"Live while you live"—as your motto
and be

Keen, careless, reckless, or clever,
Be one of the boys, be jolly, be free,
But be a true Delta forever.

CHAS. M. SNYDER,

Okahumka, Florida,

Jan. 31, 1883.

NECROLOGY OF DELTA TAU DELTA.

We publish herewith in two groups the names of all members of the fraternity who have been reported to the Catalogue Committee as deceased. The first group includes the names of those in regard to whom all desired information has been secured. The second list contains the names of those in regard to whom the data are either incomplete or doubtful. Little or nothing excepting the fact of their death is known of those whose names are marked by an asterisk.

The fraternity is earnestly requested to examine these lists carefully and report any omissions to the secretary of the committee. A similar list was published some months ago, and the present shows that decided progress in the direction of securing authentic information has since been made. This has in many instances been obtained by communicating with relatives and friends of the deceased, and it is believed that much of what is still wanting can thus be ascertained. We desire in every case to record at least the full name, late occupation and residence, and the exact date and place of death of our deceased members. Any information will be thankfully received by the Catalogue Committee, box 236, Hoboken, N. J.

I.—RECORD COMPLETE.

Abbott, Charles Waller, Pi, '81.
 Allen, Joseph Andrew, Alpha, '73.
 Apple, William Abner, Alpha, '78.
 Armstrong, James Frew, Beta, '85.
 Baker, Edwin Adelbert, Iota, '73.
 Beattie, Charles Wray, 1 Chi, '82.
 Benner, Cyrus See, Beta, '72.
 Bingham, Origen, Gamma, '62.
 Blair, Thompson Parks, Phi, '74.
 Bradley, William Stephenson, Gamma, '63.
 Bramer, Austin, Kappa, '74.
 Buchwalter, Franklin Benjamin, Beta, '63.
 Cady, Lyman, Iota, '77.
 Caldwell, James, 1 Gamma Beta, '77.
 Clark, Lemen Taylor, Mu, '71.
 Clarke, James William, Sigma, '75.

Culbertson, John William, Psi, '82.
 Deverell, William Wellsley, Beta, '65.
 Donaldson, Lewis Cass, Delta, '76.
 Faber, Charles Rudolph, Alpha, '78.
 Fisk, John Bruce, Xi, '77.
 Fleck, John, Sigma, '75.
 Garrison, Franklin, Delta, '78.
 Gault, Henry, Phi, '72.
 Geissinger, John Harrison, Tau, '80.
 Gilleland, Charles Slavens, Beta, '75.
 Hay, Paxton, Zeta Beta, '78.
 Hilgard, Frederick Eugene, Rho, '76.
 Howard, John Joliffe, Phi, '76.
 Hull, James Johnston, Gamma, '69.
 Ingalls, Charles Livingston, Iota, '75.
 Jackson, Elmer Hamlin, Beta, '72.
 Kern, George Arthur, Xi, '78.
 Kersey, Joseph William, 1 Gamma Beta, '78.
 Klinger, Francis Marion, Mu, '71.
 Ladd, Smith, Eta, '77.
 Lamar, Philip, Theta, '77.
 Maleham, William Rosswell, Lambda, '79.
 Martin, Hiram Clinton, Beta, '62.
 Metcalf, Benjamin Franklin, Beta, '65.
 Minnich, William Henry, Beta, '69.
 Mosier, Gideon Homer, Alpha, '79.
 Mosier, William Jenks, Alpha, '82.
 Noble, John Cummings, Omega, '79.
 Norwood, John Milton, Beta Beta, '72.
 O'Kane, Charles Clinton, Mu, '74.
 Orth, Godlove Stoner, 1 Nu, '52.
 Parker, Charles, Phi, '85.
 Patterson, William Tilton, Beta, '66.
 Potter, Cyrus King, Rho, '76.
 Powers, Willis Warring, Alpha, '69.
 Prendergast, James, 1 Iota, '70.
 Reynolds, Henry Miller, Upsilon, '82.
 Reynolds, Jefferson, Alpha, '72.
 Royce, William Norton, Iota, '78.
 Saxon, Mahlon, Alpha, '67.
 Scouller, James, 1 Rho, '74.
 Shannon, James Mayne, Phi, '78.
 Sleigh, Luther, Beta, '66.
 Speer, John Charles, Lambda, '81.
 Stephenson, John DeBolt, Lambda, '71.

Taylor, Oliver Easty, Sigma, '75.
 Thayer, Floyd Stillman, Lambda, '72.
 Valentine, Park, Upsilon, '80.
 VanLaw, Jesse, Beta, '62.
 Vaughan, James Sidney, Beta, '85.
 Wakefield, Thomas Gillett, Beta, '70.
 Wiley, Willam Ellsworth, Mu, '83.
 Williams, Edward Milton, Alpha, '65.
 Williams, Joseph, Kappa, '75.
 Wilson, James, Theta, '75.

II—RECORD INCOMPLETE.

*Alexander, James H—Mu, '68.
 Barnes, Allen H—1 Zeta, '72.
 *Bell, Henry K—Theta, '60.
 Blackburn, William McGrew, Eta Beta, '65.
 Colts, Andrew, 1 Gamma, '63.
 Curry, Joseph, Gamma, '70.
 Demarce, Daniel H—1 Nu, '73.
 Demaree, Robert S—1 Nu, '76.
 Dill, J—C—Zeta Beta, '78.
 Earle, Alexander C—Theta, '61.
 Ellis, J—Alder, 1 Tau, '74.
 *Finnell, R—E—1 Delta, '63.
 *Gardner, Edward A—1 Kappa, '67.
 Garrard, James H—1 Delta, '65.
 *Graham, George Stockton, Gamma, '61.
 Harrison, Charles R—1 Gamma Beta, '77.
 Hanes, William Melville, Beta, '79.
 Heady, J—Frank, 1 Nu, '74.
 *Hester, Robert A—Theta, '61.
 Houston, Lewis, Gamma, '64.
 Humphrey, William F—1 Zeta, '69.
 Hurst, Daniel Rodgers, Gamma, '70.
 *Johns, Thomas B—1 Mu, '65.
 *Johnston, Bowie, 1 Delta, '64.
 Kent, Samuel F—1 Iota, '70.
 *Kuhn, Hardin, 1 Gamma, '64.
 *Lewis, Job, 1 Gamma, '63.
 Marshall, Robert B—1 Zeta, '60.
 McConahey, James R—Gamma, '71.
 *McKee, James S—Gamma, '60.
 *Nichols, Robert S—Gamma, '63.
 Robinson, Samuel C—Theta, '68.
 Rodgers, John H—Theta, '60.
 Smith, Wesley Adam, Beta, '69.

Thompson, Lewis S—1 Gamma, '62.
 VanLaw, Thomas W—Beta.
 Wagner, Jay R—Kappa, '73.
 Warren, John James Kennedy, Beta, '61.
 *West, E—B—1 Gamma, '64.
 Woodruff, S—W—Theta, '74.
 Woods, L—Selden, Lambda, '78.
 Wooley, Robert Dwight, Lambda, '77.
 Wright, Irwin D—Beta, '85.
 *Yates, William M—Gamma, '63.

THE PREP. QUESTION.

Additional Testimony.

INDIANOLA, IOWA, Jan. 27th, 1883.

ED. CRESCENT—I see that the prep. question is being considerably agitated among the "boys," and I'm glad of it. I wish it were so throughout the entire Greek World. I believe that the fraternity will not reach the highest standard possible for it till the initiation of preps. is abolished.

The question upper-most in my mind is—can we prohibit and not at the same time place ourselves at a disadvantage among our rival fraternities?

In colleges where we meet with no opposition I think the initiation of preps. should be strictly prohibited, but where we come in contact with fraternities that do initiate preps. and that too where preps. and undergraduates are thrown together in the same classes, literary societies and social circles, we certainly cannot prohibit this entirely without unnecessarily losing some good material.

I think we want to exercise some discretion as well as energy in this matter and "make haste slowly."

Yours fraternally,

J. F. SAMSON.

WOOSTER, O., Jan. 21st, 1883.

ED. CRESCENT:—It is not proper that preparatory students should be initiated into fraternities, but would it be expedient to debar them from *ATL* at present? I say "no" but I predict that the time is not far distant when we can confine our choice to collegians.

In the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions, our principal competitors are $B\theta\eta$, $\phi\Gamma\Delta$, $\phi\kappa\psi$, $\phi\Delta\theta$, $\Sigma\chi$, all of which initiate preps. If $\Delta T\Delta$ says "I'll none of them," her chapters will be crippled, and some of them will certainly become defunct. Dignity is a good thing, but it is foolhardy to "die of dignity." It must be remembered that west of the Alleghenies there are no academies to prepare young men for college. More than nine-tenths of the freshmen receive their preparation in the preparatory department of the college of their choice. Of these nine-tenths, the most desirable are admitted into fraternities before they enter freshmen. Such being the case, $\Delta T\Delta$ could keep alive only by initiating men of inferior quality. These are facts, and facts can not be ignored without disaster.

$\Delta T\Delta$ is ready, yes anxious, to desist from initiating preparatory students, but the only safe way is to induce our rivals to take the same ground. For this evil—and it is an undoubted evil—three remedies suggest themselves. First: Let us have a Pan-Hellenic Council. I believe that all the fraternities, whatever their practice in the past, will gladly bind themselves to initiate no men below the regular college classes. Second: Let each chapter try to induce its college faculty to make a rule that any fraternity chapter that initiates any but collegians shall surrender its charter. The faculties of Ohio Wesleyan University and Hanover College have made such regulations at their own instance. Third: If the faculty will not take the desired action, let the chapter try to form a compact with its rivals to initiate no preparatory students. This is a delicate matter and should be broached very cautiously.

W. S. EVERSOLE.

•••
DANGER SIGNAL.

DEAR CRESCENT;—During five years experience as an active member of Alpha, and some few months of the paternal feeling of an alumnus I have noticed upon several occasions a great lack of respect—for the courtesy that should exist between chapters. What I refer to particularly

is this: Some chapters have taken in men who came from another college where there was also a chapter of our fraternity, without consulting this chapter. While I do not question their right to do this, I do think that the chapter at the college from which he originally came might be consulted to see what objections they had to him, and why they did not consider him worthy to be a brother. It is patent on the face of matters that if a man who is obnoxious to one chapter, goes to another college and joins our fraternity, he can never be regarded as a brother by the chapter at the college he first attended. We have known two or three cases of this character that have worked the fraternity considerable damage, and although they were doubtless done thoughtlessly, nevertheless they should think to write to the chapter at the other college and see how he is regarded, and if that chapter does not like him, courtesy should restrain them from taking him in, even though they admired him immensely. It is only by paying attention to this and by a more frequent intermingling of the members of different chapters that an even standard of membership will be established and that is a result devoutly to be wished. Now I do not refer to any chapter in particular by these remarks, yet at the same time I do not wish to be so general that none will think that it applies to them. Hoping that this will be taken in the brotherly spirit in which it was intended, I remain,

Faternally Yours,

TRIUMVIR.

GREEK WORLD.

$\phi\Delta\theta$ has established a chapter at Hillsdale.

$\phi\Gamma\Delta$ has brought her University of Pennsylvania chapter from under the rose, after an existence of over a year.

The chapter of $\phi\kappa\Sigma$ at Franklin and Marshall, after a varied existence of prosperity and disaster, has finally been re-established on a seemingly firm basis.

$\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ is reported to be at work on the State University of Georgia.

The University of Ohio supports four fraternities: $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$, $X\Phi$, $\Phi K\Psi$, and ΣX .

The University of Virginia rejoices in the possession of twenty fraternities.

In Indiana ΣX has six chapters, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ six, $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ four, $B\Theta\Pi$ four, $\Delta K E$ one.

It is said that Phi Delta Theta has a *sub rosa* chapter at the University of Kansas.

$K\Delta\Theta$ will hold her convention under the auspices of her Alpha chapter at Asbury, February 22.

$A\Delta\Phi$, according to its late catalogue, numbers no less than seven Roman Catholic priests among its membership.

ΣX has revised and reprinted her constitution. It is said to be in most respects superior to her old instrument.

President Arthur recently donated \$100 toward building a chapter house for his old chapter of ΨY at Union College.

The Greek system has been extended to Nebraska, ΣX having recently organized a chapter at the State University at Lincoln.

$X\Phi$'s latest addition is that of a chapter at University of Penna. Moreover an alumni chapter has been established in Philadelphia.

We have been unable to obtain any information in regard to the Alpha Tau Omega Convention at Washington, save that nearly a hundred men were in attendance. The next Convention will be held at Philadelphia in 1884.

The National Convention of Phi Kappa Psi will convene at Pittsburgh on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Vigorous efforts will be put forth for the re-establishment of the *Shield*.

The *Chi Phi Quarterly* has a circulation of 264 among the alumni members of the fraternity, this being an increase of 66 over the preceding year. The editor remarks, "Remembering that the care and ability exhibited in the publication is directly proportioned to the number of subscribers, it is evident that the surest road to the

head of college fraternity journalism is through a large list of subscribers."

Kappa Alpha (Southern) has begun the establishment of alumni chapters, commencing with Richmond, Va. This fraternity is in a very flourishing condition. It has recently withdrawn chapters at one or two unpromising institutions, and is now about preparing to seek a foothold in several northern colleges. Their journal is well supported, and has a good circulation. It is strictly *sub rosa*.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

"Psi Upsilon still issues the *Diamond* at irregular intervals. Strange that a fraternity making such pretentious claims to literary standing should not be able to make a complete success out of a fraternity journal. The chapter house built for the fraternity at Bethlehem, Pa., is nearly completed, and a number of students at the university have already been initiated. The coming convention is expected to grant a charter, and ΨY will then be firmly established at Lehigh."

—*Chi Phi Quarterly*.

In this connection what the Lehigh correspondent of the *Quarterly* has to say concerning the above will prove interesting. He writes: "A new society called the "Psi Upsilon in embryo," has been started by two of the faculty of the university. It makes a great flourish of trumpets, but coming into our midst at this late day, when all the fraternities represented here have made their selections, we do not see much to blow about."

The correspondent of the *Beta Theta Pi* at Stevens Institute, writes the following interesting account of fraternity affairs in that college: "Our old rivals, Delta Tau Delta and Theta Xi, are still here and alive. Together they have have shown three new men, but may have a few *sub rosa*. Speaking of rivals, I may mention that we have some new ones. The rapid growth of Stevens has led Sigma Chi to send four men here who are hard at work on the neutrals, but have not made much headway. A new local society has been started calling itself Alpha Psi. They wear a monogram pin similar to that of Chi Psi, and have petitioned Chi Psi for about a year. The petition is the work of the Rutgers Alpha Rho. The Phi Gamma Delta started a big boom at the beginning of the year, but could catch only one man, and have given up all hopes of a charter. Alpha Tau Omega is still here nominally, but their three men seem to have all they can do in keeping alive without taking any new men."

The Crescent.

\$1.00 PER YEAR.

SINGLE COPIES, 15 Cts.

HARRY W. PLUMMER, *Editor-in-Chief*,

W. J. GUTHRIE, *Vice-Editor-in-Chief*,

E. E. BLAIR, *Business Manager*,

E. W. DAY, *Chairman Com. on Mailing*.

WE are informed that the Catalogue Committee has had requests from Cleveland and Indianapolis for advance lists of the Deltas resident in those cities and their immediate vicinity with a view of organizing alumni chapters. We sincerely hope that these efforts will be attended with success and that we may soon hear of systematic movements in the same direction in other cities; there is nothing which our fraternity is in greater need of than just such alumni organizations and hence we shall watch with deep interest the progress of these movements.

THE high rank which Delta Tau acquired in the various oratorical contests of last year, bids fair to be retained. At the primary contest on the evening of January 20th to select Wooster University's representative for the Ohio State contest, Bro. Chas. Krichbaum was declared elected over a large number of competitors. At the Iowa State contest Delta Tau was represented by three orators, one of whom, Bro. Howard of Omicron, carried off the honors, and will represent Iowa at the Inter-State contest at Minneapolis. The CRESCENT heartily congratulates the successful orators, feeling that the interests of the fraternity rest in able hands.

By the announcement of the Committee on Codification of the Constitution it will be seen that said Committee have decided to postpone the printing of that document until after the Indianapolis Convention. Viewed in the light of present and prospective events, this action is eminently wise. There are many important questions already presented to the attention of the fraternity, upon which final and decided action must be taken. The prep. question, the founding and

government of alumni chapters, the support of the CRESCENT, the extension policy of the fraternity, the re-division of the fraternity, are all topics of the gravest import, and which cannot fail to have an all powerful influence on our future prosperity. Each chapter should study these questions in their every aspect and light, and thoroughly digest all information relating to them. The delegates to the Indianapolis Convention, will then be prepared to legislate with profit to their chapters and the fraternity.

THE Senate and House of Representatives devoted the afternoon of Wednesday, January 31st, to the memorial exercises for Bro. Godlove Stoner Orth, late representative of the Ninth District of Indiana. The memorial address in the House, was made by his colleague, Bro. Thomas M. Browne of Indiana, who spoke feelingly and eloquently of the rare qualities of heart and mind of his old friend. Similar able addresses were made by Messrs. Calkins, of Indiana, Deuster of Wisconsin, Davis of Illinois, DeMotte of Indiana, Beltzhoover of Pennsylvania, and others. In the Senate, addresses were made by Messrs. Harrison of Indiana, Frye of Maine and Vorhees of Indiana. The proceedings are published fully in the *Congressional Record* of February 1st.

Owing to its late arrival we were unable to publish the letter received last month from the editors of the *Beta Theta Pi*, submitting a proposition for a conference of the fraternity editors. With much pleasure we publish it below:

CINCINNATI, Jan. 13, 1883.

Dear Sir:—A suggestion made not long ago by a writer in the *X Φ Quarterly* as to a meeting of fraternity editors, has met with very general favor. It has seemed to many that such a meeting might prove to be the best method of preparing the way for the widely discussed Pan-Hellenic Council, as well as afford a means of arriving at an understanding upon many points of interest to the editors of fraternity papers and to fraternities at large.

Having waited in vain for some of its co-laborers in the fields of fraternity journalism to take the initiative in this movement the *Beta Theta Pi*, by virtue rather of its seniority in age than of any other claim to leader-

ship, ventures to submit the following propositions to the several fraternity organs.

1st. That a meeting of fraternity editors be held on Thursday, February 22nd, 1883, at New York, Philadelphia or Washington, as the majority of the papers may prefer.

2nd. That inasmuch as the discussion of a plan for a Pan-Hellenic Council will be one of the prominent objects of the meeting, invitations be sent to the several fraternities of the country to send representatives to the conference. It seems advisable to make this or some similar provision, since several fraternities have already appointed committees of co-operation with respect to the proposed Pan-Hellenic Council, and in any discussion of that subject these fraternities should of course be represented by the committees of their own choosing rather than by their editors, or other members; and such fraternities as have neither editors nor committees of co-operation (in which number are several of the best orders in the country) can also have secured to them, in this way, a representation in the caucus upon the P.-H. C. Of course this would not interfere with the holding of separate sessions by the fraternity editors present, to discuss matters of interest to them alone.

You are requested, therefore, to transmit to this office immediately notice of your approval or disapproval of the date named above, and also your preference among the places of meeting suggested. Also your opinion as to the second proposition—the inviting others than editors to the gathering. Suggestions are asked upon any points that occur to you.

We will take the responsibility of executing the wishes of the majority of the brethren of the fraternity press, and immediately notify you of the details of the plan as determined by your votes. Yours fraternally,

THE EDITORS OF THE BETA THETA PI.

Comment on the above is unnecessary. In accordance with the wishes of a majority of the editors the conference will be held in Philadelphia, on February 22d. It is expected that many fraternity men, aside from the editors will be present, and the Pan-Hellenic Council will undoubtedly receive such an impulse, that its success will no longer be a matter of doubt.

In the article entitled "A Few Suggestions" the author in speaking of Chapter Letters, uses the following language:

"Many of these with their undisguised and often unfounded self laudation, their thrusts at our rivals, their feeble attempts at wit, and their trivial personalities, had better be suppressed,"

We wish that these words laden as they are

with meaning, could, with their full weight and significance, fall upon the minds of all chapter correspondents. An important portion, perhaps the most important of the fraternity journals, is that devoted to chapter letters, and which with the proper care and attention of the writers could be made most interesting and readable. But how often do we find their fair pages marred by idle and vapid talk, containing not a grain of common sense, nor an iota of weight. A string of bombastic, inflated words are sometimes used by correspondents, thinking, no doubt to express the enthusiasm and energy existing in their chapters. But may not these same words be used to conceal the lack of those qualities so essential to the long life and prosperity of a chapter. However, they cannot fail to excite the contempt of the thoughtful and experienced fraternity man.

While these words are usually harmless the same cannot be said of those miserable attempts at humor so often found degrading the columns of the fraternity papers. However lofty the plane of its other departments, however pure its general tone, the publication of sentiments usually silly and utterly meaningless, cannot fail to injure the dignity and worth of the paper. We often wonder at the cool audacity with which they are written and forwarded for publication. Jokes which all the play of tongue and gesture could not rescue from palsied feebleness, are foisted upon the mass of readers with a coolness simply marvelous. Public opinion has condemned the practice and it cannot fail to fall of its own inanity.

Words of self laudation and praise are too often found blemishing the pages of correspondence. Frequent passages occur in which the writer speaks of his chapter as composed individually and collectively of the "very best men in college." From the very nature of the case, such a statement is false. It is impossible to conceive that any one fraternity can obtain all the best men of a college supporting two or more fraternities. Each contains its quota of strong, able

and influential men, and that chapter will be the strongest containing the largest proportion of these. A man may be justifiable in believing that his chapter is the strongest in his college, but it is certainly incredible that all the best men of a college have been gathered within the doors of his chapter. This egotism finds utterance in other ways of which it is unnecessary to make mention.

Space forbids the further discussion of this interesting and important question, at the present time. We hope to continue it in the future. Our remarks have not been directed to any particular chapter or chapters, but at the body of correspondents, many of whose productions are worthy of the highest praise.

THE EDITORIAL CONFERENCE.

Editorial Dispatch to the CRESCENT.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., February 22d, 1883.—A general meeting of fraternity men was held at the Colonnade this morning at 11 o'clock. Over fifty men represented fifteen different fraternities. Glazebrook of the *ATΩ Palm* was elected President, and Thomas of the *ΦΔΘ Scroll*, secretary. A committee of five with Robb of the *Beta Theta Pi* as chairman, was appointed to select the various questions to be presented to the National Conventions of the different fraternities for their action. After discussion the report of the committee was unanimously adopted, the editors as official representatives, casting the ballots. The prep. question, combinations in college politics, the promotion of general harmony and good feeling, the relations of the fraternity system to college faculties, are among the most important of these questions. Every fraternity having three or more chapters will be entitled to three delegates, with the power of casting one ballot. After some general discussion the meeting adjourned.

At 4 p. m. the Conference of the Editors was held. The following are the official representatives: *Beta Theta Pi*, W. O. Robb and W. R. Baird; *Chi Phi Quarterly*, J. H. Cromwell and E. H. Renninger; *CRESCENT*, H. W. Plummer; *Phi Gamma Delta*, S. L. Black; *Sigma Chi*, E. A. Stahler; *ΨΥ Diamond*, C. W. Smiley; *ATΩ Palm*, Otis A. Glazebrook; *Σ AE Record*, J. H. Young; *ΦΔΘ Scroll*, G. B. Thomas; *ΔKE Quarterly* C. H. Beckett. H. W. Plummer of the *CRESCENT* was chosen chairman, and S. L. Black of the *Phi Gamma Delta*, secretary. Many topics relating to the fraternity press were discussed at length. The editors resolved themselves into a committee for the promotion of the Pan-Hellenic Council with Mr. Beckett of *ΔKE* as permanent secretary.

The Conference then adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary.

The meetings were an entire success. The representatives were men of broad, generous, and liberal ideas, whose action cannot fail to have a permanent and important effect on the Greek World. Upon all questions relating to the purity and elevation of the fraternity system, the greatest unanimity was apparent. The Pan-Hellenic Council is an assured success.

FIRST DIVISION CONFERENCE.

Editorial Dispatch to CRESCENT:

PHILADELPHIA, February 22d, 1883.—The Conference of the First Division, met at the Hotel Lafayette this morning. More than forty Deltas were present. Chapters Tau, Pi, and Gamma Beta sending almost their entire active membership. Alpha was represented unofficially by J. A. Bolard, and H. W. Plummer. Trautwein of Rho was chosen President, Martinez of Gamma Beta, Vice President, and Cook of Tau, Secretary. The delegates are viz: Tau, W. S. Maybury, F. C. Cook; Rho, E. H. Foster, R. D. Steward; Pi, R. H. Wilbur and R. B. Linderman; Nu, A. C. Campbell and J. H. Schock; Gamma Beta, E. W. Clarke and F. F. Martinez. The banquet was a grand success, over twenty-five being present. Responses to toasts were made by Trautwein, Cook, Plummer, Martinez, Maybury, Goode-nough and others. The next conference will be held at New York, February 22d, 1883.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

KAΘ at Allegheny runs a small but very select chapter of seven, only one of whom was initiated this year. It seems to us as though there was a first-class opening here for another ladies' fraternity.

Alpha at different times during this term has unexpectedly been called upon to part with three of her braves. Bros. Stewart, Power and Patterson. The first of these decided to cast his lot among the boys at Washington and Jefferson, and although we much regret his departure, yet we feel what is Alpha's loss is Gamma's gain and so are consoled. Bro. Power intends entering upon a business career in Erie and leaves shortly for that city; while our latest mourned, Patterson, has entered a broker's office in

Cleveland. Although this leaves us but fourteen men, yet what we lack in quantity we endeavor to make up in quality.

Miss Lydia Wood was the representative of the Allegheny chapter of *KAT* at their convention which was held at Greencastle, Ind., February 22d and 23d.

In the recent promotion's to fill vacancies, Bro. McClurg was made 1st Sergeant.

Saturday, February 17th, thirteen moons were up and the Delta warriors of Alpha, gathered in full war paint for their annual Pow Wow, and to return thanks to Wah-ne-ho, the great spirit of the Chocktaw nation. The braves first assembled around the council fire at the wigwam, and when the pale moon cast the shadow of the teepees toward the north or as it were, 9 o'clock, the tall chief, Stuck-on-his-Shape, with a band of twenty-five bucks stole silently up the trail toward the Commercial. The great wigwam of travelers was taken by a brisk assault and soon the hotel parlors echoed with the shouts of the triumphant warriors. After the pipe of tranquility had been brought in and all had inhaled the peace-bearing smoke, a scout announced that big supplies of jerked meat were stored in an adjoining room, a break was made and soon one of the finest feasts ever spread by the Commercial was surrounded by a been-fed-on-boarding-house-hash-horde.

Koshegantz, alias Gog-a Lake, presided and after the straps on the back of each brave's pants had been let out as far as possible, he called for speeches from the old chiefs. Wise councils and pleasant stories flowed freely for an hour or so, and many letters expressing sorrow for their inability to be present, were read from absent braves, when they all adjourned to the parlors and after the grand walk around, disbanded. After which each testified, as at the close of every other Pow Wow that this was the best they had ever held.

POW WOW SIFTINGS.

Bro. Bemis was down from Adelbert.

The Little Squaw and party from Oil City and Franklin were unable to get here on account of the flood.

The same misfortune also detained parties from Warren, O., Bradford, and other places.

Frank Lippitt's lusty war whoop as usual echoed among us. Without it we would feel as though something was decidedly wrong.

Billy Bear came to the front again with his mirth provoking tales of the "old choctaws."

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

RHO—STEVENS.

Our Crescent alarm clock, having gone off, we arise from the deep sleep of ardent devotion to study, with the strong realization of the fact that it is time to write another letter.

We have no new members to introduce and our present undergraduates still number fifteen.

We heartily endorse the proposed conference of the first division on general principles, as we do any movement that tends to bring the several chapters of our division into closer acquaintance and thus makes it act as a unit in fraternity work. We think that the mere fact of a conference of this kind being brought up, is in itself a good sign of the activity of our division. It will enable us to improve on our own methods of working by comparing them with those of our sister chapters; no correspondence is as profitable as personal interview. There are a number of matters which our chapter desires to hear discussed, but which we refrain from hurrying up because we realize the difficulties of conducting a discussion by letter.

Rho has already appointed two delegates and no doubt many others of our members will be present. We need hardly say that we look forward with much pleasure to the meeting and hope to derive great benefit therefrom.

Our worthy Grand Chapter has taken the matter in hand and we consequently cherish every assurance that she will stop at nothing short of perfection.

The Institute is at present in a flourishing condition and in order to keep abreast with the times it is contemplated to establish a special course in Electrical Engineering, thus meeting the rapidly growing demand for skilled electricians required by the Electric Light Companies throughout the country. There is no Electric Light school in the country which has the resources in apparatus, laboratories and workshops which our college possesses and we know of none other better qualified to inaugurate such a course and carry it out successfully.

We had a pleasant visit on January 12th from Rev. Huntington K. Pendleton, '82, who is now pastor of the Church of the Disciples, New York City.

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

Though this be mid-winter Mu has passed through one of the sunniest spots of her history. The second Division Conference did us much more good than the visiting delegates may have supposed. Their presence with us for the two or three days of their visit gave us an insight into the practical workings of the chapters they represented, useful information we could have obtained in no other way, and an amount of enthusiasm per active member unprecedented before in our chapter. Our view of the field of Delta work is enlarged: our love for the whole fraternity increased: and our adherence to the fundamental principals of our constitution forever established in unswerving loyalty. We of chapter Mu were greatly benefited and we feel certain that all the chapters represented by delegates will feel the influence for good in all the months to come. It was not strange that the conference was unanimous in its vote that this annual gathering of the Second Division Deltas must become a fixed institution for the future.

The welcome address by Brother Wood Cheney of Mu, with which the session was opened and the reply by Brother E. C. Sharpe of Psi were both expressive of the present broadening and more liberal views of fraternity relations and fraternity work; and the spirit caught from these opening addresses characterized our discussions throughout. It was wonderful how well each subject mentioned in the Conference sessions opened up unforeseen depths and how much of added interest was given and received by every added speech. There was plenty of fun and plenty of business: and the enthusiasm of the Conference increased each hour till at the close of the final session on Friday afternoon every heart was full to overflowing of fraternity good will, and the expectation of a good time at the banquet that night ran to such a high pitch that one almost feared that some would be disappointed. But we were not. The banquet capped the climax of delight. It lasted till Saturday morning sometime, for the feast of reason continued in toast after toast long after the banquet proper had perforce been brought to a close because of the limited area enclosed by each man's vest capacity and the flow of soul o'erflowed in Delta songs and rose so high and flowed so wide that it has scarcely begun to subside even now. It was not strange again that Standish said that though he had had many banquets before, he

never saw one so enjoyable and so pleasant in every respect as was this. The Conference closed. The delegates carried home with them an energy and fire that can but set the Division aglow with true fraternity zeal, and we of the Mu here dedicate all the zeal and good we gained to the furtherance of the aims and the success of the cause of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity everywhere.

SIGMA—MT. UNION.

How tempus does fugit! Another month has flown. The Conference is now numbered among the bright and happy times of the past. It is another star in memory's constellation. At the Banquet some of us were in a fix somewhat similar to the esquimau, about whom it was said: "Him eat too much. Him drink too much. Him choke, choke, die."

Mu makes a number one hostess. Could n't ask for a better. May future Conferences be as enjoyable as was this one.

The winter term is drawing to a close. Bro. U. C. DeFord is one of the debaters, Feb. 14th at the Republican closing performance. Yours truly has the oration.

Saw Bro. Martin in Cleveland a few days ago. He is "as ever" a thorough-going Delt, dyed in the wool.

Accept regrets for not being able to be present at the Pow-wow, as it is vacation here at that time.

PSI—WOOSTER.

Psi is neither dead nor sleeping, but the foreign secretary has had a superabundance of work on hands, so the voice of Psi has not been heard in Delta land. We have made no conquests this year, but are quietly enjoying the fruits of the past. We fear, however, that some of the brothers are a little too much at ease over present attainments. Some of our lower class men are not enthusiastic enough over the matter of getting new men. We would urge upon them the importance of keeping steadily before their minds the fact that eight of Psi's members graduate this year, and our number will be reduced to nine. We are confident that there are men here whose parts and ability are such, if rightly estimated, as would warrant us in making them Deltas. They are men whom we could secure too.

Our delegate to the Division Conference at Delaware, (Mu) was Bro. J. C. Sharpe. Bro. C.

O. Johnson would also have gone, had he not been detained by the sudden death of one of his friends. Bro. Sharpe was well pleased with what he saw. He pronounces the Grand Chapter of our Division as thoroughly awake to the interests of Delta Tau Delta.

Monday night the 12th, all the Delta boys came together for the two-fold purpose of having a social time, and of demolishing a brace of featherless bipeds, commonly known as turkeys. Of course when we say Delta boys, that includes Prof. Eversole. The affair would have been incomplete and much turkey left if the Professor had been absent. Besides the fraters, there were three others present, special friends of Psi.

EPSILON BETA—EMORY.

It is with much sorrow that I write you these few lines to-night, for it may be my last as S. A. of Epsilon Beta. Although I have been compelled to leave College on account of my bad health, I can honestly say that I did not leave my interest in Delta Tau Delta behind me.

I am just as enthusiastic as ever and I hope that I may improve and be able to return to grand old Emory and finish my college course.

I take great pleasure in introducing to you my successor, Brother C. A. Gee to whom all communications can be addressed.

With my best wishes for Delta Tau Delta and the rapid but steady growth of Epsilon Beta,

I remain

Yours Fraternally,

J. B. BANKS.

ZETA—WESTERN RESERVE.

The best thing we did last month was to initiate Will S. Arter, '86, into the Delta Tau Delta. "Art" was fresh from the Northwestern University, and knew as much of fraternities as we did: but we surrounded him with the result above mentioned. It is needless to say that we are jubilant over our success; but we cannot say as much for one of our rivals.

We are glad to announce that everything seems to indicate the speedy establishment of an alumni chapter of Delta Tau Delta in Cleveland.

Our Cleveland Deltas are wide-awake to the interests of the fraternity and it required but little exertion on our part to pledge eight or ten of them to the alumni chapter.

We hope soon to see all of the Deltas resident here, and to announce in our next letter that one more alumni chapter has been added to our list. Verily, the cause is "marching on."

The boys are practicing fancy steps and taking "short" meals, in preparation for Eta's ball and banquet on March 2nd. We pity the Delt. who absents himself from that gathering.

ETA—BUTCHEL.

Δ.Τ. will probably hold its National Convention here, in May, instead of at Franklin, Indiana. Brothers Smith and Canfield have entered Tuft's Divinity School, Boston, Mass.

Dr. E. L. Rexford of Detroit, Mich., will lecture in *Δ.Τ.Δ.* course on the 19th instant, subject being "Voltaire."

Brother F. W. Garber was our delegate to the Second Division Conference at Delaware, O. He reports a grand good time.

Brother Smith Pence was married to Sister Lew Woodbury (*K.K.T.*) of Granville, O., on the 8th instant. The happy couple are now living at their own home, Westville O.

Delta Gamma at this college is in a most flourishing condition, having taken in eleven new members last fall term; their active membership now numbers twenty-three. This chapter is the chief deputy of the fraternity and shows decided vim in the work of extension, Mt. Union college being among the latest entered.

The "Prep." question still remains in *statu quo*. The fraternities separately express their willingness to exclude Preps, but as yet there has been no distinct understanding between all the fraternities, and until such a conference is held each fraternity is free to proceed as it likes.

Butchel College and *Δ.Τ.Δ.* seem to be fortunate at the Cincinnati Law School. Last year Brother Lieber took first honors and word has just been received that in the election of orators for the Forensic contest at commencement, out of a class of forty-five, eight were elected and out of the eight, Butchel and *Δ.Τ.Δ.* take one-fourth, viz: A. B. Tinker and W. H. Sanford.

The annual reception and banquet of our chapter will occur on Friday evening, March 2. The Ball will be given at K. of P. hall, the finest in the city for such purposes. The banquet and toasts will be given at Empire House. A number of visitors, especially from Cleveland are expected. The faculty of the college tried to "break us all up" by refusing to permit the young ladies of the college to attend, but sad as it was to leave our college sisters out, we concluded not to cave, and consequently we will console ourselves with Akron girls. We extend a cordial invitation to all Deltas to be present.

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

PHI—HANOVER.

It becomes our painful duty to announce the death of brother William A. Trotter, Phi, '84 who died at his home in Savoy, Texas, Dec 24th 1882.

At the beginning of this term Phi lost four men, Brothers Smith, Collins, McEnery and Kingsberry, who are now attending Asbury, at Greencastle, Ind. Although our number was weakened by the loss of four good men, Phi is still in a flourishing condition, and bids fair to be as strong as ever ere long.

At the late Oratorical Election Phi received her share of the officers, 2nd delegate and some of the local offices.

Brother Parker '84 is at Georgetown, Ohio, teaching the young minds how to shoot. He writes that he expects to spend commencement with us. We are always glad to welcome any of the old boys back to their Alma Mater.

Brother J. M. Ryker having received an appointment from the U. Signal Service to go to Memphis, Tenn., spent a few days with us while en-route for that city.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We have a brother not yet introduced to the fraternity. Permit us to present Mr. Nathan Degen of Ottawa, Ill., class '86 as a loyal young Delta. Nat. swung his pin soon after the holidays. Two weeks ago he was elected assistant editor on the *Argonaut* board.

Since the holidays we have been unfortunate in loosing three men. Bros. Frank and Art Smith, left us to enter upon a business life in Chicago. A few days after they had left us, Bro B. G. Ashbrook was called home unexpectedly and will not be able to return before next year, when we hope to see him back again. "Burt" came to us from Mu and we were all much pleased with him, regretting exceedingly that he cannot be with us this year.

During the holidays Bro. J. J. Reed, '78, of Chicago, called at the house, but found only two at home to greet him. We are sorry that he came while most of us were away and would be pleased to have him call again when we are at home.

"Prexy" Waite, '80 has been spending a few weeks in the city visiting his relatives and friends.

It seemed like old times to have him with us in the chapter meetings again.

We are at present preparing for the semi-annual horror and have little time for anything else.

BETA BETA—ASBURY.

At Asbury there are nine fraternities represented, will name them, as it may be of interest to the readers of the CRESCENT. The Delta chapter of $B\theta\theta$ was established in 1845; Lambda of $\phi\Gamma\Delta$ in 1856; Xi of ΣX in 1859; Indiana Alpha of $\phi K\psi$ in 1865; Psi Phi of $\Delta K E$ in 1866; Indiana Zeta of $\phi\Delta\theta$ in 1868; $K\Delta\theta$ was founded here in 1870 this being the Alpha chapter. The Iota chapter of $K K T$ was established in 1875.

In the last society elections our side was snowed under by the other combination which consists of $\phi K\psi$, $B\theta\theta$, and the barbs. But in the oratorical which is the principal election of the year our combination carried the day, they making no resistance whatever. We tossed up for a delegate and got left. The delegates are a $\phi\Gamma\Delta$, a $\phi\Delta\theta$, and a ΣX ; the officers are two $\Delta K E$'s and three ΔT 's.

Brother Frank M. Morris, ZB '82, of Danville, Indiana paid our chapter a visit a few days ago.

Brother W. Boyd Johnson has returned to college and entered the sophomore class.

IOTA—MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL.

The time is nearly at hand when Iota's son's will stand shoulder to shoulder again to promote the interests of Delta Tau at the M. A. C.

Although separated for more than three months, fraternity spirits run high among our men and we shall return to our work greatly invigorated and thoroughly determined to hold the banner of the purple and gray above all others.

From our personal experience at Delta gatherings and our knowledge of the royal way our Epsilon brothers have of entertaining fraters, we bespeak a very pleasant time to those who may attend the Michigan Conference in March.

We'll all be there! Let every Michigan Delta be there to sit around the council fire, and there renew his vows to labor for all that is good and true and beautiful.

Bros. J. R. Shelton, '82 and H. W. Baird, '83, who have graced the office of Secretary of State at Lansing during vacation will be with us again at the opening of the spring term.

Iota is represented at the Michigan University by Bros. L. G. Carpenter '79, F. E. Robson, '78, H. Bamber, '81 and B. S. Palmer, '81.

IOTA BETA—ADRIAN.

We find ourselves very busy with the regular routine of college duties, but we do not lose sight of the gleaming CRESCENT of Delta Tau Delta. We are fourteen strong in numbers, including our Grand Worthy President, Professor E. G. Walker, who has lately returned from California. His genial face and fraternal zeal have rejoiced our hearts and given a vigorous impetus to our chapter work.

At the first of last term we donned a new Hood which we hope will never wear out, that is, we initiated brother H. W. Hood, '83, and introduced him to the Greek world, but as it failed to appear in the CRESCENT we are happy to take this opportunity of presenting brother Hood to the fraternity.

Our boys are growing enthusiastic over the convention of Michigan chapters. We expect a signal stroke for Delta Tau Delta.

We enjoy a pleasant chapter hall this year, which is something we never had before. In our chapter meetings we have introduced regular extemporaneous discussions; and find it a very pleasant as well as a profitable exercise.

I am glad to say of our two alumni of '82, that Bro. G. C. Shippard is preaching at Connellsville, Pa., with very marked success and that Bro. A. M. Lyons is also meeting with decided success as principal of the grammar schools of Steubenville, O., having the superintendence of about 900 pupils and 16 teachers.

In just a word I want to endorse what has been said on the prep. question. I am opposed to initiating them as I think pledging will suffice.

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

LAMBDA—LOMBARD.

Bro. Parker, '80 who was quite sick last month but who recovered sufficiently to resume his work as Civil Engineer of Peoria and Farmington Railroad, is again at home on the sick list, expecting to have the measly measles this time.

Bro. Hamilton Catlin is now with the Union Publishing House of Chicago, as general agent. Ham is doing finely and is giving his employers the very best satisfaction, as is shown by the fact that his salary is now nearly double what it was when he began. We are sure all the Bros. who know our jolly friend will be happy to hear of his success.

Bro. "Dug" Meyers, '79, has moved from

Varna, Ill., to Peoria, and is in the real estate department of the firm of Myers, Bell & Myers. Dug's office is in the Grand Opera House building, 2d floor, where he would, no doubt, be glad to meet any Bro. Delt who may wander Peoria-ward. Success to our brother in his new departure.

Bro. Frank Lowe, formerly of Lacon, Ill., is now also in Peoria, and is a member of the firm of Thomas Lowe & Son, who are the proprietors of the largest steam marble works in the State.

Bro. Henry S. Livingston, '80, who for some time past has been reporting on the Peoria, Ill. *Transcript*, has lately been advanced to the position of news editor on the same paper. The *Transcript* is the best paper in the State outside of Chicago. We congratulate him on his success which we are sure will continue to increase. Our worthy brother knows what he is good for and is bound to make it win.

Hurrah! Another soldier of the purple and gray. Bro. Ed. Webster, '79, is now rejoicing greatly over a big boy who is sure to follow in the foot-steps of his father and become a loyal Delta. Ed. you have our heartiest congratulations.

Charles O. Barker, our brother only since last fall has lately received a crushing blow in the death of his sister. We are sure our loyal brother has the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of all the brothers who knew him. After the above sad event Bro. Barker, who himself has not been in the best of health, found it necessary to leave school in order to save himself from the "fell destroyer," and to that end has gone to Silver City, Col. May our Bro. find in the pure air of the Rockies, the health and strength which he needs so much, is our earnest wish and hope.

XI—SIMPSON.

The Simpson Delts have been enjoying a series of jubilees since our last letter. Cause—Delta Tau boometh. First at the local oratorical contest the Delts appeared as representatives of the Everett society, Brothers Oneal and Johnson, both '85. Brother E. W. Oneal received the decision and ably represented Simpson at the State contest held here Feb. 1. Secondly came Brother S. B. Howard, of Omicron as the orator from the State University and in the most Delta-like manner carried off the honors of the State contest. We rather envy Omicron but still as Delts we jubilate, Thirdly: The State College sent Brother McHenry as its delegate, Callahan

College of Des Moines sent Brother C. H. Pomeroy, of Omicron, and the State University sent Brother Chrischillis, of Omicron, as delegates. Two orators and three delegates are about as much as can be reasonably be expected of three chapters. Hence we jubilate and do not care to conceal it.

The Delts held a short meeting during the convention and expressed themselves as being in favor of a Conference of the 4th Division.

We have an active membership now of thirteen, Brother J. T. Samson, '85, having withdrawn from college for the present. Brother J. N. Study's communication on the "Prep. Question" expresses our views exactly.

INITIATES.

TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Norman J. Blackwood, '86, Lancaster, Pa.
John Henry Gerhart, '86, Lancaster, Pa.
Howard P. Wanner, '84, Reading, Pa.

PI—LEHIGH.

William Heysham Sayre, '86, Bethlehem, Pa.
Garrett Brodhead Linderman, Jr., '86, Bethlehem, Pa.
David Best Abbott, '86, Bethlehem, Pa.

NU—LAFAYETTE.

George Brinton Stear, '86, Long Run, Pa.

GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Robert Reed, '87, Washington, Pa.

ETA—BUCHTEL.

Hal L. Jacobs, '87, Akron, O.
Will S. Ford, '87, Milledgeville, O.

PSI—WOOSTER.

John C. Sharpe, '83, Oakville, Pa.
Harry Persol Pomerene, '87, Berlin, O.

EPSILON BETA—EMORY.

James Mondel Stuart, '84, Manatie, Fla.
George Wesley Kriner, '85, Springfield, Ga.

DELTA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Robert May Callaway, '85, Bairdstown, Ga.
Thomas Neal Kitchens, '85, Warrentown, Ga.
Samuel Jackson Cartledge, '85, Bald Spring, Ga.
William Swift Cheney, '83, Marietta, Ga.
Jasper Jackson Kennedy, '84, Reidsville, Ga.
John A. Howard, Dahlonega, Ga.
Joseph Robertson Burdett, '85, Washington, Ga.
Malcom Nicholson McRae, '85, Lumber City, Ga.
Edgar Lawrence Ballard, '85 Palmetto, Ga.
Willie Peterson Harper, '85, Washington, Ga.
James Elijah Hayes, '84, Greenwood, Ga.
Marcus Baird Bond, '86, Lebanon, Tenn.

ZETA—WESTERN RESERVE.

James William M'Lane, '83, Cuyahoga, Falls, O.
John Clarence Hood, '83, Wheeling, W. Va.
Alton Adelbert Bemis, '83, Westfield, N. Y.
Kent Benjamin Waite, '86, Hudson, O.
Morris Jerred Hole, '86, Damascus, O.
William Sherman Pettibone, '86, Solon, O.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

Edward F. Parmelee, '83, Reading, Mich.
Bion Joseph Arnold, '84, Ashland, Neb.
Seth Aversy, '85, Angola, Ind.

IOTA BETA—ADRIAN.

Henry William Hood, '83, Adrian, Mich.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Nathan Degan, '86, Ottawa, Ill.

LAMBDA—LOMBARD.

Charles Liggett, '86, New Canton, Ill.
Lawrence L. Boren, '86, West Point, Ill.
Charles Omar Barker, '84, Yates City, Ill.

XI—SIMPSON CENTENARY.

Arthur Simon Bussell, '87, Indianola, Iowa.
Aaron VanScoy Proudfoot, '87, Liberty, Iowa.
Morris Elmer Daily, '86, Riverton, Iowa.
Robert Thompson, '86, Riverton, Iowa.
Winfield Scott Kelly, '88, Hillsdale, Iowa.

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Charles L. Powell, '85, Panora, Iowa.
Don L. Love, '86, Manson, Iowa.
J. W. Read, '86, Altoona, Iowa.
John L. Teeters, '86, West Liberty, Iowa.

In the "ad." of the Commercial Hotel, Meadville, the name of Lewis Walker was inadvertently published as manager. It should be D. A. Smith.

Any brothers having copies of the numbers of THE CRESCENT mentioned below, which they wish to sell, will favor us by sending them, with price, to the business manager:

November, 1881; October, 1880; January, 1881.

The committee appointed by the Cleveland convention to codify the Constitution and provide for its printing, desires to announce to the fraternity, that the part of the work pertaining to the codification has been finished. It has been decided by the committee to postpone the printing until after the assembling of the Indianapolis Convention.

Such action has been brought about by the fact that many additional changes will probably be made by the forthcoming convention, which will require a re-printing of the Constitution, thus entailing a useless expense upon the fraternity.

In the meantime the committee stands ready to furnish any information regarding its text which the chapters may desire,

W. L. McCLURG, Sec'y,
115 State St., Chicago, Ill.

ORRIS & GASKILL,
One - Price Clothiers,
OPERA BLOCK.

College Cadet Uniforms made in the best shape at Bottom Prices.

Full line of Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, etc.

Fine Ready-made Overcoats and Ulsterettes.

Ready-made Clothing as fine as Custom Work and at half the price.

A SPECIAL INVITATION

Is extended to all Students to call upon us, whether wishing to buy or not.

Remember the place :

2 and 3 Opera Block, MEADVILLE, PA.

ORRIS & GASKILL.

INGHAM & CO.

The Largest Wholesale and Retail Book Store in Western Pennsylvania.

POST OFFICE BUILDING,

Meadville, Pa., where you will find everything kept in a first-class book store.

—) **DUNN'S** (—

ART GALLERY

The Finest Photographs In the City.

CABINET, — — \$3.00 per Doz.

CARD, — — — 1.50 "

—DON'T FORGET THE PLACE.—

First Building east of Delamater Block,

CHESTNUT ST., — — — MEADVILLE, PA.

M. OHLMAN & Co.,

MERCHANT TAILORS,

—AND CLOTHIERS.—

913 WATER ST., & 912 MARKET SQUARE,

DELAMATER BLOCK,

MEADVILLE, — — — PENN'A

CITY HOTEL AND RESTAURANT,

FRED MOESNER Prop.

Lodgings, Hot Meals at all hours, Cold Lunches, Wines, Ale and Beer.

S. J. AFFENTRANGER,

LIVERY and SALE STABLES, 1010 Water St., next door to Budd House.

First-class Carriages and Buggies always on hand. Boarding Horses a specialty.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL.

LEWIS WALKER, Manager, Meadville, Pa.

Accommodations for 200 guests. First-class in every respect. Elevator and all modern Improvements. \$2.00 per day.



charge for examination of models or drawings. Advice by mail free.

Patents obtained through us are noticed in the **SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN**, which has the largest circulation, and is the most influential newspaper of its kind published in the world. The advantages of such a notice every patentee understands.

This large and splendidly illustrated newspaper is published **WEEKLY** at \$3.20 a year, and is admitted to be the best paper devoted to science, mechanics, inventions, engineering works, and other departments of industrial progress, published in any country. Single copies by mail, 10 cents. Sold by all news-dealers.

Address, Munn & Co., publishers of Scientific American, 261 Broadway, New York.

Handbook about patents mailed free.

THE DEMOCRATIC MESSENGER,

BOOK AND JOB PRINTING HOUSE.

Cor. Park Avenue and Chestnut Street, upstairs.

Blank Books, Engraving, Lithographing, furnished on short notice.



White & Stokes,

Publishers, Booksellers, Stationers, and Engravers,
offer SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS to book-buyers.

They keep regularly in stock all important

NEW BOOKS,

As well as a carefully selected assortment of

STANDARD AUTHORS,

In every variety of bindings. Sets and Single volumes
in Unique and Elegant

BINDINGS,

Gotten up for their own retail store and not to be found
elsewhere.

In the Stationery Department will be found elegant
and tasteful imported

—) NOVELTIES.(—

In Inkstands, Paper Knives, Albums, Pocket-books,
Card Cases, etc., etc.

The personal attention of one of the members of the
firm given to all mail orders. Prices very moderate.

WHITE & STOKES, 1152, BROADWAY.
NEW YORK.

WILLIAM M. CLARKE,

Fine Lithography,

7 Warren St., New York.



DREKA

Fine Stationery and Engraving House,

1121 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Reception, Wedding, Commencement and Frater-
nity Invitations, Monograms, Class Dies &c.

NEW AND ELEGANT STYLES OF PAPER AND ENVELOPES.

Fraternity Stationery always on hand. Samples and
prices mailed on application.

J. F. RYDER,

239 SUPERIOR STREET,

CLEVELAND, OHIO,

ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHER

And dealer in Art Goods.

Delta Tau Delta Cards.

\$1.25 Per Hundred. Send your Name and
Chapter Plainly Written to

WM. RITZEL & CO.,

WARREN, O.

Delta Stationery printed promptly, neatly and
reasonably.

