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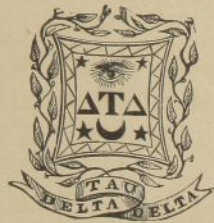
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non potest.—Cicero.*



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

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DELTA TAU DELTA AT LAFAYETTE.

History of the "Nu."

In 1874 the extension of Delta Tau into the East was marked with surprising progress and success. In that year were founded four firm chapters, Rho, Tau, Pi and Nu, in order, the first three in one month, May, and the last three being in a direct line of descent.

Lafayette College, the Alma Mater of Nu, was a promising field in many respects for the situation of a chapter, when once founded; but the starting of a new fraternity chapter was a project requiring unusual care and effort. The college had already reached the eminent standing as an institution of learning, which it has since so well maintained, had an average number of three hundred students, the faculty were friendly to the fraternities already established, and the general inclination of the students was toward fraternities. But these advantages of situation had already been justly valued by other fraternities. Eight had already been established for greater or less lengths of time, viz: $\Phi K \Sigma$, $\Delta K E$, $Z \Psi$, $\Theta \Delta X$, ΣX , $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \theta$, and $X \Phi$, in order, the last, $X \Phi$, having been founded the same year and a little before our Nu. So, however promising the field, it was well occupied and, as before stated, great effort and care were necessary to the induction of a new fraternity.

But the stronger the fortress, the greater the victory in overthrowing it. The effort was made, and its good fortune may be appreciated from knowledge of the fact that, since that time, similar efforts have been put forth by other fraternities and have failed, and that one of those firmly holding her own on Nu's inception, indeed the fraternity then longest established at Lafayette, namely, $\Phi K \Sigma$, has lately become extinct. But even this our good fortune was not unalloyed; as after a brave struggle the new chapter had to be refounded, as will appear, before Delta Tau could call herself "fixed."

It may be stated here that the history of Nu comprises two distinct periods of the chapter's existence. But though there is a blank of four months between the expiring of the original chapter and the founding of the present, and though not one of the founders of the present was a member of the former, yet the alumni of both are interlinked as one, and all look to the present chapter as the Nu and *their* chapter.

Among those who entered Lafayette in the fall of 1874, as freshmen, were Messrs. Jacob K. Griffith and Chas. M. Hileman. Griffith was a brother of Brother Wm. Griffith, then of Pi at Lehigh University, but twelve miles distant from Lafayette. Brother Griffith, of Pi, was also well acquainted with Hileman. Of course here was

the opportunity, and it was seized. Thanksgiving eve, November 26, 1874, found Brothers Griffith and Hileman initiated at Bethlehem by Pi, and these two thus took upon themselves the future of the chapter. The immediate subsequent events can best be recounted in the words of Brother J. K. Griffith, our founder, who yet manifests due interest in the chapter: "Shortly before this" (his initiation as above), "but sometime after college opened Brother C. R. McSparren entered college. He was already a Delt, having previously joined at Akron, O. (Eta Chapter). We counted on him as a valuable reinforcement, and at once commenced to look for recruits, which, I am sorry to say, were not at this time very plenty, as all the other fraternities had had their pick."

Two new men, however, were soon added; a charter was granted December 3, 1874, and the chapter formally organized.

"Sometime elapsed," Brother Griffith continues, "after this before we were able to strike a man such as we wanted; for we were very particular, and, if we could not get good men, we would not take any." Acting on this policy the only real success was to be attained. Three more were initiated during the following year. "Up to this time we made our room the headquarters of the chapter, as we were not strong enough to rent and furnish a chapter room. We had hoped, however, to be able to do this in the fall of 1876, but when college opened, our number was so small that this was not practicable." By one of those unfortunate coincidences which every chapter at some time experiences, with better or worse results, all except two, Brothers Griffith and Forney, failed to return to college at the opening of the next fall term. These two graduating in 1878, the chapter was left extinct.

The present chapter received its charter October 1, 1878. The connecting link between the former chapter and the present was Brother Geo. W. Geiser, Esq., T, '75, an attorney-at-law in Easton; Wm. H. Woodring, a law student in Brother Geiser's office, entering college, was in-

duced to resurrect the chapter. He added to himself Brothers Wm. A. Seibert and R. D. Walter, of his own class, and October 1, 1878, these three were initiated in Brother Geiser's office, which for over a year afterwards was the headquarters of the chapter, Brother J. Harry Geissinger of Tau performing the ceremony.

These three worked earnestly, hopefully and successfully, and in June, 1879, through the publication of the chapter banquet it first became known to the outside world, that Delta Tau Delta was once more on the roll of Lafayette's fraternities. The following from the November, 1879, CRESCENT is indicative of the early state of the revived Nu:

"'Nu', is but a new chapter, as her name indicates, in the fraternity, but she is made up of the brightest and strongest material in Lafayette College. She has the brightest minds in the class of '82. She is weak in numbers and in experience in fraternity work, but she makes it all up in her enthusiasm and fire. She has, like all chapters, her ups and downs, but she has continued to ascend in spite of every thing, and now bids fair to become one of the brightest lights in the East. She has now six members and has hopes of doubling it the next term. The success of the chapter is partially owing to the untiring energy of Brother Geo. W. Geiser, and to their noble work. He, together with his co-laborers, deserves the highest praise of Delta Tau Delta."

This is perhaps tinged with some pardonable enthusiasm on the part of the writer, who, apropos, was from another chapter, yet gives a general idea of the foundation of what has since been reared.

The subsequent growth of the chapter was rapid but steady, the average number of members at any one time being ten. In April, 1880, rooms were secured and furnished, which, however, have since given place to more elegant, commodious quarters in an excellent location. The general condition of the chapter at present writing is prosperous and with every prospect of its long continuance. There have been connected with

the chapter since its original foundation in 1874 thirty-five members, of whom twelve remain in active membership. There are also ten Deltas resident in the city.

As to the fraternity system in general at Lafayette, it is in great favor with the faculty, students and the city generally. There prevails no such spirit as is commonly called anti-fraternity. True there are many non-fraternity men in the college; necessarily so, there being a total of about three hundred students, of whom about forty per cent. are fraternity men. There are "nons," rather than "antis;" many "Barkis is willin'" young men. The fraternities *inter se* preserve an average balance of power. The fraternities represented, viz: ΔKE , $Z \Psi$, $\Theta \Delta X$, ΣX , $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $X \Phi$ and $\Delta T \Delta$, know no such conditions of affairs as adverse combinations pitted against each other to reap the spoils of elections. Rivalry there is, true; apriori so, and intensified by reason of the number; but coincident with it a happy inter-fraternity courtesy.

No fraternity here possesses a chapter house. Such an institution, owing to circumstances peculiar to the location of the college buildings, is more a question of policy than of ability on the part of some. There being no preparatory department of the college, there is no evil to the fraternity system arising from such a source.

EASTON, PA., April 20, 1883.

O. S.

THE NEXT CONVENTION.

The time has now come when our chapters should make the coming Convention, at Indianapolis, the theme of earnest and thorough discussion; the college year is rapidly drawing toward its close, and but little time is left for preparation.

It is not sufficient that every chapter send its official delegation; it is quite as important and necessary that every delegate should know beforehand just what measures it would be well to bring to the notice of the Convention; every delegate, therefore, should go instructed by his

chapter as to how he is to act in all questions which would be likely to arise. It is not by any means an unusual occurrence to see delegates from the same chapter vote on opposite sides of very important questions, simply from a want of proper knowledge of how the chapter desired them to act,—truly a ludicrous proceeding.

We would suggest that the minutes of the last Convention be read and discussed at the few meetings which yet remain, in order to elicit a general expression of opinion as to the ways and means by which further improvements in the methods of administration of the affairs of our Fraternity can best be effected. The duty of collecting the many suggestions thus made should be delegated to a committee of careful and experienced workers, which would put them into the shape of a written report, and submit them to the chapter for final approval. These are then to serve for the guidance of the Convention delegates, who will thus be enabled to act intelligently in most questions that may arise. Of course, it will be impossible to provide against all contingencies and under all circumstances. The good sense and judgment of the delegates must be relied upon to legislate for the best interests of both the chapter and Fraternity as a whole; the delegates should therefore be chosen more for their peculiar fitness for each duty than for convenience of access to the Convention.

Our laws require that every chapter report its condition to the General Convention. If we but cursorily examine the reports of last year, while they showed signs of a marked improvement over those of previous years, we cannot fail to observe the wide difference in the merits and value of these reports. Some evidently were prepared with great care, undoubtedly some time before the session of the Convention, while others again bear undeniable evidences of having been completed during the rush and hurry of a busy Convention, and with no data for reference close at hand. We cannot too strongly impress upon all chapters the necessity of giving this matter their special attention; the report should be pre-

pared by the secretary of the chapter and duly approved of and thus given official sanction. It should give a full statement of the membership at the beginning and close of the year, the number of graduates, the number likely to return at the beginning of the new college year, showing the distribution by classes, the number of meetings held during the year and the average attendance on the percentage scale should be stated; the financial relations between the chapter and the Fraternity should be reported. It is proper to give a brief history of the chapter for the year, stating the college honors won and such other evidences of activity as would be likely to interest the Convention. Any new features or details of fraternity work introduced or developed during the year can here be reported. Finally, a full, fair and truthful statement of the condition and prospects of our rivals is quite in place. Indeed, if properly compiled with a view to having them printed, these reports can be made what they really ought to be, the most complete and interesting part of the proceedings of our Conventions.

The next Convention will, in many respects, be an important one in the annals of Delta Tau Delta. Held upon the eve of our Fraternity's entrance upon its second quarter century, it will be especially memorable and should be characterized by a dignified and earnest conduct. The Cleveland Convention was pre-eminently one for business, and many measures were then instituted whose beneficial results will appear, if not at once, certainly in the future. The Indianapolis Convention cannot do better than to continue and extend the reforms introduced a year ago.

Many details connected with the administration of the affairs of the Fraternity will undoubtedly undergo a much needed change. The committee appointed at the last Convention to codify anew the Constitution and Laws of Delta Tau Delta will present its report, and will no doubt recommend numerous measures which will tend to render our organization more efficient than it is to-day. Additional legislation, on the other

hand, has become necessary to preserve in some respects a feeling of conservatism in the Fraternity and maintain the purity of its usages. Our progress within the past few years has been so rapid, and we have become so much accustomed to innovations, that something must be done to preserve a number of the good old features of several years ago, now threatened with extinction.

The program submitted by the Provisional Pan-Hellenic Conference, held in Philadelphia, and which is fully announced in the March and April issues of the CRESCENT, will require our active and most careful attention. It affects our traditions less perhaps than most of our older sister fraternities who, we fear, will find some difficulty in adapting themselves to these new requirements of the times. Much of the time of the Convention will have to be devoted to a discussion of these very important questions; we anticipate no trouble, however, in establishing a platform, so to speak, which will fully meet all the necessities of the case; it is safe to say that in its general provisions the program thus submitted by the Inter-Fraternity Conference, will be heartily endorsed by our next Convention.

The status of the preparatory students of our colleges, so far as their eligibility to membership in Delta Tau Delta is concerned, will, we feel sure, be forever defined and settled. All chapters have had ample notice of the impending reform, and if they have been wise they have prepared for it.

Again, the last Convention provided very thoughtfully for the case of several chapters which for no good reason are habitually remiss in their financial relations with the Fraternity, and it is well if every chapter will give this fact its due consideration.

We hope to see a special effort made by which the literary and public exercises of the Convention will be given the prominence they deserve. The choice of the hall, a liberal provision for music and decorations will go far toward ensuring success.

Little need be said as to the prospects for success so far as the social side of the next Convention is concerned. Delta Tau Delta's annual gatherings now bring together so many choice spirits, and present so many opportunities for the renewal of old, and the formation of new friendships, and are so thoroughly enjoyable in every respect, that this part of the Convention will regulate itself. Moreover, the reputation which the boys of Zeta Beta have made for themselves as genial hosts, the fame of the Denison House, the headquarters of the Convention, and the leading hotel of Indiana's metropolis, the large number of resident Deltas, all will combine to give the Fraternity a hearty welcome and promise to make this Convention memorable if only for this reason.

DELTA TAU DELTA.

DELTA TAU DELTA AT STEVENS.

A History of the Rho.

The Stevens Institute of Technology is founded on the bequest of the late Edwin A. Stevens, of Hoboken, who died in 1867, and provided liberally for the endowment of a school of Mechanical Engineering. It entered upon its career in the fall of 1871 with a very promising attendance and under most auspicious circumstances, and at once gave promise, under the management of its young and energetic faculty, of becoming one of the foremost of engineering schools. Its students, attracted from all parts of the country, many from other scientific schools, soon introduced every feature which goes to enliven a college community, and Stevens has ever since been noted, more perhaps than most other purely professional schools, for the varied directions of its undergraduate activity.

A local Greek-letter fraternity, the Delta Sigma, was established as early as the spring of 1873, but it hardly deserved the name of a fraternity in the sense here understood. In the fall of 1873 steps were taken to organize a chapter of the Theta Xi Fraternity, with chapters at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the Shef-

field Scientific School of Yale College, and they resulted finally in the establishment of the Gamma in the early part of 1874.

About the same time James B. Pierce '77, a charter member of the Eta, determined to see what could be done to advance the interest of Delta Tau Delta. His efforts were much facilitated by the dissatisfaction which had arisen from the interference of $\Theta\Xi$ in college politics, in which it had soon obtained the fullest sway; having made a large circle of personal friends and being desirous of giving the friendships thus forming a proper direction, Brother Pierce felt sufficiently encouraged to petition the Fraternity for a charter, which the Alpha, then at the Ohio Wesleyan University, duly granted under the title of the Rho. On May 9, 1874, Brother Pierce admitted William Diehl and John Mather Wallis, and two days later Frederick Eugene Hilyard and Cyrus King Potter, all of the class of '76, who are thus the charter members of the chapter.

The new society, with the aid of the healthy sentiment of the college, soon became instrumental in restoring the political equilibrium in college; its influence at once grew and in the fall of 1874 it had no difficulty in recruiting its membership as largely as it desired from among the leading men in college.

The history of the next two years is quite uneventful; the affairs of the chapter were conducted in much the same primitive manner as is usual in most young organizations. With the exception of what little information could be elicited by correspondence, little or nothing was known of the affairs of the Fraternity. The CRESCENT had not yet been established; there was no such convenient and efficient means of disseminating information as we possess in our journal to-day. The Fraternity, too, at that time was in a state of transition from an imperfectly organized society to one of comparative order; the organization incident upon the forced transfer of the seat of the Alpha to Allegheny College was only then being gradually accomplished; there was, in

brief, but the dawn of a brighter day for *ΔΤΔ*. Rho was the easternmost chapter of the Fraternity, and thus labored under all the difficulties which usually fall to the lot of the pioneer; its nearest sister chapters, those at Lehigh, Lafayette and Franklin—Marshall, had been established at about the same time and had hardly been able to gain a secure foothold, and the distance which separated the Rho from those chapters was too great to allow of much intercourse. It thus became to all intents and purposes a purely local society, dependent entirely upon itself in its efforts to carry out the Fraternity idea.

With the graduation of the class of '76 the chapter lost several of its ablest workers, and still more so when in June of 1877 it sent out no less than seven graduates. It was, however, not well prepared to meet such a loss; its representation among the lower class now, owing to the excessive conservatism always characteristic of the chapter, was small and it thus found itself suddenly reduced to four undergraduates, all of them young in fraternity experience.

Unfortunately a lack of interest in fraternity affairs induced by the peculiar circumstances under which both the Fraternity and the chapter itself labored at this period, and which was shared alike by all the Eastern chapters, had made itself felt some time before, and many of the older and more thoughtful of the members had observed what they considered serious and organic defects in the fraternity system, especially as then exemplified at Stevens.

In the fall of 1877 the chapter secured a large and influential delegation from the Freshman class; but this sudden influx of new material and the inexperience of the older members, was hardly calculated to give the chapter a permanent character; the time of the meetings, and above all the location of the hall, were chosen in a very unfortunate manner, and the attendance at the stated meetings became rather irregular. The alumni of the chapter were few and too actively engaged in business to give the affairs of the so-

ciety much attention. The CRESCENT had only just been established and had not yet produced the radical improvements which have characterized its influence upon the Fraternity in later years. In spite of the efforts of a few of the members, the interest gradually but steadily diminished until, as during the college year of 1878-79, little more than a mere formal organization, just sufficient to retain the charter, was maintained.

Then the General Convention of 1879 addressed a memorial to the Rho, urging the few remaining members to a performance of their duty to the Fraternity; to restore the chapter to a condition in which it would be of service and of credit to Delta Tau Delta. The condition of the chapter had already been fully reported upon by Brother Walter L. McClurg, the General Secretary of the Fraternity, who had personally investigated the circumstances in the fall of 1878. It was evident that the feeling was general throughout the Fraternity that the chapter in order to retain its charter must speedily awaken from the lethargy which had characterized it for so long a time, and which had made it the object of comment not only within our own Fraternity but also on part of our rivals.

A determined effort to carry out the wishes of the Convention was accordingly made. The active aid of a number of the alumni was enlisted, and plans were made by which the internal organization of the chapter was much perfected. The chapter then directed its attention to several of the upper class-men, who were secured much to everybody's surprise, without great difficulty. The record of the chapter for fair dealing in its relations to the college had always been so unassailable and the status of its graduates and undergraduates so desirable, that these and such other considerations as entered into the minds of the chapter's chosen men, were amply able to secure just the type of men that the Rho needed at this time. A thorough system of communication with the alumni of the chapter was institut-

ed, and no important step was taken without the knowledge of the older members; their moral and financial support were thus secured for any undertaking which might in any way advance the interests of the chapter. Communication was thus at first had by correspondence and indirectly through the CRESCENT; these means, however, valuable in a measure, were soon found to be inadequate, and hence in February, of 1880, the *Rho Chronicle* was issued. It has ever since been published with much success and great regularity as a monthly journal; it has always received the most liberal support of Rho's alumni, and is now considered one of the established institutions of the chapter. The example thus set has since been followed by the Iota, the Mu and the Beta Beta quite recently.

The Convention of 1881 delegated to Rho the task of preparing the standard vignette of the Fraternity and to arrange for the manufacture of the standard colors. It also entrusted to it the work of editing the Fifth General Catalogue of the Fraternity, which is now being vigorously pushed toward completion. Rho points with pride to the fact that for the past three years it has furnished the CRESCENT with the largest subscription list, and that in all its other duties toward our journal it has never been found to be remiss. The establishment of Chapters Upsilon and Gamma Beta is due in a large measure to the Rho; it is thought, too, that in locating two of the founders of Delta Tau Delta, Rev. Cunningham and Prof. Hunt, who had been lost sight of so long a time, and in its researches as to the early days of our Fraternity, the Rho has shown that it merited fully the kind leniency which *JTD* evinced toward the chapter during its period of extreme depression. One of its members has served the interests of the Fraternity in the executive council as its President for several years, and in other more modest positions the chapter has endeavored to discharge its duties toward Delta Tau Delta.

The Rho has had the pleasure of receiving and entertaining a large number of Deltas, and

prizes itself fortunate, indeed, in its proximity to New York city, which enables it to meet so many Deltas whom business or pleasure bring to the great metropolis.

In the affairs of the Institute, the chapter has always, even at a time when its membership was confined to three undergraduates, been fairly represented; the many-sided character of its undergraduates, both as students and collegians, will always secure it the full representation to which its merits well entitle it. In the affairs of the Alumni Association the Deltas have always shown a deep interest, the natural result of the chapter's constant efforts to keep its alumni interested, not alone in the affairs of the chapter, but in those of Alma Mater as well. The many inducements offered the alumni of the Rho at commencement time never fail to ensure a full delegation of Deltas at Stevens in June of every year.

The Rho meets at present in a comfortable hall, which was nicely furnished several years ago at the expense of the alumni who, indeed, have always provided liberally for all of its wants. A handsome Chickering piano is a recent acquisition which will enable the chapter to cultivate more than ever the social side of Fraternity life. The stated meetings are attended with satisfactory regularity, especially when the fact that most of the members reside out of town is given its due consideration.

The archives of the chapter are in good condition and are securely kept in a safe. There is a nucleus of a library and the chapter possesses a number of college and fraternity memorabilia which it prizes very highly.

It now meets as rivals the Gamma of Theta Xi (1874), with eleven members, three of whom are Seniors; the Sigma of Beta Theta Pi (1879), established as the Gamma of Alpha Sigma Chi in 1875, with eighteen members, two seniors; the N. J. Alpha Kappa of Alpha Tau Omega (1881), with three members; the Alpha Xi of Chi Psi (1883), with ten members, and the Alpha

Delta of Sigma Chi (1883), with five members, one Senior.

The Rho now numbers sixteen members three of whom are seniors. Its future seems bright; located as it is, at a growing and prominent engineering school of the highest order, with a thoroughly interested body of Alumni, an enthusiastic body of undergraduates, a strong hold on the sympathies of the intelligent partisan of the non-fraternity men in college; with its efficient internal organization, and a wholesome conservatism which, if we are not very much mistaken, will insure the chapter against hasty mistakes, it surely will not seem improbable when the Rho pictures for herself a career both bright and useful.

ALUMNUS.

GREEK WORLD.

$\Delta\Gamma$ has entered the University of Minnesota.

Senator Vance of North Carolina is a $\phi\Gamma\Delta$.

ΣX has entered the University of Wisconsin.

Congressman Emory Speer, of Georgia, is a $X\phi$.

The chapter of ΣX at the Illinois Wesleyan has emerged from under the rose.

The Chi Psi's are contemplating the publication of a quarterly, to be called *Purple and Gold*.

Dr. David Swing, of Chicago, was at one time a member of $\phi\Delta\theta$, but left that fraternity in 1860 to join $\Delta\Delta\phi$.

The $\Delta K E$ Quarterly enjoys a circulation "of a few hundreds over 3000" as the editor complacently remarks.

Hon. Wm. A. Woods who was appointed to succeed Post Master General Gresham as United States District Judge is a $\phi\Delta\theta$.

The faculty of Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, have removed the law prohibiting college fraternities, and several will enter there immediately.

One of its founders is responsible for the statement that ΣX was founded by six members of $\Delta K E$, who left that fraternity because of internal dissensions.

John Clark Ridpath, L. L. D., Vice President and Professor of History, in Asbury University, and who was so intimately connected with the founding of $K\Delta\theta$, is a $\phi\Gamma\Delta$.

Hon. Samuel S. (Sunset) Cox, Member of Congress from New York, and a prominent candidate for Speaker of the House. is a member of the Brown Chapter of $\Delta\phi$.

The General Assembly of Tennessee has tendered the use of the Hall of Representatives or the Senate Chamber to the Convention of $\phi\Delta\theta$, which meets in Nashville, October 27th, 1884.

$\Delta T\Delta$, $\phi K\psi$ and $\Sigma A E$ are the sole fraternities in which the executive authority is vested in an undergraduate chapter. All other fraternities have adopted the Alumni Council plan with varied success.

Phi Gamma Delta formerly rejoiced in the possession of a chapter at Lafayette but from various causes said chapter languished, grew feeble, and died. The Phi Gams at various times strove to regain her prestige in Lafayette but in vain. Now comes the announcement that at last the lost is found and Phi Gamma Delta will again grace the campus of the aforesaid institution. In short $\phi\Gamma\Delta$ has there a *sub rosa* chapter which will soon appear openly.

The $\Delta K E$ Quarterly comments as follows on our chapters which meet $\Delta K E$ as a rival:

"Kenyon has 3 members—has president base ball association—one of two Kenyon day orators, and both its seniors are honor men.

University of Michigan has 18 members—is recently established and not prominent, but has some bright men, and its future in its own hands.

Indiana Asbury has 18 members, and now seems firmly established, though its past experience here has been peculiarly unfortunate.

Rensselaer Polytechnic has 12 members—is quiet—is seldom prominent and never aggressive.

Adelbert has 6 members—is just established—has first honor man this year, and rivals are watching without malice to see how she will weather her teething period.

Lafayette has 11 members—is flourishing and "coming up."

Columbia has 6 members—is taking it easy—does not sacrifice quality to quantity—has artist of *Columbiad* board—stands well, so far as it has any foot-hold at all."

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THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 22d, 23d AND 24th.

The work of the Catalogue Committee is slowly but surely progressing. All chapters are requested to continue sending in the full names and addresses of initiates, and any additional information, concerning the members, which they may have acquired.

In pursuance of a desire to publish in the June number a letter from each chapter, the editor has addressed to each correspondent a communication containing several requests which we hope will be as closely followed as possible. By the aid of all the chapters we will be able to publish a number of the CRESCENT, far exceeding in general interest anything that has preceded it.

THE close of the first quarter-century of Delta Tau Delta's history should be fittingly celebrated by a reunion worthy in every respect of the proud record achieved in these years. The Indiana brothers are working earnestly to make the occasion one long to be remembered in our annals. The vigorous support of every chapter should be enlisted at once. That secured our fondest hopes will be realized.

The closing number of this volume will not be issued until after most, if not all the colleges have closed their doors for the summer vacation. The secretaries are therefore requested to prepare lists containing the home addresses of the active members, and forward same to the Busi-

ness manager. On these lists may also be placed the names of such brothers not having heretofore subscribed to the CRESCENT and who may be influenced to swell next years list by receipt of the June number. We will be glad to forward the CRESCENT to those brothers.

In the article on "Fraternity Journalism" published last month, it is stated that J. P. L. Weems founded the CRESCENT of Delta Tau Delta. While much credit is certainly due Bro. Weems for his efforts in behalf of our journal, yet the honor of its establishment undoubtedly belongs to Bro. W. C. Buchanan whose name graces the first numbers as Editor-in-Chief, and who gave the paper not only his time and attention, but even paid for the first issues out of his own pocket. His own business affairs becoming urgent, Bro. Buchanan delivered the CRESCENT into the hands of Bro. Weems, who edited and published it the remainder of the year. The next convention entrusted the paper to the care of the Alpha.

THE Zeta Beta boys are rapidly completing the arrangements for the next Convention. The Grand Opera House has been procured for the literary exercises, the business sessions and banquet occurring at the New Dennison House. Invitations will soon be issued to all brothers whom the persuasive powers of a beautiful invitation may impel to go to Indianapolis and enjoy a rousing Delta Convention. The Chapter secretaries are urgently requested to immediately forward to Bro. Stone, of Zeta Beta, lists containing the names and addresses of all Alumni to whom the Chapter wishes invitations to be sent. The members of Zeta Beta deserve the thanks of the fraternity for the prompt and business-like manner in which the arrangements have been completed, and every Chapter should do all in her power to further these efforts.

With great pleasure we announce the establishment of Alumni Chapters in the cities of Akron, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio. The work

essential to organizing the Alumni in these cities was enthusiastically and successfully carried out by our undergraduate chapters in Buchtel and Adelbert colleges, and to them, therefore should be accorded the hearty thanks of the fraternity. These two Alumni chapters are the evidence of a strong spirit of organization, which now seems to pervade the fraternity in all sections of the country and which cannot fail to have the most important and permanent effect on her development. Within two years we expect to see Alumni chapters of Deltas in all cities containing a number of brothers sufficient to gratify hopes of success and permanence. Enthusiastic men are already at work in the cities of Indianapolis, Cincinnati, New York and Pittsburg, with bright prospects of immediate success.

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WE have long been cognizant of the fact that the pages of the CRESCENT are too few in number to accommodate the great mass of valuable contributions sent to us for publication. Within its narrow and restricted limits, it has always been our endeavor to insert that which seemed to be of the greatest interest to the greatest number of our subscribers. With regret we have not only been compelled to reject certain praiseworthy articles, but have even been forced to curtail many of the existing features. For instance, the "Greek World," in which the CRESCENT has always stood an acknowledged leader, has been denied the growth which its importance naturally demands: the Alumni department, so essential to the development and preservation of a strong interest among our graduate brothers, toward the fraternity and its journal, has through no fault of our own failed to receive that attention which is its due. It has been our wish to publish from time to time, extracts from our sister journals, which doubtless would have proved interesting and profitable to our readers. But this cherished plan had to go the way of many others. For these reasons we are drawn to the inevitable conclusion that the CRESCENT must be considerably enlarged, in order to meet the increased demands

of the fraternity upon its space, and to keep abreast of the phenomenal progress of fraternity journalism in recent years. Suppose it be enlarged one-third, there will be an increased expense of one-third to meet, which the present financial condition of the paper will not justify. Two ways of supplying the deficit are suggested: The first, let it be paid from the General Fraternity Fund. The second, and we believe the more rational method, is to insert a clause in the constitution requiring each active member to pay an annual subscription to the CRESCENT, making the chapter fully as responsible for the payment of these subscriptions as for the payment of the annual dues. A resolution similar to the above was offered to the last Convention, but was defeated, no doubt because the delegates were ignorant of the real necessity of its provisions. This amendment will again be brought before the Convention for the consideration of that honorable body. That it will pass by a rousing majority, is the sincere hope and desire of those who have the financial and editorial management of our journal. With a solid active list and with the natural increase of the year in our alumni subscriptions, the CRESCENT can be increased to at least twenty-four pages and all the financial requirements be fully met without demanding the assistance of the General Fund.

••• CHAPTER LETTERS.

IOTA BETA—ADRIAN.

In this number of the CRESCENT we are pleased to introduce to *JTA* Bro. Chas. E. Stanger, '85, who is sure to make a loyal frater. Brother Stanger is only the third man we have taken in this year, but it is not because of any idleness on the part of I. B., but because we have been exceedingly careful to select only the very best material.

Of the twenty-three in the class of '84, eight are *JTA*'s and 2 are *KKT*'s; the remaining 4 gentlemen and 9 ladies are non-frat. Our officers for class day exercises have been chosen and the Delts are represented by the following brothers: Salutorian, J. R. Chaplin; Valedic-

torian, A. H. Lucas; Poet, T. F. Rinehart; Prophet, O. L. Palmer, and Cane Presenter, J. C. Shearing, President of the class.

In the annual inter-society oratorical contest, Bro. H. M. Babb is one of the representatives from the Star Society and the S. A. one of those from the Lambda Phi.

We desire to take this opportunity to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the Iota and Rho *Chronicles*, the Beta Beta *Reporter* and the Mu *Times*. We enjoy these chapter papers and wish all the chapters were thus represented by the enterprise they manifest. Iota Beta has been occupied with the preparation of the college annual, *The Mirror*, and has found it impracticable to issue the chapter paper.

The Michigan Convention will be held June 1st and 3d with Epsilon, at Albion College. Everything looks propitious for a grand time. A public literary programme will be carried out at the college chapel.

The Mirror, a college annual issued by IB will soon be ready for distribution. We desire to exchange with other chapters where annuals are published. Address A. H. Lucas, Business Manager, *Mirror*, Adrian, Mich.

PSI—WOOSTER.

This month brings with it the third anniversary of Delta Tau Delta in Wooster University. It is with no little degree of satisfaction that we review these years. The profit and pleasure that has accrued to us during these three years of fraternity membership cannot be estimated by words. Take from us all the advantages that have come to us, directly or indirectly through the channels of our brotherhood, and you have deprived us of much that has been most pleasurable in our college life. This must be the conviction of every one who has been faithful to the principles of our fraternity. But, we did not intend to moralize in this letter, so we will pitch our voice in another key.

Bro Krichbaum has returned from the Interstate Oratorical Contest. Although we did not

realize our highest anticipation, yet our estimate of Bro. Krichbaum has not abated one whit. We know that he is an orator and that there are contests in which he can and will win, contests that are not decided by five men.

Next Friday evening the 18th, the senior class will give an entertainment to consist of readings. It is to be conducted wholly by Bros. J. C. Sharpe and Chas. Krichbaum. Properly speaking we should say Prof. J. C. Sharpe, for he has just been elected as Professor of English in the preparatory department of the University, and also Professor of Elocution in the collegiate department. Bro. Sharpe, shake hands, we will take a dish of ice cream over that one of these hot days.

Bros. Yarnell and Johnson have been out paying their *devoirs* to several different Boards of Education, with the ostensible purpose of securing some fat superintendency of schools. We hope they will succeed.

The Betas and Deltas played a game of base a few days ago, in which the Betas were victorious. The Deltas escorted the victors to the ice cream parlors, where cake, lemonade and cream formed the bill of fare.

RHO—STEVENS.

Chapter Rho continues prosperous and has little fault to find with the world in general. Having only added one to our number we wish to introduce Bro. E. P. Mowton, '86, of New York City.

We write on the eve of the publication of our college annual, the "Eccentric," which we shall be pleased to exchange for the college annuals of any of our sister chapters. We have thus far received copies of the Epitome, Palladium, Miner, Columbiad, and Transit.

The peaceful quiet of the past week was interrupted by the appearance of the "Bolt," in the name of BΘΠ, ATΩ, XF, and ΣX. The momentary shock which its first appearance produced was entirely quelled upon a perusal of its pages.

In accordance with its well established custom the chapter on May 11th duly observed the

ninth anniversary of its foundation by a reunion of alumni and friends in its rooms. Among those present were brothers Denton, '75, Koezly, '75, Nash, '77, Idell '77, Elliott, '80, Rev. H. K. Pendleton, '82, Clark, *IB* '84. Addresses were made by brothers Denton, Koezly, Kent, Trautwein, Pendleton, Nash and Elliot. A collation had been prepared to which ample justice was done.

By an arrangement with one of our number we have been enabled to purchase a fine upright Chickering piano, thus supplying the one thing needed to make the social side of our meetings successful.

Stevens has been unusually successful in base ball this spring, the team having already scored seven successive victories.

UPSILON—RENSSELAIR.

Since our last letter to the *CRESCENT* we have been fortunate in obtaining two first-class men from '86, namely: David Zieley, Jr., of Canagoharin, N. Y., and O. A. Zayas, of New York city, and in presenting them to the Fraternity we do so feeling that they will always be an honor to Delta Tau.

Bro. Flood, of Alpha, who is attending the Albany Law School, made us a pleasant call a few days since.

Bro. A. E. & E. A. Deal '82 have removed to Minneapolis, Minn., where they propose making their home in the future.

Rev. Rosenberg '82 recently received an appointment as Assistant Supervisor—not of the poor—but of a division of the Pennsylvania Railroad with headquarters at Gallitzin, Pa.

Our annual, the *Transit*, has just been published. We have sent copies to those chapters who have exchanged with us in the past. If there are any of the chapters who have not received a copy of our publication and desire to exchange, we would be glad to hear from them.

We desire to acknowledge the receipt of the *Iota Chronicle*, also the *Columbiad*.

OMEGA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

Since the last letter from here Omega has initiated three promising young students, Messrs. E. E. Swain, Alonzo Rawson and C. Lockwood. We now number thirteen active members.

The pressure which for the past two years has been brought to bear upon the fraternities here, *Δ T. Δ's* and *Γ C's*, has in a large measure subsided, and everything is moving along quietly this year.

Bro. J. S. Hainer, B. S. M. D., and at present assistant Professor of Mathematics here, has been elected to the Chair of Chemistry, of the Bennett Medical College, Chicago.

Our chapter is opposed to the initiation of Preps. while they are such, but as we have no rival fraternities the question cannot affect us as it would had we those fraternities.

BETA BETA—ASBURY.

Our chapter as Beta Beta has passed the first milestone of her existence, and as the *Δ K E Quarterly* says "seems to be firmly established." She has passed the most precarious period in the history of a new chapter and is now having smooth sailing. No one has the same feeling towards his chapter as does a charter member, and as the charter members of our own chapter were all lower classmen she will have the benefit of their active membership for several years.

We hope to be able to get out the second number of the *Beta Beta Reporter* by the first of June, when you may expect her termly visit.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to the fraternity our new initiate—Bro. George Edwin Hunt, of the Sophomore class; residence No. 216 North Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind. Bro. Hunt is a tip-top fellow and a loyal Delta Tau.

Among the topics suggested for consideration at the proposed Pan-Hellenic Conference is "The prevention of combinations in college politics." This is a subject that should be thoroughly discussed in the *CRESCENT*, as it is of considerable importance to many of our chapters. In some colleges there are no combinations, but in many

there are, and in these it will be hard to overthrow them. At Asbury every fraternity in the college, without a single exception, is in a combination. We have our schemes and our quarrels, our victories and our defeats, and combinations still continue to exist. We may discuss the subject further at some future time.

The members of Beta Beta are looking forward to the coming Convention with high expectations. As already stated in a letter from Zeta Beta, the New Denison has been secured for the occasion. This is beyond a doubt the finest and most aristocratic hotel in the city—the right kind of a place for a Delta Tau Delta Convention—and a right grand time can be assured to all who come.



ZETA BETA—BUTLER.

There is considerable ill-feeling among Indiana college orators over the accusations of plagiarism that are being made so freely. The last number of the *Sigma Chi* makes this charge against Mr. Goodwin, of the State University, who represented Indiana last year in the Inter-State contest. Mr. Goodwin is an old Butler boy, and there are many students in Butler who will testify that Mr. Goodwin won a prize in a literary society contest here more than two years ago with essentially the same production, and that was one re-written from one prepared long before.

If any one will take the trouble to compare Mr. W. L. Fisher's oration on "The Negro in the United States" with an article in the February number of the *Popular Science Monthly*, entitled "The African in America," we will insure him to be deeply interested.

Bro. Clarence Boyle *Z B*, class '80, of Chicago, and Miss Hartwell, of Terre Haute were married a few days since.

Bro. Catlin, of Lumbda, is rustication with us for a few days.

Zeta Beta is still stirring up convention matters at a lively rate. We have engaged the Grand, the best Opera House in Indiana, for the literary exercises. We will issue the invitations in a few days and would like to have full lists of all actives

and all alumni who could possibly be induced to attend. We want to stir the chapters up before the close of the college year so that they will resolve to come in a body and to make the XXV Annual Convention the largest and best of all. I want to impress the western boys with the fact that the convention will not be likely to be held in the West again before the majority of them leave the college, so that now is the accepted time. The western chapters have always boasted that *Δ T Δ* stands high in eastern colleges. Let the eastern boys prove what we have said by their presence. We have not been so successful in making rates as we had expected, but hope to make a favorable report in our next.

Φ Γ Δ holds her convention at the Bates House, Indianapolis, August 27, 28, 29, 1883, one week after ours.



OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Since our last letter we have initiated two members—James A. Moorcroft, of Iowa, and E. C. Gibson, of Edinboro, Pa., both of class '86.

We have recently increased the attractions of our hall by the addition of a tony upright piano. Our initiations are now conducted in slow music, in fact there is music in the air most of the time.

In the Junior Oratorical contest last Friday Bro. J. T. Chrischilles maintained Omicron's oratorical reputation by taking first prize.

Bro. S. B. Howard has been chosen valedictorian for class-day, by class '83.

The return of Bro. Case H. Pomeroy has increased our active membership to fifteen.

At commencement time we hope to have a reunion of all members of Omicron. All our alumni have signified their intention of being present. If they do so, Omicron will be able to mark it as one of the pleasantest times in her history.



SIGMA—MT. UNION.

About a year ago every member of Sigma donned the "purple and the gray" and our chapter stepped out from "under the rose." This

move, though somewhat hazardous at the time, has proven its advantages during the past year of "free and fair" fraternity work.

We have now leased a suitable chapter hall and the remodeling and furnishing will go on rapidly.

We are happy to introduce to you, brothers Wilson S. Fritch, of '86, and Homer C. Hartshorn of '85.

The boom is started for our chapter reunion and banquet. Let the alumni and as many as many as possible from our sister chapters begin in time to arrange business so they can come. These chapter reunions are events of the year that brothers cannot afford to miss. Here with familiar grip and song, with toast and the "more substantial" feast, the old fraternal bonds are strengthened; the chapter receives an impulse and the alumni go home feeling ten years younger.

The class of '83 will take but two from our numbers, leaving eleven veterans and two babies to start out next year in the new chapter hall.

We are under obligations to Mu, Rho, Beta Beta and Eta for their interesting chapter sheets.

ETA—BUCHTEL.

Bro. J. C. Thompson, '81, is cashier in the North Lewisburg bank.

Bro. M. E. Bourne, '82, writes from Contreras, that he is farming, but will take a rest about Convention time.

We take pleasure in introducing the latest pilgrim to our shrine, Bro. W. E. Hugill, '86. Bro. H. is already imbued with the majesty of our order, and is manifesting that enthusiasm and spirit which betoken a worthy choice on our part and a realization of Deltaism on his.

We feel proud of the solid basis upon which the chapter rests. Pursuant to a call, representatives from all the gentleman fraternities met and expressed their approval of the anti-prep. movement. They were saved the trouble of drawing up a compact, however, by an action of the faculty, forbidding the initiation of preps.

There were coupled to this regulation, restrictions and objections which preclude many of our former privileges, so that while we rejoice at the conclusion of the prep. agitation, we regret the loss of former liberties.

The boys are manifesting considerable interest in the next convention, and Eta will probably be represented by a goodly number.

We feel it almost a duty to comment upon the greeting sent by the Lambda of *KKT* to the ladies of *ΔΓ*, assembled in convention. For its liberal tone and noble tenor, it is worthy the emulation of every fraternity man or woman. It certainly reflects credit upon the liberality of *KKT*. We regret that its length would forbid insertion.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

Our annual commencement exercises are from June 12th to 21st. Should any of the *ΔΤΔ* fraters find it convenient to attend, they will be welcomed with true Delta zeal and hospitality.

The six senior brothers who lessen our chapter's roll by graduation, next commencement, are F. D. Davis, M. J. Davis, Ed F. Parmelee, Hugh A. Myers, Charles H. Pierce and O. L. Waller.

The Annual State Convention of the Michigan chapters is postponed until June 1st and 2d, at Albion, with Epsilon chapter.

The report that Sigma Chi had entered Hillsdale was a little previous, as their charter, has not yet been received. It is expected that they will soon, however, as they are eminently worthy of it.

We heartily concur in the expression contained in the communication in the last *CRESCENT*, from Brother Palmer of Iota Beta as regards the "cousinly feelings the fraters of Iota Beta and Kappa have for their Kappa Kappa Gamma lady friends, and the interest the latter exhibit in the manner of entertaining visiting Deltas.

Prof. J. W. Mauck, '75, was lately offered the State Secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A., but declined. He remains in the college faculty as do also Professors John Kopp and A. E. Haynes, Deltas of '69 and '75 respectively.

Fraters Swarthout and Knapp of Epsilon and Rood, Babb and Hood of Iota Beta, who were delegates to the late state convention of the literary societies, held here, attended a Kappa chapter meeting and made each Delta heart glad and mind more active for the cause we love so well, by their fraternal manner and expressions of typical Delta good will.

THETA—BETHANY.

Theta has the accumulated history of three months to report and eventful months these have been for her. We wrote a letter for the March number of the CRESCENT, but it has failed to reach its destination or arrived too late for publication.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity three stalwart brethren, G. W. Muckly, freshman, of Ohio, S. M. Cooper, junior, Ohio, and R. Wilson, freshman, W. Va. Theta considers her force greatly augmented by the addition of these brethren. The first two of these have been the objects of our solicitations during the entire year (Mr. Wilson entered college but lately) and it was only after a long pull, a hard pull and a pull all together that the difficulties were removed and they were made to succumb.

E. Shinn of Arkansas, an alumnus of Theta, spent a few days with us last week.

We have greatly improved the appearance of our hall by putting down a very elegant carpet.

We have in preparation a literary performance and banquet for May 19th. We shall have with us several of Theta's charter members, who we are sure will have something interesting for us. We never knew the spirit of Deltaism in Bethany to be as high as at the present and the enthusiasm is on the increase.

We expect several of our alumni with us during commencement week: among them our orator, H. K. Pendleton, of New York City. Bro. Pendleton has been elected anniversarian for the Neotrophian Society, of which he was a member when in college.

EPSILON—ALBION.

We have deferred writing this letter until our probation has nearly ended. We have done this not because our duty of writing for the CRESCENT is an unpleasant one, but because multitudinous other duties have been clamoring for recognition. Epsilon was never in so prosperous a condition as at present. This was well testified to at our last meeting by brother R. S. Griffin who returned to us after an absence of ten months. He filled us with enthusiasm and hope as he gave utterance to the fact that the present condition of our chapter inspired him with the assurance of its future success. We are glad to have those who have gone out from among us return and say, as did brother Griffin, that of all the recollections of college life none are so dear as chapter memories. This shows that the chapter had attained some degree of success when they were members.

Thus far this term we have initiated but one man, Loren W. Tharrett, whom we are pleased to introduce to the fraternity as one who is already filled with the spirit of Deltaism. Brother Tharrett, though not now classified with '86, without doubt will graduate with that class.

When last we wrote it was understood that the convention of Michigan chapters was to be held upon the 18th and 19th of May, but to accommodate Delta and Iota, the time was changed to June 1st and 2nd. We expect quite a large delegation from each chapter, and have made preparations accordingly. We have secured reduced rates from the managers of the Michigan Southern R. R., but have not yet prevailed upon the managers of the Michigan Central. Since the misunderstanding which created somewhat of a jostle among the members of the different chapters has been cleared away, they have settled down into the determination to make the convention a grand success.

Why can it not be a grand success? Why cannot as many as possible of the alumni from the different colleges be present and thus strengthen the ties of our brotherhood?

Joseph Cook is to lecture for us upon the 28th of this month, subject, "Ultimate America."

INITIATES.

IOTA BETA—ADRIAN.

Charles Evans Stanger, '85, Glassboro, N. J.

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

William Thomas Stevens, '86, Clarinda, Iowa.

James Andrew Moorcroft, '86, Toledo, Iowa.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Louis Alphonso Springer, '86, Fultonham, O.

PSI—WOOSTER.

Victor Lee Crabbs, '86, Nevada, O.

RHO—STEVENS.

Edward Pearsall Mowton, '86, New York, N. Y.

NU—LAFAYETTE.

Abram Huyatt Van Devander, '86, Williamsburg, Pa.

UPSILON—RENSSELAER.

David Ziely, Jr., '86, Canojoharie, N. Y.

INTER-STATE CONTEST.

At the Inter-State oratorical contest held at Minneapolis, a large and thoughtful audience was present. A strong interest was manifested and each speaker secured close and impartial attention. The following are the orators, their colleges and subjects:

W. R. Asher, Indiana State University, "The Problem of Social Life."

Chas. Krichbaum, Wooster University, Ohio, "The Philosophy of Experience."

F. N. Stacy, Minnesota State University, "The Incentive of the Times."

S. B. Howard, Iowa State University, "Individualism."

D. M. Kellogg, Beloit College, Wisconsin, "The Saxon Element in Civilization."

J. M. Ross, Monmouth College, Illinois, "The Political Mission of Puritanism."

The judges were Hon. Angus Cameron, Wisconsin; Hon. Samuel L. Clark, Iowa; Rev. Arthur Little, D. D., Illinois; J. W. Stearns, of Wisconsin, and Gen. A. B. Nettleton, Minnesota.

The first prize was awarded to J. M. Ross, of Monmouth, and the second to D. M. Kellogg, of Beloit. The Minneapolis *Evening Journal* speaks of Bros. Howard and Krichbaum:

S. B. Howard, of the Iowa State University, at Iowa City, spoke regarding "Individualism," and enthused vigor and fire into his manner of delivery, though his

voice often got the better of him, making at times an unpleasant effect. He is a fine appearing young man, and his clean-cut intellectual face was characteristic of his style of thought and treatment as displayed in his oration. * * * * *

Charles Krichbaum, representing Ohio in general, and Wooster College especially, spoke next, and in the thought, style and delivery of his oration, easily won the right, in the opinion of nearly all, to the first prize. He has a slender, erect form, a graceful presence, and an earnest, studious face. His theme, "The Philosophy of Experience," was treated with rare originality and consummate beauty of smooth, flowing diction. His poetical style was complimented by graceful, unstrained gestures, apparently involuntary. Mr. Krichbaum began quietly in a musical voice, and while never becoming clamorous, gradually warmed up and grew eloquent and forcible without becoming noisy. He was born an orator, and so possesses already those elements which no amount of study or practice can ever acquire.

The *Journal* speaks editorially of the contest as follows:

The orations at the Grand Opera last night were somewhat vealy, but the boys will improve with age, after they make their final escape from the universities. The award of the judges was a farce. Krichbaum, of Ohio, was the only man who displayed any natural gifts of oratory or mature thought. If the decision had been left to the audience he would have taken the first prize by nearly a unanimous vote—and the effect upon the audience is the true test of oratory.

The St. Paul and Minneapolis *Pioneer Press*, in its account of the contest, after giving an abstract of Mr. Krichbaum's oration, thus comments upon it:

Mr. Krichbaum began in a very modest manner, but he had uttered very few sentiments ere the audience was impressed with the fact that it was listening to a natural orator. Mr. Krichbaum seems to combine a poetic imagination with a philosophical turn of mind, and a really unusual command of language and a pleasant and melodious voice made him a most interesting speaker to listen to. The oration was undoubtedly a little too philosophical for an oration, as when it was finished the audience seemed scarcely to have an already defined idea of what had been said, only conscious that a pleasant series of poetical figures had passed before their mental vision. The oration was probably the finest intellectual effort of the evening, and was received with great favor by the audience.

Of the orators Messrs. Krichbaum and Howard are members of $\Delta T \Delta$, and Ross and Kellogg of ΣX .

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