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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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## THE HISTORY OF THE YEAR.

The following narrative of the events of the year is presented to the fraternity with a view of recording, if only in an imperfect manner at the present time, a continuous, connected review of the many incidents of greater or lesser importance which go to make up a year's history in Delta Tau Delta. There seems no better way of presenting such a record than through the columns of our CRESCENT, which will give it a wider circulation than any other means at present at our command; and it is hoped that the future historian of Delta Tau Delta will find his labors somewhat relieved by this and similar records hereafter.

It is proposed to take up this narrative at the close of the last college year in June of 1882. The year had been one of the most prosperous in the history of our fraternity; three new chapters, the Gamma Beta, at Columbia College; the Delta Beta, at the State University of Georgia; and the Epsilon Beta at Emory College, had been chartered; the chapter at Asbury University had been re-instituted as the Beta Beta, under conditions which promised permanent success after repeated failures; the preparations for entrance at Western Reserve University had made sufficient progress upon which it seemed to predicate the early and ultimate success of the

scheme. Almost every chapter in the fraternity was able to show some definite and decided progress; the cloud which so long had hung over the Sigma at Mt. Union College, had been dispelled by the chapter's resolution to openly and manfully announce its existence, and suffer all the penalties which an irate faculty, in its wisdom, might see fit to impose. The quiet, tacit acquiescence of the faculty of that institution amply justified the wisdom of Sigma's action. Many were the evidences throughout the fraternity of an intelligent appreciation of the wants of the society, and Delta Tau Delta may well be said to have passed through a most successful period. The work of the year was brought to a fitting close by the General Convention of 1882, which met at the Kennard House, Cleveland, O., on August 23rd, 24th, and 25th, when every chapter was duly represented; three chapters only of the thirty on our roll were compelled to ask for representation by proxy, and they were those quite recently chartered. The delegates numbered forty-four, while the whole number of visiting Deltas present was upwards of 120—truly a gratifying evidence of interest, particularly when it is remarked that there was a noticeable gathering of alumni, many of long standing. This convention was one pre-eminently for business, and as such will always stand out prominently in the annals of our fraternity. The committee work



was done in a very efficient manner; the chapter reports were unusually complete, and generally carefully prepared. The reports of the special committees were promptly made; the Catalogue Committee, too, showing substantial progress. The several funds of the fraternity were all reported in good condition, the financial obligations of the several chapters having been promptly met. THE CRESCENT had yielded its annual surplus, and its managers reported a large increase in the list of subscribers. The fraternity was fortunate, indeed, in having for its presiding officer Prof. William S. Eversole, of the Beta, who sacrificed so much of his time and patience for the good of the convention, and to whom so much of its success is due. Hon. John L. N. Hunt, one of the honored founders of the fraternity, was present, and delivered an admirable oration on "The Permanency of the Good," and Bro. Collingwood's poem, "Constancy," was one of his happiest efforts.

The thirty chapters of the fraternity, with their undergraduate membership of about 225 entered upon the work of the new college year with their usual vigor. After the usual methods of probation and careful scrutiny had pointed out the proper new material, the initiations of the year occurred, the elections, however, not being confined solely to the incoming freshman classes, which this year throughout all of our colleges were unusually large. So far as the methods of making the returns at present in vogue throughout the fraternity, will permit to judge, it would appear that about 130 additions to our membership have been made, seventy-five of them in the freshman class, this exhibiting a very rapid growth of the fraternity as compared with former years.

The work of extension under the fostering care of the Executive Council has progressed quite satisfactorily, and new under-graduate chapters will doubtless soon be announced. Alumni chapters were established during the year at Akron, O., and Cleveland, O., and good progress, no doubt, will be reported in the near future from New York, Indianapolis, and Cincinnati.

The necrology of the year includes the names of many whose loss has been seriously felt by our chapters, and whose place it will be impossible to fill. Of these, Gen. Thos. F. Wildes and Hon. Godlove S. Orth enjoyed a truly national reputation.

The second Alumni Conference of the chapters of the Second Division convened on Jan. 17th, 1883, at Delaware, O., under the auspices of the grand chapter Mu. It was well attended, and its purposes were fully carried out. There was an intelligent discussion of various questions connected with the policy of the fraternity as a whole, and these chapters particularly. Its greatest benefit, however, lies in the fact that the social relations between the chapters were very much strengthened by this re-union.

This conference was followed on February 22, and 23 by the First Annual Conference of the chapters of the First Division, at the Hotel Lafayette, Philadelphia. It convened upon very short notice, and with scarcely any preparation; and yet was an entire success in every way. No less than forty-five Deltas met at various times during the sessions, several being alumni of long standing like Rev. Gibbons, *I*, '66, and Dr. Kirk, *I*, '72. It was decided to effect a permanent organization, and meet again on Feb. 22 and 23, 1884, at New York City, under the auspices of the Rho and Gamma Beta.

A conference of the Michigan chapters was held on June 2nd and 3rd at Albion, Michigan, under the auspices of chapter Epsilon.

While all these are evidences of a spirit of organization which now seem to pervade the entire fraternity, and which promises exceedingly well for the future, we have equally many evidences of the activity displayed by our individual chapters in the work, which particularly effects their internal progress. We notice throughout our chapters the growth of a feeling of conservatism, both as to the admission of new members and their methods of working; we observe a great improvement in the relations of our chapters to their graduate members, the good effect



of which will soon make itself felt. Of chapter papers, a feature peculiar, so far at least as we are aware, to our fraternity, there were issued, the monthly *Chronicle* of the Rho at Stevens, the quarterly *Chronicle* of the Iota at Michigan Agricultural, and more recently the monthly *Times*, of the Mu at Ohio Wesleyan, and the *Reporter*, of the Beta Beta at Asbury. There is every reason to consider these papers highly useful, and hence successful.

Many signs of activity, so far as the purely social side of chapter life is concerned, have made themselves noticeable. Beginning with the Decennial Anniversary and reunion of the Iota at Michigan Agricultural College, on August 14, 1883, we find the Xi, at Simpson Centenary, had a reunion on December 31st; the Psi, at Wooster, on February 12th; the Alpha, at Allegheny, on February 17th; Eta, at Buchtel, March 12th; the Xi celebrated the decennial anniversary of the chapter on May 8th; the Rho, at Stevens, its ninth anniversary on May 11th; other banquets, marking the close of the year, were held by the Theta, on May 19th; the Psi June 8th; Lambda, June 20; Alpha, June 27th.

Several of our chapters were enterprising enough to provide literary entertainments in their respective communities. Thus the Eta at Buchtel, following a custom of several years, invited Dr. E. L. Rexford, of Detroit, to lecture upon "Voltaire," in February. Henry C. Dean lectured before the Xi at Simpson Centenary in February, and the Rev. Joseph Cook, of Boston, on "Ultimate America," and Dr. Alabaster, of Detroit, upon "Michael Angelo," before the Epsilon at Albion.

No attempt shall here be made to recapitulate the college honors which go to swell the triumphs of the year. We will say, however, that in the State oratorical contests of the colleges, both of Ohio, Iowa and Minnesota, the orators chosen for representation in the Inter-State Collegiate Contest, were Deltas—Bro. Charles Krichbaum, of the Psi, in behalf of Ohio, a position so creditably filled last year by Bro. C. E. Jefferson, of the

Mu; and Bro. S. B. Howard, of the Omicron, in behalf of Iowa, and Bro. F. N. Stacy in behalf of Minnesota; while in the final contest at Minneapolis in May, the honors were not borne off by our representatives, it is pleasing to know that the vast and appreciative audience assembled upon that occasion, gave our friends the plainest possible evidences of their sympathy. Bro. Krichbaum chose for his subject "The Philosophy of History," and Bro. Howard spoke upon "Individualism," and Bro. Stacy on the "Incentive of the Times."

The relations of Delta Tau Delta to her rivals in the fraternity world have been universally pleasant and profitable. It was truly a welcome and cheering sign of the times to receive from the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity a cordial invitation to send a delegate to the banquet of the General Convention last December—an invitation issued at the same time to all the representative fraternities.

The conference of the editors and managers of the several fraternity journals, first suggested by the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, and brought about finally by the *Beta Theta Pi*, was held at the Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia, on February 22nd. Bro. Plummer, as editor of *The Crescent*, represented our fraternity. This conference paved the way for a preliminary and informal conference of the leading fraternities, all of whom had members present, and which was held on the same day and at the same place. It was agreed to meet again in July of 1884, for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization as a Pan-Hellenic Conference. A series of topics was agreed upon which will then come up for discussion. There is no doubt that Delta Tau Delta will place herself on record as thoroughly in favor of such a scheme, or indeed, anything which promises to bring such good results to the general fraternity system.

This will close a somewhat hasty and imperfect sketch of the year. As we now enter upon our second quarter century, we have every reason to look back with a feeling of some satisfaction upon the progress which we have thus far made, and the year which has just closed is not the least prosperous of them all.



## EARLY HISTORY OF THE CRESCENT.

BY J. P. L. WEEMS.

*Editor Crescent*:—As I think your item in the May issue concerning the founding of *The Crescent*, hardly does me justice, I beg leave to say a word in reply thereto, and concerning the founding of the Crescent generally.

First let me say a word about Bro. W. C. Buchanan. No truer, nobler, more worthy Delta Tau Delta ever wore the royal purple than he. He has done much for our fraternity, and deserves great praise for his zealous efforts in her behalf. She is stronger to-day, and has accomplished more than she otherwise would have done, had she not have had for one of her sons W. C. Buchanan.

For some time previous to the convention of 1875, which met at Meadville, Pa., the question of founding a fraternity paper was agitated. At that convention the subject was taken up, and a committee appointed to draft or get up a report to submit to the convention then sitting. Of that committee I was chairman. (See reports, of convention of 1875). The report brought before the convention by the committee was accepted. The paper was to be known as *The Crescent*, and was expected to first appear that fall. Alpha was to have charge of the paper, and be assisted by the other chapters of the fraternity. In the fall, September, 1875, I was elected to represent my chapter at Hanover, Phi, and then grand chapter of division third. I got up my part or portion of *The Crescent*, and sent it in during the early part of September, 1875, and urged the publication of the paper at once, but the boys at Alpha thought the outlook was not favorable enough to launch *The Crescent* upon the turbulent waters of journalism. So nothing was done further until the next convention of the fraternity, which met at Ann Arbor, Michigan, May, 1876. The paper was taken up, and as I was then one of the publishers of the College journal, at Hanover College, and was supposed to be more familiar with publishing a paper than most of the dele-

gates, the publishing of *The Crescent* for that year was left with me, as I might see fit. As I left college in June, 1876, and began teaching and studying law, I had no opportunity, and did nothing towards the publishing of *The Crescent*. However, in the spring of 1877, I drafted a new set of articles under which to publish it, and sent them by Bro. W. A. Cullop, of Hanover. In said articles it was provided to have an editor-in-chief to be assisted by Alpha, and the grand chapters. In said articles Bro. W. C. Buchanan, of Cincinnati, O., was named as editor-in-chief. Bro. Cullop presented said articles for the publication of the paper to the convention, and they were adopted. Bro. Buchanan wrote me he would accept if I would act as his assistant in the publishing of the paper which I accepted in June, 1877. I went to Hanover and assisted in getting up matter there for the approaching *Crescent*, to appear in the coming September.

August 25, 1877, I visited Bro. Buchanan, and spent a few days in Cincinnati. We discussed the question of the publishing of *The Crescent*. He had on hand sufficient *data* or thereabouts, to publish the first issue. But I found him unsettled in regard to publishing it. He thought it impossible to do so, as he found the outlook was by no means favorable for publishing a paper. He feared it could not be done, and that the money could not be raised for publishing the same. So far no money had been sent in by the chapters to defray expenses of publishing. But I thought different than Bro. Buchanan. I told him I knew it could be published, and that I would not consent to anything but the going ahead of *The Crescent*. Before leaving Cincinnati it was determined, and Bro. Buchanan promised me the paper should be published.

September 15, 1877, Vol. 1, No. 1 of our CRESCENT appeared above the horizon. It was first observed above the beautiful hills of Ohio, and her light was first shed over the lovely Ohio at Cincinnati. Bro. W. C. Buchanan was editor-in chief, and he and myself publishing committee. Number one was followed by number two



published in October 15, 1877, Bro. Buchanan still editor-in-chief. About this time, October 17, '77, I received a letter from Bro. Buchanan, waiting me to take charge of THE CRESCENT. \* His reasons assigned were that he had not the time to devote to it the paper required, and that he contemplated a trip, perhaps, to Europe. I wrote Bro. B. I did not want the position, and did not seek it, but if he must give it up, I would accept the position rather than see the paper fail, as I had urged him in starting it I would not refuse to aid in sustaining it. I on the 19th of October, 1877, I called on the *Times* Publishing Co., of this city, to get terms for publishing CRESCENT. On the 26th of October I made arrangements with above publishers, and entered upon my duties as editor-in-chief of THE CRESCENT. There were no funds or other indications of property that came with my trust, or new duty, as editor-in-chief.

By reference to my diary for October 27, 1877, I find the following:—"Editor-in-chief and publisher of a fraternity paper; a law student, \* \* \* and I have not a cent in the world." Nevertheless, I pushed forward THE CRESCENT, and number three of volume one appeared in due time, Nov. 15, 1877. It was the first issue under the new administration, Bro. Buchanan having accepted the position of corresponding editor, his name appeared as such in this issue, and mine as editor-in-chief. At this time I was reading law in this city. To read proof, mail, and keep up all the duties devolving upon me (for I did it all), kept me busy. I borrowed some money, and the publishers showed me all the favors they could by waiting on me, and allowing me time to pay for publishing our paper, thus giving me an opportunity to get it under way. The subscriptions began to come in, too, which was a great help and a joy.

But alas for human expectations and fond hopes. While reading law and publishing the paper, I also taught a night school to make money to keep up my individual expenses. But I soon found that I could not make enough to pay

board and keep up, so I had to look round for a school. January 1st, 1878, I began teaching about eleven miles from Vincennes, in the country. But what was to become of the poor paper? Who would take it? As I dearly loved it, I determined it should go on and should still shine. I therefore came back to the city every week and devoted my time to it. I kept the printer at work printing, but I had to furnish copy, read proof, write and correspond. To do this I would sometimes walk eleven miles to the city after dismissing school on Friday evening. I would then work on the paper. I used to bring a quart of sweet milk and take to my room at my boarding house to drink of a night, and then sit up and work until two or three o'clock in the morning, getting the paper ready for mailing, and the like. During all this time the CRESCENT never waned, nor did she fail to appear at her appointed seasons. When the fraternity met in general convention I sent in my report, and requested that Alpha take charge of the paper for vol. II, at the same time sending in my resignation, to take effect with vol. I, No. 9.

The burden of publishing the paper was growing too great for one person to attend to gratuitously, as Mr. Buchanan had done, and as I had done. My report was accepted. After publishing No. 9 of vol. I my duties terminated, and I sent all the effects of our CRESCENT, together with love, to Alpha. Under my management the CRESCENT, including Nos. 3 to 9, vol. I, were published. Brother Buchanan published Nos. 1 and 2. He paid for the publishing, I think, of numbers, and if the fraternity has never repaid him, it should do so. The fraternity paid me back for the expenses I incurred over the receipts, in publishing the paper, and should do the same for Brother B. if it has not already done so.

The above statement is a true and correct history of vol. I of our dear CRESCENT. What it has done since her readers know. Let us be thankful that she still shines to brighten and enliven the path of our dear old Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Fraternally yours,  
JAMES P. L. WEEMS,



## THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

In October, 1882, a number of students of the University of Colorado, by the advice and under the supervision of resident Deltas, formed "an organization, having for its object the petitioning for a charter from the  $\Delta T \Delta$  fraternity, and the organization of a chapter under such a charter, if granted." An application for a charter was forwarded and received the approval of the executive council, Lambda, Phi and Mu, while Tau voted in the negative. We believe Tau acted for the best interests of the Fraternity as she saw it at that time. We also believe that the facts in the case were not properly set before her. Acting under these beliefs we prepared a protest and letter, and forwarded copies to every chapter in the 4th, 3d, and 2d divisions. The result was extremely gratifying. It was signed by every chapter but Delta; even this chapter declaring herself favorable to a chapter at this place, but for reasons of her own declined to sign the protest. Through delicacy we did not mail the protest to the chapters in the 1st division, but hold ourselves ready to mail a copy to any member of the fraternity desiring it.

We cannot here attempt an argument for the University of Colorado. Suffice it to say that it is a *State institution* with all the assurance of success and permanence that the name implies. Our cause will be presented at the next convention, in detail. From almost every chapter in the last three divisions, and from many leading fraternity men we have received letters of encouragement, and assurances of support, *providing* the facts were as we represented them to be. For all this and for the prompt and cheerful manner in which our protest was signed, we wish to return our sincere thanks to our brothers. When we look over the earnest and brotherly letters we have received we can have no fears for the future. We trust our cause with you, believing that every Delta, whether he be for the east, west, north or south, will act for the best interests of the fraternity.

We desire in this way to place before the fraternity our actions and intentions, that all may be treated fairly. We entreat all delegates to understand thoroughly the sentiment of their chapters on this question before separating for vacation. At the convention the facts will be produced fairly, and all we ask is to rise or fall on the merits of the case. In selecting our members we have had the valuable assistance of Bro. Harris, of Delta, who occupied a high position in the faculty, and a still higher one in the estimation of the students and our people. Bro. Ingersoll, President of the Agricultural College, will probably be at the convention to aid in the presentation of our case. Adding that the boys here still maintain their organization and look anxiously forward to the August convention, I am, fraternally,

GEORGE STIDGER.

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Thinking that a short account of the R. P. I. might be of interest to the readers of the CRESCENT, we give in this letter a brief account of its history.

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute was founded in 1824 by the late Hon. Steven Van Rensselaer as a school of Theoretical and Practical science. In 1826 it received from the legislature of the State of New York its act of incorporation with those chartered privileges usually granted to the higher educational institutions of this date. In 1849 the Institute was reorganized upon the basis of a general Polytechnic Institute. Among the changes then introduced were a material enlargement of the course of study with a proportionate increase of time allotted to it. The course of study embraces all branches pertaining to civil engineering, this being the only course pursued at present. The corps of professors are second to none in this country, the best only being taken.

Students are under no restrictions whatever; they do as they please in all things, and without fear of being questioned or punished, as is gen-



erally the case in the average college. Among the peculiarities of the institution there are no religious exercises connected with it. This does not necessarily prevent any, who so desire, from attending such exercises, as there are churches of every denomination in the city. Considering the freedom allowed the students, it might be supposed that they would abuse their privileges, but such is not the case; very few disturbances occur. The only drawback to the R. P. I. is the lack of an endowment. It has to depend entirely upon tuition for its support. This should not be the case, standing as it does at the head of the engineering schools of America. The alumni recognize the fact, and efforts are being made to make it as strong financially as it is otherwise.

At present the following fraternities have chapters here: Theta Xi, Delta Phi, Zeta Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chi Phi and Delta Tau Delta.

Theta Xi was founded here in 1864, and now has chapters at Sheffield Scientific and Stevens Institute. They are at present quite prosperous, numbering thirteen.

Lambda, of Delta Phi, entered the lists in the same year as Theta Xi. They have a strong chapter, numbering seventeen, and are greatly aided by their resident members.

Pi, of Zeta Psi, was established in 1865. They at present number eight.

Psi Omega, of Delta Kappa Epsilon, made its debut in 1867. They are very strong, both in active and alumni. Their number this year is seventeen.

Theta, formerly Eta, chapter of Chi Phi, was established in the Spring of 1879. They are honored this year by having one of their number elected to fill the office of Grand Marshall. They number eighteen.

Delta Tau Delta entered in the Fall of 1879. At the opening of this year we numbered six, but have since added three to our band, making at present nine in all.

Theta Delta Chi formerly had a chapter here, but the charter was withdrawn in 1864.

There are in attendance at the Institute this

year one hundred and seventy-nine students; of these ninety are fraternity men, the rest neutrals.

Of the professors who are fraternity men one is a Theta Xi, two are Delta Phi, and one belongs to Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Besides the college fraternities represented here there is a local society known as the Pi Eta Scientific Society. Until recently its members were prohibited from joining any other society. It has now been changed and its members are at liberty to unite with a college fraternity if they so desire.

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## GREEK WORLD.

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$\theta \Delta X$  wishes to enter Rensselaer.

$\theta \Delta X$  has established a chapter at Harvard.

Senator Mitchell, of Pennsylvania, is a  $\phi K \Psi$ .

$\phi K \Sigma$  has a new lease of life at Washington and Jefferson.

Chi Phi is reported as having a sub-rosa chapter at Johns Hopkins.

John Hopkins possesses chapters of  $\phi K \Psi$ ,  $B \theta \Pi$ ,  $X \phi$  and  $A T Q$ .

The Delta Psi at Madison, are to have a chapter house costing \$8,000.

At the University of Wisconsin  $\phi K \Psi$ ,  $X \Psi$ ,  $B \theta \Pi$  and  $\phi \Delta \theta$  are represented.

$\phi K \Sigma$ ,  $B \theta \Pi$ ,  $\Sigma X$ ,  $\Delta Y$  and  $\phi K \Psi$  are represented at Northwestern University.

$\Sigma X$ ,  $\phi \Gamma \Delta$  and  $B \theta \Pi$  are knocking at the doors of Emory, but the Faculty forbid their entrance.

At Dickinson, which soon celebrates its centennial,  $\Sigma X$ ,  $\theta \Delta X$ ,  $X \phi$ ,  $B \theta \Pi$ ,  $\phi \Delta \theta$  have chapters.

University of Mississippi has on its fraternity roll  $\Delta K E$ ,  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $\Sigma X$ , Rainbow,  $\phi K \Psi$ ,  $X \Psi$ ,  $\phi \Delta \theta$  and  $B \theta \Pi$ .

During the past year  $Z \Psi$  has re-established her extinct chapters at Williams and Harvard, and founded a new chapter at McGill University.



At the University of Pennsylvania there have been established chapters of  $Z \Psi$ ,  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ,  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $\Delta B \Phi$  (law),  $B \Theta H$ ,  $A T Q$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$ ,  $X \Phi$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

"Mu Chapter of  $\Delta T \Delta$  Fraternity publishes monthly a little paper called the *Mu Times*, which we are informed is performing very satisfactory work. It is devoted to the interests of the chapter and is generously supported by the Alumni members of the chapter. We should be glad to hear of some like enterprise in the chapters of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ .—ED. *Phi Gamma Delta*.

"We do not wish to seem egotistical, but we can say, in all truthfulness, that we have a *living* chapter here. We have but one rival Greek letter fraternity, of which we need not be at all afraid—the Delta Tau Delta. So far there has been very little clashing in regard to selection of members. Our wants in that line seem to be very different. We don't want the kind of men they generally take, so there is no room for a quarrel on that score. They have some good men, but a majority of their members are such as want to have a "good time" and study for recreation. We can use preachers and those studying for the ministry to advantage, but they do not need them at all in their associations. I am pleased to say, however, that the antagonism which formerly existed between the two fraternities is decreasing. To be members of different secret societies should be no barrier to the friendship of students."—The correspondent of  $\Phi K \Psi$  *Shield* at Simpson Centenary.

The New York *Evening Post* has the following interesting correspondence from Williams College, which we give in whole:

"The secret societies have formed a prominent feature of college life here for half a century, and as the *Evening Post* announced, the semi-centennial of the first fraternity established at Williams, the Kappa Alpha, is to be celebrated in connec-

tion with the College Commencement. The private reunion exercises will be attended by members of the fraternity from all parts of the country, and they will go back to the genesis of these secret fraternities at Union College in 1825, when the late Rev. Dr. John H. Hunter, of Yonkers, N. Y., the late Prof. Isaac W. Jackson, of Union, the late Rev. Dr. Arthur Burtis, of Buffalo, Judge Levi Hubbell, of Milwaukee, Wis., Dr. Thomas Hun, and Mr. Orlando Meads, of Albany, then students, founded the Kappa Alpha. The new organization created much jealousy among the boys, but the idea which it embodied proved popular, and the result was that Union became a hotbed of secret societies, most of the fraternities in the Eastern colleges being born there. In 1833 some of the Williams students, who had been drawn together by social and literary affinities, went over to Schenectady and asked that a chapter of the new society be planted in Williams. The new society began in a modest way, meeting first at the rooms of members, then having a lodge room in the attic of the village hotel, and finally securing ample lodge and dining rooms at the homestead of Capt. James Meacham. Here for forty years the society remained until an elegant lodge building and club house was erected in 1877 near the site of the old church, and on a hill overlooking the beautiful valley of the Hoosic. Among those who will enjoy the Kappa Alpha reunion are Dr. Hun and Orlando Meads, of the founders at Union, and Drs. Waller and Crawford, and Mr. Geo. H. Norris, of the Williams founders.

Ex-Governor Hoyt, of Pennsylvania, who will come on for the reunion, is to give the address before the public literary societies. It is also hoped that General Roland Mackenzie, of the United States Army, may be here. The total membership of Kappa Alpha is about 1,000, and the existing chapters are at Union, Williams, Cornell and Hobart Colleges; the chapters at Princeton and the University of Virginia fell victims to the anti-secret-society edict of the faculties, and the war of the rebellion."



## XXV ANNUAL CONVENTION.

## THE PURPLE AND GRAY UNFURLED.

Crescent Knights at Indianapolis August  
22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

A fourth of a Century "has passed away since the Purple and the Gray o'er the hills of Bethany were first unfurled." The little beginning made then has swelled to grand proportions. Then one Chapter, now there are thirty-three. Then there were nine men, now the Purple and Gray adorn breasts of twenty-five hundred Crescent Knights.

The Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, after a quarter of a century's progress, greets her sons, and invites them one and all to meet together in the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention in fraternal love, to renew brotherly ties, to clasp the hands of brethren from a distance, and to consider the means best suited to advance the cause of the Beautiful and the Good.

## THE CONVENTION.

The Convention will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, in the Denison House, where ample arrangements have been made for the accommodation of Deltas.

The Convention will assemble in parlor No. 2 of the Denison, promptly at 10 A. M., Wednesday, August 22nd.

After the address of welcome by J. L. McMasters, and the response by A. P. Trautwein, the Convention will proceed promptly to business.

All delegates are requested to be present on time, so that there will be no delay in getting to work, as there is a large amount of important business to be transacted.

## OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

President—Prof. E. G. Walker, Adrian, Mich.

Vice-President—Prof. J. H. Grove, (Mu), Delaware, Ohio.

Secretary—Prof. J. N. Study, (Mu), Greencastle, Ind.

Cor. Sec'y—W. B. Best, (Alpha), Meadville, Pa.

Treasurer—E. E. Baldwin, (Alpha), Meadville, Pa.

## LITERARY EXERCISES.

The Literary Exercises will be held in the Grand Opera House, one door south of the Denison, on Thursday evening, beginning at eight o'clock. The programme will be as follows:

Address of Welcome to the Convention—Governor Albert G. Porter.

Response—Prof. E. G. Walker.

Oration—Hon. Charles Townsend, (Beta), Athens, Ohio.

Poem—Will. Carleton, (Kappa), Brooklyn, N. Y.

Alternate—Chas. M. Snyder, (Alpha), Pittsburg, Pa.

Declamation—Chas. Krichbaum, (Psi), Bolivar, Ohio.

## BANQUET.

The Convention Banquet will be held at the Denison immediately after the literary exercises.

Many of our prominent alumni have agreed to respond to toasts. Hon. John M. Bloss will act as toast-master.

## COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

John F. Stone, (Zeta Beta), Chairman; E. I. Phillips, (Zeta Beta), J. H. Hamilton, (Phi).

## RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

James B. Curtis, Chairman, Indianapolis, Indiana; Albert B. Porter, Edward Hunt, Fred. R. Morgan, B. L. McElroy, C. A. Phillips.

## FOUNDERS.

At the Cleveland Convention a committee was appointed to arrange to have all of the founders of the fraternity, now living, present. It is expected that all of them will be with us.

All delegates and visiting brethren are requested to enter their names in the Fraternity Register.



Delegates and visitors are requested to report their arrival to the Committee of Arrangements as soon as possible.

If fraters will write or telegraph the Chairman of Reception Committee, they will be met at the Union Depot.

A bulletin board for announcements will be found in parlor No. 2.

Visiting brethren can save time and trouble by having their mail sent direct to the Denison.

#### HOTELS.

The Grand Hotel and the Bates House are on Illinois street, directly north of the Union Depot.

The Denison is on the corner of Pennsylvania and Ohio streets, five squares north and one square east of the Union Depot. It is only a short walk, or can be easily reached by street-cars or carriages. The Denison offers special rates to Deltas.

#### POINTS OF INTEREST.

Indianapolis has many institutions and manufacturing and other points of interest.

Indiana State House, (unfinished).

Asylum for the Blind.

Hospital for the Insane.

Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb.

U. S. Arsenal.

Court House.

City Library, (opposite Denison).

U. S. Weather Bureau.

Pennsylvania Car Works.

Deane Steam Pump Works.

Stock Yards.

Government Building, (corner Pennsylvania and Market streets).

Crown Hill Cemetery, containing the graves of O. P. Morton and many Union soldiers.

Encaustic Tile Works.

Nordyke & Marmon, manufacturers of Mill Supplies.

Atlas Engine Works.

Vinton Iron Works.

Indianapolis Cabinet Company.

Eagle Machine Works.

Sinker, Davis & Company, machinists.

Kingan & Co's Pork House.

Lieber's Brewery.

Woodruff Place.

State Library.

#### LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE.

ATHENS, OHIO, January 16, 1883.

*Brother W. B. Best, Esq., G. S. A.*

DEAR SIR:—I have just received your kind favor of the 13th inst., notifying me that I was chosen at our late National Convention *A T A* fraternity to make an oration or address at our coming Convention, to be held at Indianapolis on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th days of August next. I thank the Convention for the honor of the invitation, and will, with great pleasure, do my best in compliance with the request.

Fraternally,

CHARLES TOWNSEND.

ADRIAN, MICH., Jan'y 15, 1883.

*Mr. W. B. Best, G. S. A., Meadville, Pa.*

MY DEAR SIR:—Your fraternal letter of the 13th inst., informs me officially that the kindness of my brethren in the Delta Tau Delta fraternity has made me President of our Annual Convention. It is an honor which I fully appreciate, and I trust I may be able to express my thanks in acts as well as in words. I have no doubt I shall need to call upon you for information more than once before next August, and I shall not hesitate to avail myself of your kind offer. Let us all work together for "good old Delta Tau."

Fraternally yours,

EDSON G. WALKER.

16 FORT GREENE PL., BROOKLYN, N. Y., }  
May 22, 1883. }

*W. B. Best, Dear Sir and Bro.:*

Yours of the 15th is noted. I certainly did not receive the letter you speak of, and, strangely enough, missed even the number of the *Crescent* in which proceedings of last Convention should have appeared. The first intimation I had of the appointment, was from the cover of a recent copy of the magazine.

It will not be possible for me to come, in August, to Indianapolis; but I will try to write something and *send*, to have read before the Convention. Meanwhile, I would suggest that my alternate be notified that a poem will be expected from him, and the assembled Chapters will have a double chance of not being disappointed.

Fraternally,

WILL CARLETON.



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THIS number marks the conclusion of our editorial control of THE CRESCENT. It has been our aim and endeavor during our connection with the journal to make it better and more readable, to elevate its tone and purity, to maintain the high rank which it has obtained among its sister journals, and most important of all to make it an exponent of, and an important factor in the promotion and growth of that genuine fraternity spirit that has of late years distinguished not only the journalistic field, but which promises in the near future to weld all rival fraternities together in the common bond of Greek fellowship. If the pages of our beloved journal during the year have shown forth this feeling and have in any degree been efficient in the realization of the ardent hopes of true fraternity men, then we feel that our efforts and labors have met with success, that our time has been spent not in vain and that THE CRESCENT and the fraternity have taken a long stride forward. We have a certain sense of satisfaction that the pages of our journal have but seldom, if at all, been marred by mean and contemptible squibs and criticisms on the failings and short-comings of our rivals. We sincerely trust that our policy in this regard will distinguish the future numbers of the paper, and that no page will go forth to cause regret in the hearts of those who hold our reputation most dear.

Our labors have been carried on in the midst of a severe college course. We have had our college work to do; social and literary work have demanded their quota of time, while of course local chapter interests must receive attention. In the midst of these various duties we have endeavored to make our superintendency of THE

CRESCENT a success. We confess that at times the labor seemed heavy, but if it threatened to become irksome, the thought that the interests of our fraternity were at stake, was sufficient to inspire us with a purer enthusiasm and to rouse us to new efforts.

It was our intention to add during the year several new features which should especially distinguish our administration. But the sinews of war were lacking, and we were of dire necessity compelled to forego many a cherished plan and ambition. It is our sincere hope that means may be provided by the ensuing Convention with which the new departments may be made a part and parcel of our journal.

During the year we have made many pleasant acquaintances with our fellow workers. To their aid and hearty support is due in a great measure the success which may have marked the year. It is with sorrow that we must bid adieu to them in our editorial capacity. If ever in the world's broad field of work we should fortunately meet any of them, the joy of the silent grip will certainly be intensified by the thought that we have fought shoulder to shoulder for the glory and honor of our journal. But while it is with a feeling of pain that we sever the bonds which have held us to THE CRESCENT, now these two years, yet it is somewhat softened by the fact that another year yet remains to us in college, where we can still carry forward our work for the advancement and prosperity of Delta Tau. Moreover it is our hope that during the coming year we shall serve the fraternity in the capacity of General Secretary, the Alpha having honored us with that position. We bespeak the aid and council of all those who have stood by this year in order that any efforts we shall put forth may not come to nought through lack of interest. In conclusion we ask of every Delta that he give all the assistance in his power to the brothers who take charge of THE CRESCENT in the coming year. This but accorded, all the success of the past volumes will only serve to render more sparkling the brilliancy of volume seven,



OUR address during the summer will be Hollidaysburg, Pa. Any communication concerning the fraternity will receive prompt attention.

THE admirable compendium of the Convention so carefully and thoughtfully prepared by Zeta Beta, we publish in full, believing that no production of our own could give the information in a better manner.

BEFORE the next Convention applications from three State Universities will be laid. No other Convention has had a similar number of applications, and the delegates should be correspondingly careful in the exercise of their privileges.

IT is with great pleasure that we notice the fact that Brother Cunningham, one of our honored founders will be present at the Convention. No doubt he will edify the delegates with many reminiscences of the early trials and triumphs of Delta Tau.

OWING to the great pressure of college duties attendant upon the closing of the year, the publication of the June CRESCENT was unavoidably delayed. We hope that the delay will only give an additional relish to the enjoyment of its contents when received.

MANY unpaid subscriptions are still on the books. Unless every subscription is paid, it will be the painful duty of the Business Manager to report a deficit for the year. Our expenses this year have been at least one third greater than in any previous year, while the subscriptions have failed to increase proportionately. Let every brother immediately forward the amount of his indebtedness.

WE wish to make public acknowledgement of our obligation to Bro. A. P. Trautwein for the valuable assistance he has rendered us during the past year. His articles written under the captions of "Alumnus" and "Delta Tau Delta" have been timely discussions of topics having the most direct bearing upon the fraternity, and they have received the attention and admiration of

which they are so worthy. We sincerely hope that Bro. Trautwein will continue to hold the same interest in the welfare of The CRESCENT which he has evidenced in the past. Neither the CRESCENT nor the fraternity can afford to lose so valuable a contributor.

WITH great pleasure we announce the last addition to Delta Tau Delta's roll of honor. Chapter Theta Beta at the University of the South, our latest born, was ushered into existence under the fostering care of Bro. Colvin. The new chapter starts its career under circumstances of more than ordinary promise. Even before chartering, a chapter house had been presented them by an admirer of the chapter and fraternity. Thus early provided with what most chapters obtain only after several years of hard and persistent work, Theta Beta can not but succeed in her course. The members are young, enthusiastic men of great promise and ability, each holding a position of prominence in the institution. We bid them welcome.

ONE of the most admirable features of the Cleveland Convention was the great number of well written and carefully prepared chapter reports. We urge each chapter to see that the years work has been fully and faithfully treated in the report to the XXV Convention. Every event of importance should be duly chronicled. The banquets, the lectures, the college honors, the athletic and social events, the rival fraternities, all should have a place in the report. These reports can easily be made the source whence our future historian may obtain his information, and his labors be made light and pleasant. In the preparation of these reports especial care should be exercised. They should be written in good, concise English, all appearance of bombast being avoided. They should be written on one side of the paper, in order that they may be in proper shape for printing. These points followed, the pleasure in this part of the proceedings will be correspondingly increased.



## 7 CHAPTER LETTERS. 9

## TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Franklin and Marshall College was formed by the consolidation of Franklin College, which was established at Lancaster in 1787, and Marshall College, which was established at Mercersburg, Pa., in 1836. The joining of the two older institutions took place in 1853. There are twelve professors connected with the institution and about 203 students. The institution is endowed for about \$800,000.

Tau has nine active members at present, she initiated five during the past year, and two have left college; two more will graduate. There will be seven active members to start out next year. Tau is the youngest chapter at the institution, being founded in 1874. The rivals of Tau are all in good condition.

Phi Kappa Psi was founded in 1860, and has a membership of fourteen.

Phi Kappa Sigma was founded in 1854, and has a membership of three.

Chi Phi was founded in 1854, and has a membership of eleven.

The closing exercises of the college will take place the 21st, and in the class we will lose Bro. Mayburry, who will go to Philadelphia to study law, and Bro. Heisler, who will go to Easton for the same purpose.

Bro. Cook, of the Junior class has been elected "Mantle" orator for class day.

Bro. Blackwood has entered the navy, at Annapolis, Md. He passed a very successful examination, entering with the first ten of the class.

F. C. Cook has been elected as delegate to the Convention; his address is Hagerstown, Md. H. P. Wanner has been elected the alternate; his address is Reading, Pa.

## 6 GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON. 10

Yours of the 3d received a short time since, and as Bro. Frasher has left college, it falls upon me to answer it,

Washington college was established under a charter bearing date March 28, 1800, with an endowment fund of \$60,000.

The charter of Jefferson college was granted Jan'y 15, 1802, and an endowment fund of \$56,000.

Their separate existence was maintained for about three score years against an unceasing protest of the public mind, which compelled frequent though unavailing attempts for their consolidation. Finally a donation of \$50,000 was offered by Rev. Charles Beatty, LL. D., on the sole condition of their union at Washington, Pa. This union took place March 4, 1865, under Protestant control. The number of the faculty of the college is ten. There are enrolled during the present year 196 students.

Chapter Gamma was established under a charter bearing date of Oct. 24, 1861, by Wm. Campbell, class of '66. There have been initiated into our chapter, since its foundation, 91 men, while we have initiated during this year one man, but expect to take in several at the beginning of the next.

We have ten active members, four of whom leave college with the graduating class, leaving six to commence with next year.

Our rival fraternities here are six in number, as follows: Phi Kappa Psi, having a present active membership of thirteen; Phi Gamma Delta, with a membership of nine; Phi Delta Delta numbering twenty-three; Beta Theta Pi, with five; Phi Kappa Sigma, with five; Alpha Tau Omega, with three.

We have elected as delegate to the 25th Annual Convention Bro. A. W. Kennon, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, and as the next year S. A. your humble servant, to whom all communications can be addressed.

It is a source of regret to me that I have not been able to write more fully, but amid a host of duties I have done the best I could.

Fraternally yours,

E. H. McFARLAND.



## 7 PI—LEHIGH.

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In accordance with the wish of our editor-in-chief, *Π* sends this her last contribution to vol. VI of THE CRESCENT.

Lehigh University, the home of *Π*, was founded by Hon. Asa Packer, in the year 1865, at which time he gave \$500,000 and 115 acres of land in South Bethlehem, Pa. From this foundation rose the Lehigh University, incorporated by the Legislature of Pennsylvania in 1866.

In addition to these gifts, made during his lifetime, Judge Packer, by his last will and testament, secured to Lehigh an endowment of \$1,500,000, and to the University library one of \$500,000. In 1871 the Trustees declared tuition FREE in all branches and classes.

The University is under the control of a board of twelve trustees with the P. E. Bishop of Pennsylvania as President, *ex officio*.

The faculty numbers fifteen professors, assisted by seven instructors. There are 187 students in all the branches and classes of the University.

Chapter Pi was founded in the year 1874, on the 24th of May, with eleven charter members, and has since that time initiated 52 men into the mysteries of *Δ T Δ*.

We commenced last September with eight active members; during the year we initiated three, and have lost one, who left college. We will lose by graduation, three members, Bros. Goodnow, Dalrymple and Butler, this will leave us seven active members to commence the year with, in September next.

Pi will be represented at the 25th Annual Convention by Bros. R. P. Linderman, of Bethlehem, Pa., and W. T. Goodnow, of Put-in-Bay, Ohio. Our S. A. for next year will be Bro. E. L. McIlvaine, of Reading, Pa.

Pi comes in contact with the following fraternities:

Chi Phi, established in 1872, has fourteen active members.

Phi Theta Psi, (would be Psi U's), established 1882, has twenty members.

Alpha Tau Omega claims to have an "Alpha Rho" chapter here; if they have, it has only one member, who is a Freshman.

We acknowledge the receipt of the Paladium from Delta, Transit from Upsilon, Eccentric from Rho, Melange from Nu, and "last but not least" the Columbiad from Gamma Beta.

All communications to Pi, during the summer, should be addressed R. H. Wilbur, Behlehem, Pa.

## 10 NU—LAFAYETTE.

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As the college year draws to a close and the brilliant *finale* of the annual banquet is in preparation, one naturally turns to the works and doings of his chapter during the past year; he compiles a few statistics for comparison with those of former years, and turns his attention more or less closely to the whole period of the chapter's existence with a hasty glance at a few interesting data respecting his alma mater.

Lafayette College was founded in 1832, with a modest and unpretentious beginning, which has since given place to a splendid superstructure. Though the endowment fund is small and inconsiderable, the capital stock is over \$800,000, in buildings, apparatus, etc. The present number of the faculty is twenty-one. The number of students during the past year was 303, distributed through the various courses of instruction. The denomination of the College is Presbyterian, though a large number of the students are of other denominations.

Chapter Nu was founded originally in 1874, but by the last two men graduating in 1878, it was then left extinct. Being re-established at the opening of the next college year, Oct. 1, 1878, it has enjoyed, to this day, a period of almost unremitting progress and prosperity. The number initiated since the original foundation in 1874, is thirty-three; two other brothers being received from other chapters, make the entire list number thirty-five, of whom eleven are in active membership. The chapter began the closing year with



seven men, having graduated six the preceding year. During the past year five were initiated, and one of the former members returned, making the total during the year thirteen. Of these, two left, leaving the present active membership eleven, which will be further diminished by the graduation of one, so that the chapter will probably open next fall with ten men.

The rival fraternities with whom we come in contact, with the date of their foundation here and their present active membership, are as follows:

	Founded.	Present Membership.
D. K. E.,	1853	17
Zeta Psi,	1857	9
Theta Delta Chi,	1866	6
Sigma Chi,	1867	8
Phi Kappa Psi,	1869	13
Phi Delta Theta,	1873	15
Delta Beta Phi,	1881	6

The average membership of Nu, at any one time, was ten. There are also ten Deltas resident in the city.

The chapter has selected as delegates to the next Convention Bros. A. B. Camp, Grant, Pa., and M. J. Bliem, Chicago, Illinois, 745 Jackson street.

Bro. Camp was the recipient of the prize at the Junior orator contest last month.

Bro. Jno. E. Fox, '85, of Hummelston, Pa., has been chosen S. A. for next year, to whom all communications should be addressed after June 27th.

### 8 Upsilon—RENSSELAER. 9

The sketch of the R. P. I., and its fraternities, published in another column, will answer for the final communication of Upsilon for the year. To the chapter the year has been one of varied experience, but we assure our sister chapters that the future of Upsilon never appeared brighter or more promising. At the beginning of next year we will confidently measure strength with our rivals, and do not propose to be very far in the rear.

Our delegates to Convention are H. J. Weber, No. 1121 Madison avenue, New York city, and Frank Spearman, Sharon, Pa.

Brother O. A. Zayas has been elected to fill the position of S. A. for the coming year.

### 13 BETA BETA—ASBURY. 18

Indiana Asbury University was established in 1837 and is under the supervision of the Methodist Episcopal Conference of the State of Indiana. There are fourteen full professorships together with an additional corps of five instructors. The number of students in attendance during the present college year was 503. The endowment is now about two hundred thousand dollars, but the college is expected shortly to receive an endowment from Hon. Washington C. De Pauw, which will eventually amount to more than a million dollars, when its name will be changed to "The Asbury College of DePauw University."

There are six gentleman fraternities represented at Asbury besides our own. Beta Theta Pi was established in 1845 and has an active membership of eighteen. Phi Gamma Delta in 1856 and has twenty-four members; Sigma Chi in 1839, and has twenty members; Phi Kappa Psi in 1865, and has twenty-two members; Delta Kappa Epsilon in 1866, and has twenty members; Phi Delta Theta in 1868, and has nineteen members.

Delta Tau Delta was first established at Asbury as Chapter Omicron in 1871: this chapter was flourishing and prosperous till 1874, when it disbanded, caused by the lax administration and unjust treatment of the Old Alpha at the Ohio Wesleyan. A second chapter was established also under the name of Omicron, in 1875; the chapter started out auspiciously, but was materially weakened by several of its members leaving college; internal dissension arose with the usual results; but the chapter continued to exist with varying success, until in the class of '80, all the members graduated, and the charter



was returned. In the spring term of 1882 the fraternity was again re-established as chapter Beta Beta by Prof. Justin N. Study.

Our chapter has a membership of sixty-five, of whom eighteen were active members during the present term. We have initiated six men during the present college year.

We lose two members by graduation this year—Brothers John J. Collins, and Curtis P. Smith.

Several of our members will not return next year. Brothers Sam. E. Crose, '85, and Claude T. Griffith, '86, will go into business, Brothers Henry McEnery, '86, P. Tousant Jett, '87, and Horace S. Norton, '88, will go to other colleges. Their present intention is to become members of Delta, Kappa, and one of our new southern chapters. Brother Will M. Crose, '86, and Will. L. Williamson, '86, who were out this term, are expected to be in next year.

Brother Oliver M. Matson, '85, of Greencastle, will represent our chapter as her first delegate at the next convention, and Bro. G. Edwin Hunt, '85, will represent her as her second delegate.

Brother W. Boyd Johnson, '85, has been elected S. A. of Beta Beta for next year.

We will be well represented at the next convention as the greater part of our chapter will be in attendance.

### 3- GAMMA BETA—COLUMBIA. 5

Although we have not appeared with a communication in THE CRESCENT for some time I can assure you that we have not forgotten our duty even though it would seem that we have neglected it.

Affairs have been very dull, indeed, at college, nothing of any real interest happening except the inter-collegiate athletic games at which we met some of our brothers from other colleges.

For the last three weeks examinations have been claiming all our attention, and though they may not be dull they are certainly not very pleasant.

All our boys got through their examinations

successfully, and one of our number graduated in the second-honor class with two degrees.

Not long ago some of us attended a very pleasant reunion at chapter Rho, and we had a very enjoyable time indeed, for our brothers across the river are always ready to exert themselves to make their visitors remember the visit as a most delightful occasion.

Last Wednesday we had a very pleasant reunion of our own. Our dinner was held at Martinellis', and it was a good dinner done full justice to. After the table was cleared, we listened to many interesting speeches from our brethren. Bro. H. T. Bruck, President of the Executive Council was present and responded to the toast of "Our Fraternity," in a very able manner.

We adjourned at a very "early" hour full of pleasant recollections of a very delightful evening.

Our prospects for next year are very promising. We are in a good financial condition, and we have two men pledged and a good hold on four more who have been "waiting till next year." I think every young chapter must be thoroughly tired of those words, "I think I had better wait till next year."

Our commencement is on the 13th, and after that we shall all be scattered to the four winds. Bro. Keyes will sail for Europe next week, and Bro. Apgar is going "down east" for the summer. My address will be Tenaflly, N. J., as my letters can all be forwarded to me,

With Gamma Beta's best wishes for a pleasant summer to you all, I am yours fraternally,

TENAFLY.

### 12 MU—OHIO WESLEYAN. 11

This has been a prosperous year to the Ohio Wesleyan. Our college was founded in 1842, under the control of several patronizing conferences of Ohio Methodism. Since that time its progress in number of students and facilities for instruction has been steadily upward until its permanent funds now amount to \$250,000, and



its catalogue will number this year somewhere over 780 students. There are fourteen in the faculty. This number of course excluding all instructors in music, art, elocution, the commercial or other subordinate departments of the college. Our list of students increased over one hundred this year, and we feel safe in saying that for the years to come, since our college is the largest to which Methodism can point as her own, and thus the special care of that great ecclesiastical body, the prospect of the Ohio Wesleyan is brightening, and is better to-day than it has ever been before.

As the college grew in influence it attracted the attention of the different fraternities, till eleven chapters were established here, seven of which are in existence to-day. Of these, Beta Theta Pi, founded in 1853, has now thirteen active members.

Sigma Chi, founded in 1855, has seven.

Phi Delta Theta, founded in 1860, ten.

Phi Kappa Psi, founded in 1860, fourteen.

Phi Gamma Delta, founded in 1869, thirteen.

Chi Phi, founded in 1873, eight.

Chi Phi, Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi have each of them so-called active members initiated from the students of the State University, just twenty miles away; but in the figures given above I have excluded these and counted only those in attendance upon this college during this term.

Delta Tau Delta was established here on November 6, 1866. Since that time she has initiated over one hundred and ten members. During this term chapter Mu has had eleven active members. Four others have been connected with the chapter during the year.

Alpheus Austin is at home teaching school, but intends to be with us at the beginning of next year. With our two pledged Preps he will make us just twelve strong to begin the fall term of next year, for we graduate but two men this spring, Gilbert Austin and Wood Cheney, and will have nine men left.

The year has been a good one for chapter Mu,

The Division Conference was a step in the right direction. The beginning of our journalistic enterprise in the publication of the *Times* has been auspicious, for the little sheet has improved in appearance with every issue, though all funds expended on it have thus far come out of the pockets of our active members. During the last two years Beta Theta Pi has expelled two members, both of whom have been initiated at once into Sigma Chi. Chi Phi has lifted two men from Sigma Chi this year; but while these little troubles were afflicting our rivals, chapter Mu has stood a little phalanx compact in herself and in no need of either expulsions or lifting. We have taken our share of honors in the year just past, and we stand fully equipped and ready for another year's toils and triumphs.

The college year leaves us in better condition than we have known before. Our business relations with the general fraternity, and especially with the Second Division, shall be squarely and roundly ended as they have been successfully and satisfactorily prosecuted through the year. As Grand Chapter we have no word of complaint, but an ample award of praise to all chapters of the Second Division for their uniformly prompt and kindly correspondence of this college term and college year. As S. A., in this my last letter to THE CRESCENT, I am glad of the opportunity to thank personally every one with whom in my correspondence of the year I have had aught to do, believing I have given offence to none, knowing I have received good from many.

Chapter Mu sends as her delegate to the Indianapolis Convention, D. H. Hayes, whose summer address will be Walnut street, Dayton, Ohio. She will doubtless have other members there, at least one other delegate, but he has not been chosen as yet. I take pleasure in introducing to all the CRESCENT corps our S. A. for next year, J. W. Magruder, of Marion, Ohio, whose Delaware address is now box 1261. He will take up the song where I leave off, but as I take my stand in the chorus behind, I feel that the praises of the Delta queen will be rung out still clearer next year than this.



## 10 ALPHA—ALLEGHENY. 15

Allegheny College is one of the oldest institutions west of the mountains, having been chartered in 1817. Until 1835 it remained under Presbyterian control, when it passed into the hands of the Methodists. The productive endowment of the college amounts to \$200,000, while the buildings, grounds, etc., will bring the sum up to \$500,000. The instruction is carried forward by a corps of 12 professors, and three tutors.

In the college are represented Phi Kappa Psi with 16 members, Phi Gamma Delta with 17, Phi Delta Theta with 14, and Kappa Alpha Theta with 7. Alpha started the year with 12 men, initiated 7, lost 4, leaving 15 at the close of the year. Of these four graduated, the remaining 11 will start the next year.

The year has been one of great success. We have held our own in the various departments of the college, athletic, social and literary. Our high social standing and reputation in the city has been maintained.

During the spring term we rented a suit of club rooms in the city and commenced to furnish them. Our alumni generously responded to our call and by next fall we will be in possession of the most elegant and cosy suit of rooms in the city.

Our XX Annual Banquet was a grand success there being present forty-five Choctaws, thirty of them being alumni. Among the latter may be mentioned brothers Hunt, Silver, Morehead, Foltz, Bolard and McKinley.

Our talented Bro. Maj. Chas. E. Richmond, will deliver the Fourth of July oration at Sandy Lake.

Our delegates to Convention will be W. B. Best, Meadville, Pa., and E. E. Baldwin, Canton, Ohio.

The S. A. for the next year is C. B. Kistler, Warren, O.

## 10 EPSILON BETA—EMORY. 12

Emory College was founded in 1837 and is under the control of the North and South Georgia and Florida conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, south. The faculty numbers ten, has at present an endowment of fifty thousand dollars.

The number of students down on the catalogue for the year is, I think, 311. The college has a live President, a good faculty and is growing very rapidly and is already one of the leading colleges in the South. I think the number of students next year will be greater than this, and will amount to from 350 to 400. It is useless to go into further details about the college, for it is well known and will speak for itself.

Chapter Epsilon Beta of the Delta Tau Delta was founded here at Emory, June 13, 1882. We began with six charter members, we initiated two more before the term closed and have since initiated nine more, making the whole membership of the chapter seventeen. We have now twelve men in active membership, five having left college during the year. We will have at least 10 men to commence with next year.

Epsilon Beta has here five rival fraternities to contend with now, viz:

Phi Delta Theta, founded in 1871, active membership twenty-five.

Kappa Alpha, founded in 1869, active membership twenty-three.

Chi Phi, founded in 1869, active membership sixteen.

Alpha Tau Omega, founded in 1881, active membership nineteen.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, founded in 1882, active membership five.

Phi Delta Theta is the strongest now and Sigma Alpha Epsilon the weakest, for in fact it can hardly be called a rival fraternity.

Epsilon Beta is still prospering and is now ranked among the first, not in the number of members, but in the quality of her men. We have one sub. freshman and two juniors, speakers for commencement, one public debater for next term and one on the editorial staff. We have our hall pretty well furnished at last and are just now prepared to do good work.

I take pleasure in introducing to the brethren of Delta Tau Delta, Bro. A. C. Clements, my successor, whose address during the summer is Towns, Ga.

We will be represented at the convention by either Bro. Hunnicutt, of Athens, or Bro. W. D. Beatie, one of our charter members.

## 9 DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. 13

It is with pleasure that I begin my last communication of the year with the presentation of a new brother to our fraternity. Edwin F. Sanders, '86, of East Saginaw, Michigan, united with



us June 2d, after having refused Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon and Chi Psi.

The fraternities represented here are as follows in the order of their establishment :

Chi Psi, 1845, present active membership eleven.

Alpha Delta Phi, 1846, actives, seventeen.

Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1853, actives, seventeen.

Sigma Phi, 1858, actives, thirteen.

Zeta Psi, 1858, actives, five.

Psi Upsilon, 1864, actives, twenty-four.

Beta Theta Pi, 1875, actives, fifteen;

Phi Kappa Psi, 1876, actives, sixteen.

The ladies fraternities, Kappa Alpha Theta, 1879, actives, ten.

Gamma Phi Beta, 1882, actives, thirteen.

Our fraternity established a chapter here in 1875 but owing to causes easily understood, but difficult to present delicately, the chapter died in 1877. A second attempt was made in 1879 which resulted in the present chapter. The records of old Delta have been lost, and our knowledge of it is not so full as desirable. The present chapter has been prosperous, having initiated twenty-five men, many of them being prominent men of their class and of the University. During the present year we have initiated five good men, four in '86, one in '85. Our present membership is thirteen, five of our professional members left us when the Law and Dental Departments closed. We lose six members in the graduating classes, four from the literary department and two from the medical department, leaving us seven who expect to return next year. These with some we hope may come back to finish their course, we are confident of counting nine men to begin the year '83-84. During the year three of our men have left college, two of our initiates in '85 and one who came to us from a sister chapter, in '86.

Our delegates to the Convention are F. A. Walker, '83, Winthrop street, Taunton, Mass., and Ezra J. Ware, 111 Lafayette street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

#### 10 KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

Hillsdale college was founded in 1855, under the Free Baptist control. At present we have an endowment of \$130,000. The faculty numbers twenty, and the attendance 751.

Our chapter was founded in 1867, by Ed. Curtiss. Since then one hundred and forty-six men have been initiated, which includes the nine men initiated this year.

Of other Greek letter fraternities we meet chapters of Sigma Chi, founded June, 1883, and having a membership of eleven; of Phi Delta Theta, founded in Jan'y, 83, eleven men, and of Kappa Kappa Gamma, (lady fraternity), founded in September '81. Our chapter is on especially good terms with the first and last named chapters.

Our delegates to the annual convention are Brothers L. E. Dow and Charles E. Root, both of Hillsdale, Mich.

The future of our chapter never looked more promising than now. Funds are guaranteed with which to furnish a spacious new hall and for the publication of a chapter sheet, next year.

#### 5 ZETA BETA—BUTLER. 3

The committee of arrangements for the 25th Convention has issued invitations to all the chapters. The S. A.'s will distribute them in due time. So many invitations were demanded by some chapters that we were unable to supply them. We tried in vain to get reduced rates on railroads, to the convention.

Everything seems favorable for the next Convention, and if the boys from distant chapters will turn out we will surely have a "grand and awful" time.

Bro. Fletcher, of Phi, is a committee to arrange some excursions around Indianapolis.

I met Bro. Porter, of Rho, a day or two since. He has just finished his Junior year at Purdue University.

Butler University was founded in 1855, and had during the last year one hundred and sixty students. Its endowment is about \$700,000.

At the close of this year there were three men in Zeta Beta chapter. We will begin next year with five men. There have been no new men initiated this year.

Address Elmer I. Phillips, New Castle, Pa., or John F. Stone, St. Lawrence, Hand Co., D. T., if any information is needed concerning Convention.

#### 9 OMEGA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE. 13

The Iowa State College in which Omega is situated was founded in 1869, and is under the control of the State. The faculty numbers 20 and the students for the year 300. Endowment \$600,000.

Omega was founded July 17th, 1875, with a charter membership of 12. Number of men initiated since foundation is 81.



Our present S. A. is W. J. Wicks, who will hold the office until the close of our college year in November.

Omega at present is, as she always has been, in a very prosperous condition. With no rival fraternities to combat with, she can select only those whom she thinks best fitted to wear the "purple and gray." We are now making active preparations for a joint reunion of the Deltas and I. C.'s, (our sister fraternity) at the close of our present term, which we are quite sanguine of making a success.

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15 IOTA—MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

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Our band of brothers has been saddened this term by the death of our beloved brother A. M. Bamber, '83. In the death of Bro. Bamber Iota loses one of her best and most efficient members, a man ever careful of the best interests of the chapter and the fraternity. Bro. Bamber represented us in the Cleveland Convention last fall; and was one of the honor-men of his class.

The class of '83 takes from our list of actives four sterling Deltas, and while we will feel their loss, we will be left with a good working force. "In union there is strength," and as we are a unit to the man we expect to lay before the shrine of Delta Tau Delta the fruits of honest endeavors.

Eleven of us attended the first annual Conference of Michigan chapters, and returned with our store of enthusiasm replenished, feeling that our time had been well and profitably spent, and were unanimous in the verdict, Epsilon is a royal host.

The chapter was never in a more prosperous condition than now, one of our most hopeful signs being the fact that the true fraternity spirit and oneness of purpose never before existed among us in such marked degree.

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12 OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA. 16

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The college at which we are located was founded in 1860. Its affairs are managed by a Board of Regents elected by the general assembly of Iowa. The faculty at present numbers 41 of which number 18 belong to the collegiate department. The University is supported by a fund arising from the sale of lands donated by the General Government, supplemented from time to time by legislative grants. In addition to this it has a large annual endowment.

The much disputed prep. question does not

directly concern us, as there is no preparatory department connected with the University, but there are large law and medical departments. Six hundred and seventeen students were enrolled during the year—two hundred and seventy-two in the collegiate department.

The S. U. I. is co-educational and non-sectarian.

We are a very young chapter, our charter being dated Oct. 29, 1880. Since then we have initiated twenty-seven men. In the past year we have initiated eight men, but several having left during the year, we have at present only sixteen active members, four of whom being seniors, will graduate this year. We will have thirteen men at the beginning of next year, a very good number with which to commence the year, and one which we will increase in a short time.

Our rival fraternities are all in a prosperous condition. They are, in order of establishment Beta Theta Pi founded in 1867, died in a few years, and revived in 1880, active membership eighteen.

Phi Delta Theta founded in 1882, active membership, sixteen.

Sigma Chi founded in 1882, active membership sixteen.

There is plenty of room for us all, therefore all our relations with one another are harmonious and we are on the best of terms.

Fred. O. Newcomb, Iowa City, Ia., and Chas. E. Thayer, 101 Ashland ave. Chicago, Ill., are Omicron's delegates to the National Convention.

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12 XI—SIMPSON.

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Simpson was founded in 1867, by the Des Moines Conference of the M. E. church, and is under the control of a board of twenty-four trustees selected by the Conference. The number of instructors is eight, the number of students in attendance during '82-'83 was about 300. The college is free from all indebtedness, and its endowment sufficiently large to pay all expenses. The attendance has been rapidly increasing during the last few years, and the college has no rival of importance in southwestern Iowa.

There are established here the Iowa Beta of Phi Kappa Psi, founded June '81, with a membership of fourteen, and a local fraternity known as the Rho Alpha, organized in the spring of '82, with about sixteen men. The Rho Alpha will probably become a chapter of some fraternity, as their organization seems to be only temporary. We also meet the Alpha chapter of L. F. V. so-



rosis, founded in '73, with eight members; the Lambda chapter of I. C., founded in '73, with nine members; the Omicron of Kappa Alpha Theta, founded in '81, with seventeen members, and the Omega of Kappa Kappa Gamma, founded in '72, with seven members.

Chapter Xi, of Delta Tau Delta, was founded May 8, '73, and has on her list eighty names. Five were initiated and two left school during the year. Our present membership is fifteen, and we expect some twelve or fourteen to return next Fall. In addition, let me say that the condition of the chapter has been and is exceptionally good. There has been good attendance at the meetings and the brothers are all well satisfied with the year's work. As our delegates to the Convention we have chosen Bros. N. B. Ashby, '85, and F. L. Davis, '84. Two other members of Xi will probably attend.

We have also selected as the S. A. for next year Br. N. B. Ashby, whose address during the summer will be Norwood, Ia. My own address, after commencement, will be at Indianola.

#### 8 DELTA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA. 14

The University of Georgia was founded in the year 1880. The college is under the control of the State. The faculty now numbers ten; eight in literary department and two in law department. Death has recently taken from us our professor of History and Natural Science. The endowment of the college amounts to about \$450,000. There are at Athens about 200 students, but including the branch colleges of the University, situated in different parts of the State, the number of students amounts to about eleven hundred.

Chapter Delta Beta was founded June 12, 1882. Since that time ten others have been initiated. Four have left college during the year. The number now in active membership is fourteen. Eight of this number expect to return next year. Our next year's S. A. is J. J. Kennedy, whose home address is Reidsville, Tattnall Co., Ga. Our delegate to the Convention in August, is G. F. Hunnicutt, of Turin, Ga.

The rival fraternities in college are Sigma Alpha Epsilon, chapter permanently founded in '68, but its first appearance here was a little previous to the war. Its present membership is twenty-four.

A chapter of the Kappa Alpha fraternity was founded here in 1867; present membership, twenty-two.

A chapter of Phi Delta Theta was founded in 1870; present membership fifteen.

A chapter of Chi Phi was founded in 1870; present membership ten.

A chapter of Alpha Tau Omega was founded in 1879; present membership twelve.

Our chapter (Delta Beta) is doing well so far as I know. Two of Delta Beta's boys have recently been engaged in two oratorical contests with other boys of their class, and they came off victorious both times. They received no few compliments on their ability as forcible speakers.

Our commencement is drawing near, and our Seniors will fill their share of the positions of honor on that occasion.

#### 10 PSI—WOOSTER. 18

The time has come, when as correspondent for Psi, we send our last letter. We give way to our successor with no little feeling of reluctance. It has become a pleasurable task to report to THE CRESCENT and its readers the affairs of our chapter. The last college year has given Deltaism a wonderful impetus. Honors have come to us, and honors await us. The closing year has been gratifying. Out of a class of thirty-eight that is about to be graduated, there are eight Deltas. Ten honor men, or rather nine honor men and one honor woman are included in the class. Of these honors Brother Yarnell receives salutatory oration, Bro. Hanna honorary mathematical oration, and Bro. Sharpe honorary Belles-letters oration. Kappa Alpha Theta receives one honor, and Beta Theta Pi one, the rest belong to non-fraternity men. On class day Deltas have class oration and consolatus. At the inter-society contest we have orator and essayist. In a recent essay contest of Athenaeon Society, Bro. Fulton, of the Junior class, received a gold medal for having submitted the best essay to the judges. The oratorical standing of Bro. Chas. Krichbaum is known to all the readers of THE CRESCENT. In the social circle the Deltas have not been slack. Our chapter gave the only banquet of the season. It was held at the residence of Mr. A. Imgard, of Beall avenue, on the evening of June 8th.

In thus enumerating the deeds and achievements of the past, we do not wish to boast, but only to let the brothers know that we are trying to maintain the honor and dignity of Delta Tau Delta in Wooster University. Of course Psi has had but a brief existence. Our University is comparatively young, yet the soil we think is good for Deltaism.



The institution was founded in 1868, and is owned and controlled by the Presbyterian Synod of Ohio. The number of teachers in all the departments at present is thirty-five. The total number of students during the last year has been five hundred and fifty-six.

Chapter Psi was founded May 8, 1880, and since then we have initiated twenty-one men, six of whom were initiated during the last college year, and they have all remained with us. Our total active membership at present is eighteen. Next year we will have ten men to start with, all members of the college department.

Our rivals are Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Theta.

Phi Kappa Psi numbers eleven members and the chapter here was founded June 15, '71.

Beta Theta Pi has fourteen members and was founded April 18, '72.

Phi Delta Theta, eighteen members, founded December 1, '72.

Sigma Chi, seventeen members, founded March 1, '73.

Phi Gamma Delta, fifteen members, founded May 26, '82.

Our delegates to Convention are Bros. J. M. Fulton, Dinsmore, Pa., and H. M. Kingery, Wooster, O. S. A for the following year is H. M. Kingery.

10 IOTA BETA—ADRIAN. 15

Adrian College was organized under the auspices of the Wesleyan Methodist connection, March 22d, 1859. On the 28th of February 1867 the Institution was by formal act of the Trustees, transferred to a new Board of Trustees representing the "Collegiate Association of the Methodist Protestant Church," its present management. The number in its present faculty is fifteen. The endowment is upwards of \$80,000. The number of students during the college year is about 200.

Iota Beta chapter of Delta Tau Delta was founded in June 1878. During the year we have initiated three members, making in all since Iota Beta's establishment 29, of which number 18 will have graduated with the present commencement. Our active membership is 15. Two have left college during the year. We expect 10 to begin active work next year.

The only other fraternities at Adrian are Alpha Tau Omega with an active membership of 8, and the Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies) with 13 active members. The former was founded in November 1881, and the latter in May 1882.

Iota Beta has elected as delegates to the 25th National Convention, Bros. O. L. Palmer, Adrian, Mich, box 1141, and E. B. Rood, Chicago, Ill., (can not give local address.)

Since our last communication, the *Mirror*, our college annual, has been completed and fills our expectations with satisfaction for the efforts of Iota Beta.

10 LAMBDA—LOMBARD. 12

Lombard University was founded in 1855, and is under the control of the Universalist denomination. The faculty contains eight professors, six instructors and two lecturers. Rev. N. White Ph. D., being President. Endowment \$150,000. Number of students for the year ending June 20, '83, is 108. Chapter Lambda was founded February 9th, '67, having had on her roll 107 men, of which three were initiated this year. Her present active membership is twelve, of which number two Bros. Brewster and Carney are graduated this June. Two Bros., Ottawa and Barker, have left during the year. At the beginning of next year we expect to have as a rival fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, which absorbed the Phi Sigma, a local organization, in 1880, and now has an active membership of thirteen.

The I. C. Sorosis has a chapter here.

The delegates to the 25th Convention are Elmer H. West, '82, Yates City and Charles L. Edwards, '84, Minneapolis, Minn.

The S. A. for the coming year is C. L. Edwards.

10 SIGMA—MT. UNION. 13

In answer to the questions forwarded me June 8th, I submit the following:

Mt. Union college is the outgrowth of the seminary founded November 4, 1849. The charter for the college was obtained June 10, 1858. The institution is controlled by no denomination but receives its principal patronage from the M. E. Conference. There are thirteen professors in daily recitations, not including any lecturers or tutors. The amount of endowment is not known. The register shows that 629 have registered since August 29, 1882.

Our chapter was founded Jan'y 4, 1875, by Bro. Lewis Walker, of Alpha chapter. One hundred and thirty-three men have been initiated since its foundation, two of them within the last year. One brother, F. W. Moulton, left college this year to enter upon the study of law, leaving



us with an active membership of fifteen. There will be ten actives to begin next year.

We have a rival in the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. The chapter, Alpha Nu, founded Feb'y 14, 1882, has an active membership of eleven.

Our delegates to Convention will be Bro. I. T. Hedland, Thornhill, Pa., and C. L. Harris, Mt. Union. Brother Hedland has been elected S. A. for next year.

Our chapter has never been in a more prosperous condition, and rejoices in the fact that it will soon have a home of its own. Work on our new chapter hall progresses rapidly and it will be ready for dedication commencement week.

### 12 ETA-BUCHTEL.

Buchtel College, receiving its name from its generous benefactor, Hon. J. R. Buchtel, an honorary member of Delta Tau, was founded in 1870 by the Universalists of Ohio. The faculty including all departments, consists of fourteen instructors. The college has an endowment of \$270,000. 314 students were enrolled this year in all branches, being an increase of 81 over last year.

Eta chapter was founded in 1872, and has always maintained a worthy place in Delta Tau's chapter list. Its eleventh year finds it able to cope successfully with rivals and earnest in its support of the "beautiful and the good." Ninety-nine have been admitted into our circle since the establishment, including the fourteen actives. The mysteries have been revealed to four worthy men this year. Though we will greatly miss our juniors, who seek other fields of learning, we hope next year with twelve enthusiastic and loyal Deltas to carry on the good work, and gain fresh laurels and new victories.

Our opponents are the Phi Delta Thetas, established in 1875 with an active membership of twelve and the "Lone Stars", a local organization established in 1882, with six men.

Bros. Will Ford, of Milledgeville, O., and A. Hyre, of Dayton, O., will represent Eta at the next Convention.

For the past year Delta Tau Delta has sustained her reputation. In class, in literary work, the Deltas continued in the ascendancy. In the senior class we were not represented; of the Juniors, Bros. Olin was the leader; in the Freshman class, Bro. Ford has again reaped the honors. We have reason to feel proud of our Freshman representation. It includes all the talented men of the class, except one. We have been no

less prominent in literary work. In the annual inter-society contest the Deltas won four of the seven prizes. Bro. Harned, our last initiate receiving first prize for essay, and Bro. Rothrock representing a Phi stronghold as orator, his leading opponent being of that persuasion and president of the Delta province of that fraternity.

### 10 RHO-STEVENS.

Chapter Rho was instituted on May 9, 1874, at the Stevens Institute of Technology, which was founded in 1871, on the bequest of the late Edwin A. Stevens, of Hoboken, N. J., a distinguished engineer, and is recognized to-day as the foremost school of mechanical engineering in the country. Its endowment exceeds \$500,000 and the cost of tuition as in all technical and professional schools is quite high, being \$150 per annum for students residing in New Jersey during their attendance, and \$225 for those residing out of the state. This does not include incidental expenses for shop and laboratory practice. The faculty includes fourteen professors and instructors, among whom the best known are, President, Henry Morton, and Professors Mayer, Wood, and Thurston; these enjoy a national reputation. Quite recently a chair of applied electricity has been added to meet the requirements of the times. The laboratories and workshops of the institute are complete in their appointments, and the course of experimental mechanics and shop-work, which is under Prof. J. E. Denton, Rho, '75, is recognized as the best of its kind in the country.

The Institute graduated its first class in '73, and has since sent forth one hundred and forty-four graduates, whose services seem to be in great demand, and who have been remarkably successful in their profession. The number at present enrolled is about one hundred and sixty students, many of them graduates of other scientific and classical colleges.

Since its establishment our chapter has initiated fifty-six members, thirteen of whom are undergraduates, and twenty-seven of whom are graduates of the institution. We have just passed through a most successful year and expect to begin the new year with thirteen members, or two more than last year, having initiated five during the past year.

Bro. Charles F. Parker, '84, will represent us at Convention, and Bro. R. H. Rice, '85, will be our next year's corresponding secretary. We lose by graduation, Bros. Estrada, McNaughton,



and Steward, all worthy Deltas and whose places will be hard to fill.

Our rival fraternities are Theta Xi, Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Psi and Sigma Chi, the last three of which are young and cannot yet be said to be firmly established. Sigma of Beta Theta Pi was established as Gamma of Alpha Sigma Chi, in '75, while Gamma of Theta Xi was established shortly before our own.

It is with a feeling not without regret that we write thus for the last CRESCENT of the year, and we take consolation in the hope of a splendid convention and of meeting many of the brothers, both old and young. Let all be present who can at this our 25th convention.

#### CONFERENCE OF MICHIGAN CHAPTERS.

While the delegates from the Michigan chapters were assembled at Cleveland, a year ago, they conceived the idea that it would further the interests of Deltaism to hold a Convention of the Michigan chapters at some college having such a chapter. The time agreed upon was March, and the place—though not fully decided upon—was Albion, it being a sort of central position. The time of holding the Convention being so far in the future but little was said about it during the Fall term. At the beginning of the Winter term it began to be agitated, and after some time, definite conclusions were reached in regard to the order of business. So much time was consumed, however, in deciding some questions that it was thought best to defer the time of the Convention to the 18th and 19th of May. Then to accommodate two of the chapters, and with the hope of a more pleasant time, it was again deferred to June 1st and 2d. The second deferment proved a wise one.

A committee went to the morning train, where they met the delegations from the South. There were four brother from I B, and seven from K. The committee then conducted them to the hall of Epsilon.

After expending some time in acquainting ourselves with one another, the Convention proceeded to organization at 10.30 a. m., June 1st, 1883. Bro. A. H. Lucas, (I. B.) was elected President, *pro tem.*, Bro. E. F. Parmelee, Vice President, and Bro. W. C. Walker, Secretary.

After the transaction of the usual business—the appointment of committees, etc., the Convention, on motion, adjourned at 11.40 a. m., to meet the Lansing delegation at 12.10 p. m. The Iotas, eleven in number were in a very cheerful mood when they arrived. After each brother had greeted all others, we went to the Commercial House where the boys were all made still more happy.

The afternoon session was called to order by President Lucas. Prayer was offered by J. M. Whitney, of E. Then followed the address of welcome by Elvin Swarthout, of E, responded to by W. H. Howard of I B, in lieu of E. J. Ware, of A. Then the reports of committees were received, and such matters were discussed as were thought to be to the highest good of Deltaism in general. The Convention then adjourned at 5 p. m., to "focalize themselves upon the college campus for some pictures."

The evening session, called to order at 8 p. m., was a literary programme, carried out in the college chapel, with Bro. A. H. Lucas presiding. This programme, on the whole, was pronounced a "grand success" by all present.

At the close of the programme we all repaired "two by two" to the Commercial, where there were in waiting tables bounteously spread, such a banquet as is said to be "the best ever gotten up in Albion." The banquet was made more pleasant and enjoyable by interludes of music from the Albion Orchestra. "When we had all eaten to our satisfaction, and more would surely have been superfluity," the Magister Epularum of the evening, W. T. Hoyt, of Iota, announced the following toasts:

Deltaism—Bro. A. H. Lucas, I B.

Epsilon—Bro. W. D. Carrier, E.

Iota Beta—Bro. W. H. Howard, I B.

Iota—Bro. L. A. Bwell, I.

Kappa—Bro. M. J. Davis, K.

Kappas' Delta Girls—E. L. Parmelee, K.

The Ladies—H. W. Collingwood, I.

The toasts were all well and enthusiastically responded to; and especially the last which was given by Bro. Collingwood in a poetic form—a form for which the gentleman has become quite noted.

When we had retired into the parlors we took our "usual walk-around," after which we serenaded the ladies who had so kindly decorated the chapel for our evening entertainment. There we retired to know no more "the cares that had infested the day."

On account of the temporary absence of Bro. Lucas, the Saturday morning session was called to order by E. F. Parmelee, of Kappa. During this session, besides the necessary business, general fraternity matters were discussed. It was in this session that a telegram was received stating the death of one of Iota's most distinguished sons, A. M. Bamber.

The reception of this telegram cast sadness over the whole convention, and especially over those who knew him best, the Iota boys.

In order that the delegates from the south might reach the train in time, an adjournment was necessitated at 11.40 a. m., June 2nd. Just before adjournment Bro. A. H. Lucas gave utterance to a few very fitting and appropriate words, which, we trust, found lodgement in the mind of every member present.

Every Delta left Albion, we think, with the full satisfaction that the convention had been a grand success.

The convention of Michigan chapters was made a permanent thing, and holds its next meeting at Lansing, with Iota, upon the 3d and 4th of June, 1884.

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