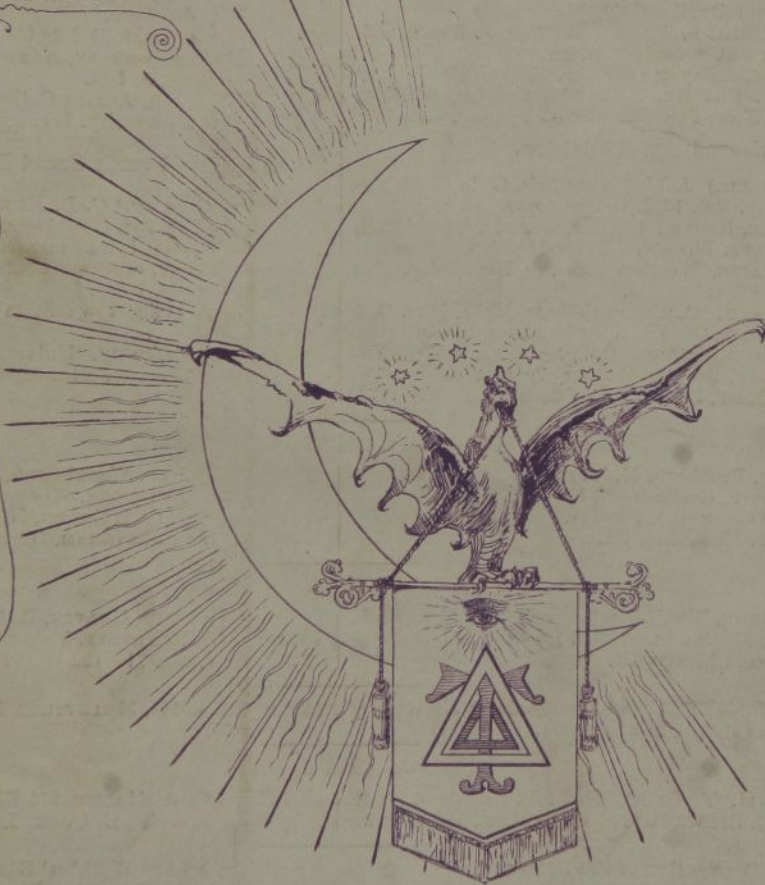


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The XXVI Convention of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity will be held at Watkins' Glen, N. Y., August 20, 21 and 22, 1884. The officers of the Convention are: *President*, Rev. Benj. F. Dimmick; *Vice-President*, Wm. W. Cook; *Secretary*, J. W. McLane;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

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non potest—CICERO.*



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

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## 25th ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Grand Assembly of Delta Tau  
Delta Representatives.

INDIANAPOLIS, AUGUST 22, 23 AND 24.

Denison Hotel Headquarters.

Over One Hundred Present—Twenty-Eight Chapters Represented—Important Business Sessions—New Constitution—Grand Banquet.

The 22d day of August last marks an era in the history of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, being the date of the opening of her twenty-fifth annual-convention. For several days before the delegates had been gathering in from all quarters—East, West, North, South, until by Thursday morning the Denison Hotel, one of the finest of Indianapolis, was full and overflowing. The hum of voices could be heard everywhere, or the happy laugh of greeting as hand met hand in a hearty Delta grasp. Everywhere you might look you could see a group of brothers, now laughing over happy memories, now greeting some brother long separated, or now discussing some plan for the good of Old Delta Tau Delta. This earnestness was characteristic of the convention, and the careful manner in which questions of vital import to the fraternity were discussed and settled argues well for our future prosperity.

### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 10 a. m., August 22d, the visitors, resident Deltas and delegates having assembled in parlor, No. 5, New Denison Hotel, the convention was called to order by J. N. Study, of Mu, Secretary of convention, in the absence of both the President and Vice President.

Rev. W. R. Cunningham, of Odessa Mo, one of the founders of the fraternity, was elected temporary President, and A. P. Trautwein, of Rho, was elected Vice President. The Secretary then, by the consent of the convention, appointed A. E. Hyre, of Eta, Assistant Secretary, while E. B. Rood, of Beta Iota, was chosen Sargent at Arms.

After Rev. Cunningham had, in appropriate manner, assumed the authority of Executive officer he appointed, by consent of convention, the following committees:

ON CREDENTIALS—Brothers Stone, Beta Zeta; Best, Alpha; Ware, Delta.

ON PERMANENT ORDER OF BUSINESS—Martinez, Gamma Beta; Edwards, Lambda; McClurg, Alpha.

ON BANQUET—Trautwein, Rho; Study, Mu; Hamilton, Phi.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following representatives as being duly accredited from their several chapters.



ALPHA—Wesley B. West, Earnest E. Baldwin.

BETA—Wilbur Colvin.

GAMMA—

DELTA—Ezra J. Ware, Edwin F. Saunders.

EPSILON—Ward C. Walker, Elvin Swarthout.

ZETA—Kent B. Waite.

ETA—Alonzo E. Hyre, Will S. Ford.

THETA—

IOTA—Lynn Bonham.

KAPPA—

LAMBDA—Chas. L. Edwards, Elmer H. West.

MU—Harry B. Swartz, Jas. W. Magruder.

NU—Alfred P. Trautwein of Rho (proxy).

XI—Newton B. Ashby, Frank L. Davis.

OMICRON—Fred. O. Newcomb.

PI—Wm. T. Goodnow.

RHO—Alfred P. Trautwein.

SIGMA—J. T. Headland.

TAU—Morris B. Reber, Howard P. Warner.

UPSILON—Hugo J. Weber.

PHI—Robert H. Olmsted, Jas. H. Hamilton.

CHI—Andrew L. Herrlinger.

PSI—Hugh M. Kingery, John M. Fulton.

OMEGA—Newton B. Ashby of Xi (proxy).

BETA BETA—Oliver M. Matson.

BETA GAMMA—Fred. F. Martinez, Jr., Edward W. Clarke.

BETA DELTA—George F. Hunnicutt.

BETA EPSILON—George F. Hunnicutt of Beta Delta (proxy).

BETA ZETA—James B. Curtis, John F. Stone.

BETA ETA—Chas. L. Edwards of Lambda (proxy).

BETA THETA—Wilbur Colvin of Beta (proxy).

BETA IOTA—Edward B. Rood, Orren L. Palmer.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL—Walter L. McClurg, Alpha; Wilbur Colvin, Beta; Justin N. Study, Mu.

The Committee on Order of Business reported, the same being received.

Brother Best of Alpha was appointed to prepare a report for the Associate Press.

Brother J. L. McMasters, a prominent lawyer and recently elected Mayor of Indianapolis, was then introduced, who delivered

the following address of welcome to the delegates:

*Brother Deltas:*

To me has been assigned, by the committee, the very pleasant duty of welcoming you to our city.

There is an old legal maxim which reads: *De minimis non curat lex*. Translated it means that the law cares nothing about trifles. That is, it only regards material things, excluding trifles as unworthy of its consideration.

So here to-day the words of welcome which may be spoken by me are unimportant. Our acts will be the material things with you, and I think I may safely say that our *alumni* of Indianapolis, and our brothers of Butler, will demonstrate by their fraternal greetings and hearty clasp of hands, that you are not only welcome, but thrice welcome to our city.

I read in our hand-book that "a fourth of a century has passed away since the Purple and the Gray o'er the hills of Bethany were first unfurled."

Measured by the march of material things, how full of sublime events is this the period of our existence filled?

Well on to a score of millions has been added to our country's population; Territories without people have become States full of happy homes; and States have become empires in wealth, strength and greatness.

Manufactories have sprung up on every hand, until our hills and valleys are vocal with the hum and whirr of machinery, as it goes on its way, singing the anthems of the Nation's industries.

We have Yankee inventions for nearly everything, except the manufacture of welcome addresses. Here there is a void; not only a mechanical void, but most frequently a void in the addresses themselves.

They call "h-e-l-l-o-w!" and "they're talking n-a-o-w!" in Genoa, the city of Christopher Columbus, through telephones manufactured right here in Indianapolis!

The old aphorism is that "necessity is the mother of invention," but if I mistake not the child frequently gets ahead of the mother in the order of birth.

When Deltaism was born there were not a few who still even looked upon our Government as an experiment, the valor of its sons not yet having demonstrated, in that severest of tests, its powers of endurance and the truth of its claim to permanency.

As in the physical world, so in the world of mind, we have had the same activity and progress. No European longer asks the question, "Who reads an American book?" for our magazines and literature go everywhere.

Grave and learned English judges, from their high places, do not disdain to cite American reports and American jurists as legal authorities worthy of respect.

In fact, American thought and American ideas make their impression on all of the great problems of Government, science, and what not besides, the world over.

But much as the achievements and progress of the last fourth of a century stagger and bewilder the mind, imagination goaded to its utmost would perhaps fail to catch more than a faint conception of the greatness and grandeur of our progress in the like period next to come.



In this exciting race of progress, how stands Deltaism? It is often said that figures are dry affairs, but when I read from the committee's hand-book that the light of Bethany now illumines thirty-three altars, and that the membership of nine in the beginning has been multiplied until it now numbers 3,500, these figures speak more eloquently than anything I can say.

They mean that Deltaism is no longer problematical, but that it is a fixed fact; and that it has demonstrated its right to be.

Some of its chapters have had their "ups and downs," but the downs generally brought the Antaeus strength for a subsequent rise.

Its representatives are found in nearly all of the walks of life, and high in the counsels of State and Nation, and while my knowledge is not so extensive as some, yet so far as I know, they have all acquitted themselves like men.

And now as we assemble in this, our 25th annual convention, I presume the memory of each, at least of us older ones, will go back and dwell with fondness on the scenes and associations of our college days, when every hour was "jewelled with a joy;" and as voicing the pleasurable emotion from such retrospection, allow me to repeat the words of one of our own bright poets:—

"There is a spot, which memory recalls still fresh and bright,  
Whose olden spell upon me seems doubly strong to-night;  
My heart is filled with gladness by the beauty of the scene,  
And forgot are care and sadness while I walk the college green."

In conclusion then to you, the representatives of three thousand five hundred Greeks, I again say, welcome!

Brother Trautwein of Rho responded in the following appropriate words in behalf of the convention:

*Gentlemen, Brothers in Delta Tau Delta:*

The pleasant duty has been assigned to me to respond, in behalf of the delegates and their visiting brethren, to the very kind sentiments which Brother McMasters, as the representative of the resident Deltas of Indianapolis, has just expressed. While I rise in glad obedience to your wishes, I do so knowing that the few words at my command can but inadequately express our feelings when made the recipients of so cordial a welcome. Believe me when I assure you that we feel pleased and gratified at the words which have just been spoken, and at the many evidences of good fellowship which we have seen on every hand.

When the question arose at Cleveland last year as to where the convention of 1883 would meet, your city was promptly suggested, and while at first much pressure was exerted in behalf of other cities, the convention was readily secured for the metropolis of Indiana. As soon as the fact was announced throughout the fraternity the feeling became general that at least one great prerequisite for the success of a Delta convention had been secured. Indianapolis, with its many resident and graduate members, with the boys of Zeta Beta Beta whose capabilities as genial hosts are so generally and favorably known, the close proximity of our Michigan, Indiana and Ohio chapters, and the central location of your

city which, as you see, has drawn to it Deltas from all over the land—all these elements combine to promise for our twenty-fifth convention the best of success.

Indianapolis, one of the thriving and driving cities of the West, in more respects than one, is an excellent locality for a convention of this character, so largely convened for matters of business as well as matters sentimental. Let us hope, then, that the spirit of industry which pervades the community in which we meet to-day, may permeate, as it were, the sessions of this convention, so that it may stand forth in the annals of Delta Tau Delta as the best business convention which our fraternity has ever held.

And why do the Deltas of Indianapolis unite to-day in extending us this pleasing, cordial welcome, if not to give expression to the *one* affection, the *one* common bond which unites us all in *Delta Tau Delta*, a practical evidence of the workings of our grand fraternity. In this spirit we feel that you have spoken these words of welcome and in this same spirit we accept them.

To many of us the present is our first visit to your noted city, and we eagerly embraced this opportunity at meeting with the fraternity. We know that we will find here much to amuse, interest and instruct us, and feel that we shall ever be able to recall our stay with you as among the most pleasant and profitable incidents in our fraternity experience.

We cannot overestimate the value of these annual gatherings to our fraternity. They serve as the means of securing the legislation so necessary to accommodate the wants of a rapidly growing fraternity, such as ours. They serve as part of the machinery by which the fraternity is governed. They aid in unifying our methods by enabling the chapters, in comparing experiences and observations, to profit by the experience of others in the conduct of their own affairs. I need not speak here of the many new friendships formed, nor of the old acquaintanceships renewed, upon an occasion like this, fostered as they are by the mutual interests which to-day unite us, not only as educated members of the community, but more especially as members of a great fraternity.

It is our privilege to meet to-day under the most flattering auspices, and it requires but little prophetic ability to foretell at once the thorough success of the Indianapolis convention, which I feel sure will ever have a most cherished spot in our memories. The impressions which we carry home with us from this our annual gathering, will no doubt do much toward uniting our chapters in the really good work in which they are all engaged, and will draw still firmer the already strong bonds which encircle our Delta fraternity. Let us endeavor to feel *not* that we are a fraternity of thirty-three chapters, but rather that we are thirty-three chapters of *one* grand fraternity. Let this be the *one* principle which shall to-day, as well as always, guide us in our deliberations and our acts; the interests of the individual, the interests, indeed, of a whole chapter, should invariably be made subservient to the interests of the *fraternity of Delta Tau Delta*.

This is not the time or place, perhaps, for any lengthy argument on matters upon which it is likely that we all are thoroughly agreed. There is much business before us of most vital importance to our dear fraternity, which will require our serious and thoughtful attention.



I again thank the Deltas of Indianapolis in behalf of those whom I have the honor at this moment to represent, for the many courtesies which have been, and which are to be, extended to us and for the cordial, sincere words of welcome with which we have been greeted.

After these pleasant diversions, which commanded the close attention of all and called forth many expressions of appreciation, the convention once more settled down to business.

The following standing committees were appointed by the Chair.

CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE.—McClurg, Alpha; Baldwin, Alpha; Bonham, Iota; Magruder, Mu; Riber, Tau.

CHAPTERS AND CHARTERS—Matson, Beta Beta; Best, Alpha; Ware, Delta; Waite, Zeta Davis, Xi.

NOMINATIONS—Goodnow, Pi; Walker, Epsilon; Herrlinger, Chi; Clarke, Beta Gamma.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.—Edwards, Lambda; Weber, Upsilon; Fulton, Psi.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.—Martinez, Beta Gamma; Wanner, Tau; Stone, Beta Zeta.

NECROLOGY—Kingery, Psi; Hunnicutt, Beta Delta; Ashby, Xi.

UNWRITTEN LAW—Swartz, Mu; Swarthout, Epsilon; Hyre, Eta; Curtis, Beta Zeta.

INITIATORY SERVICE—Hedland, Sigma; Wanner, Tau; Palmer, Beta Iota.

FOUNDERS—Hamilton, Phi; Fulton, Psi; Rood, Beta Iota.

The last named committee was instructed to telegraph the greetings of the convention to Brothers John L. Hunt, of New York City, Eugene Tarr, of Wellsburg, W. Va., and Jacob L. Lowe, of Bethany, W. Va., founders of the fraternity. After several unimportant motions the convention adjourned, to meet at two o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After dinner the delegates once more assembled promptly at 2 p. m. Reports from the different chapters were then read, showing the history and progress of the past year. Each chapter had some improvement to report; some step gained; some victory achieved. On the whole a more favorable report could not have been desired. In this manner the afternoon of

the first day sped by until it was too late for other business, and after a motion, postponing the election of officers until Friday morning. An adjournment was ordered until 8 p. m.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Promptly at eight o'clock the convention came to order at the call of the President.

The following report of the committee on time and place of holding next convention was then read and approved:

DENISON, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 22, 1883.

*Mr. President and Brothers in Convention Assembled:*

Your committee on time and place of holding next convention beg leave to report that in their judgment Walkins' Glen, New York, would be a desirable place. Time, August 20th, 21st, 22nd, 1884. The arrangements to be under the charge of the Chapters of the First Division.

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. MARTINEZ, JR., BETA GAMMA,

H. P. WANNER, TAU,

J. F. STONE, BETA ZETA.

The following extract we make from the report of the committee of initiary service and we most heartily endorse the advice therein contained:

\* \* \* And in order to be able to perform the duties of the offices of the fraternity, we would recommend that each individual member of all the chapters be so thoroughly acquainted with the entire service that he may perform it without blundering.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 9 a. m.

The report of W. B. Best, Alpha, Grand Secretary of the fraternity, was then read and received.

After the committee on vignettes, colors and catalogues had been heard, the new constitution was presented to the fraternity. The morning was spent in an exhaustive discussion on this most important question, and at noon the convention adjourned until 2 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After earnest examination the constitution was adopted as received from the committee, together with the by-laws thereto, the same to go into effect January 1st, 1884.

Brothers Will Carlton, of Kappa; Bentley, of Kappa; Chas. Townsend, of Beta, and Bloss, of Phi, favored the convention with short, but well-chosen remarks.



The report of the CRESCENT was then received, after which the committee of chapters and charters reported favorably on two of the applications that had been received.

After this report was in part adopted, the delegates again adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

#### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After several minor matters had been disposed of, the Convention received the report of the Grand Treasurer, which was referred to the Auditing Committee. The report shows the fraternity to be in a flourishing financial condition in every respect.

The fraternity then proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result:

GRAND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Brother Colvin.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL—Brothers Brück, President; McClurg, Treasurer; Eversole and Day.

The following officers and performers for the next convention were then elected:

PRESIDENT—Rev. Benj. F. Dimmick, Mu.

VICE-PRESIDENT—William W. Cook, Delta.

SECRETARY—Jas. W. McLane, Zeta.

ORATOR—Hon. William B. Sutton, Gamma.

POET—John R. Scott, Beta.

Brother Matson was elected Secretary for the remainder of the convention, owing to the necessary departure of Brother Study.

Brother Cunningham, in his usual interesting manner, entertained the convention for some time with the story of the founding and early unwritten law of the fraternity.

Adjourned until 3 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order at 3 P. M.

The printing of the new constitution was placed in the hands of the Executive Council.

On motion, that part of the oath referring to the secrecy of the constitution was stricken out, although a subsequent motion decided it to be the sense of the fraternity to keep it as secret as is consistent.

The convention then endorsed unanimously

the Pan-Hellenic Council, and instructed the Executive Council to select three delegates to represent our fraternity at that convention next year.

Until January 1st, 1884, the executive power still remains with the Alpha. Brother Harry W. Plummer was chosen Grand Secretary until that date. THE CRESCENT was continued in the hands of the Alpha, and Brother Walter J. Guthrie was elected Editor-in-Chief.

On motion, the minutes of the convention were given to the Alpha for publication.

The following additional convention performers were then elected:

HISTORIAN—A. P. Trautwein, Rho.

SONG WRITER—Charles M. Snyder, Alpha.

ALTERNATE SONG WRITER—Rowland Hall, Beta Theta.

ALTERNATE ORATOR—Rev. Washington Gardner.

ALTERNATE POET—H. W. Collingwood, Iota.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to Brothers Townsend, Carleton, Krichbaum and Bloss; Senator Harrison, Prof. Levassor, the proprietors of the Denison and the Indianapolis papers.

The convention adjourned at 5 P. M., August 24th, 1883.

This ended the business sessions of our Twenty-fifth Annual Convention. Perhaps at no other like assembly have so many vital questions to our fraternity been presented for settlement, and it must be apparent to every candid observer, that the entire good and best interests of the general fraternity were motives ever present to the delegates. No rash measures were entertained; careful thought and earnest study characterized their deliberations, and the future of the Delta Tau Delta will doubtless be an ever increasing testimony of their wisdom, prudence and foresight.

#### LITERARY EXERCISES.

Grand Opera House, August 22d, 1883.

The public literary exercises of the convention, held on Thursday evening, August 23d, in the Opera House, were beyond doubt the most successful in their entirety which the fraternity has ever had, and nothing occurred which in any



way detracted from the completeness of the programme.

In spite of the necessarily brief notice which had been given to the people of Indianapolis, the capacious hall was comfortably filled at 8 o'clock by a representative, and, as the subsequent events showed, a highly appreciative audience; a goodly number of ladies were present and added to the brilliancy of the occasion. All of the large fraternities, which make Indianapolis the center, as it were, of the fraternity system of the State, had representatives in the audience. The members of the fraternity, to the number of about one hundred, occupied seats in the parquet as a body. On the stage were seated the Rev. William R. Cunningham, of the Theta, the honored founder of our fraternity Prof. John M. Bloss, of the Phi, the President of the evening, late Superintendent of Public Instruction of Indiana; Hon. Charles Townsend, of the Beta, late Secretary of State of Ohio, the orator of the occasion; Will Carleton, of the Kappa, Delta Tau Delta's famous poet; Charles Krichbaum, of the Psi, who so ably represented the Ohio colleges in the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest; Hon. James N. Weidman, of the Nu Prime, postmaster of Indianapolis; Hon. John L. McMaster, of the Beta, recently elected Mayor of Indianapolis; and last, though by no means least, Senator Benj. Harrison, who had kindly volunteered to welcome the convention in place of Governor Porter, who was unavoidably detained; Mr. Charles E. Levassor, a well known pianist, diverted the attention of the audience, until Prof. Bloss arose, and in a few appropriate and peculiarly happy remarks introduced Senator Harrison, who upon stepping forward received the cordial applause which the community invariably bestows upon those who, like the Senator, is one of its most distinguished public men. He spoke in a most pleasant and happy strain, and at once endeared himself by his easy grace and manner to the members of the fraternity present.

#### SENATOR HARRISON'S WELCOME.

*Ladies and Gentlemen:*

I have been requested by some of the resident members

of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity to say a few words at the opening of this, their only public meeting. I feel that there is something of an incongruity in my extending a welcome to you, in-so-much as I have not contributed in any way to your comfort and enjoyment while here, and probably shall not to-night. And yet I, as the spokesman of the resident members of your order and of the good people of Indianapolis, express our interest in you and our pleasure in the fact that you have chosen our city for your convention. And it occurs to me that every good citizen, not only of Indianapolis, but of the whole country, should have some interest in a meeting of the intelligent young men of the land. They must have some interest in the relation of these young men to the destiny, yet unwritten, of our people and our government.

You are doubtless aware that there are many good people who think that the influence of Greek societies on young men and college life is not good. I think I can testify to the fact, and I am sure you can, that there is nothing dangerous to the public peace, nor is there anything that threatens to hurt the colleges in these associations. Those mysterious letters and awful secrets have no explosive force whatever. [Laughter] There is neither nitro-glycerine or giant-powder in them. Some people have expressed the belief that Greek fraternities have the effect of narrowing the minds of young men, of drawing the lines closer about companionship. While this may be true in a technical sense, yet I feel sure that I do not address a society man here to-night who does not recognize and appreciate the comradeship of toil, of intellectual strength and of genius. Those special relations are not intended to circumscribe your relations with society generally. The true soldiers in the intellectual strife, those who are entitled to proudly carry the shining banner of victory, are those who will recognize genius and mental powers wherever they exist, no matter whether they wear upon their breasts the special emblem of his society or not. I know that you have found in your fraternities a stimulus and a healthy rivalry, not only that you might bring reputation to yourself, but reputation and honor to your Society. I may say to you that I have seen nothing in these orders which, if rightly used, might not be a stimulus to young men for a higher life. I am glad to welcome you to Indianapolis, and I know if your stay could be more extended you would find that our people here would be equally glad to welcome and encourage you. Who can tell what is before you? Who can do more than guess at the possibilities of the future? I cannot doubt that among the young men before me there are those who will in after years grace the highest professions, and that there is a power here that may lift you to the highest plane of true success. I cannot doubt that there are those here who will illustrate the genius of America in every sphere of usefulness. The student class in this country is not dangerous. We have not yet found it necessary to send any of them to Siberia. In the despo-



tism of the old world they are dangerous, for the thoughts of intelligent young men, that are inconsistent with despotism, will have place and birth. But here, in the land of freedom and equality, we must look to you, young men, for security and the permanence and continuance of our government. Therefore, as a member of another fraternity, and as a citizen of Indianapolis and of this great country of which we are all a part, I again bid you welcome, and I hope that your stay here may be made both pleasant and profitable, and that the recollection of it may abide with you all the days of your life.

On behalf of the fraternity at large, Professor John M. Bloss, of Muncie, responded briefly and appropriately.

The poet of the evening, Will Carleton, was then introduced, and was enthusiastically received, showing fully that his name is as much a household word with the good people of Indianapolis as it is elsewhere. He read his poem in his characteristic manner and thereby won frequent and long applause. The poem developed, in a pleasing way, as our readers may judge for themselves, the aims and objects of our fraternity, the choice of the subject, "The Purple and the Gray," being singularly fortunate. As a convention poem it could not have been more appropriate, and the fraternity is to be congratulated upon this valued contribution to its rapidly growing literature.

At the conclusion of the poem, Will Carleton was vigorously applauded, not only by the members of the fraternity, who were so directly concerned in the sentiments and thoughts to which he gave expression, and of which Delta Tau Delta is a faithful exponent, but especially so by the audience, which thus paid an excellent compliment to the author's popularity. The applause continued and would not diminish until Prof. Bloss announced that at the close of the exercises of the evening Will Carleton would give a recitation.

The Hon. Charles Townsend was then introduced, who, after the applause had sufficiently subsided, proceeded to deliver his scholarly oration on that timely and important topic, "The Elective Franchise," which was capaciously quoted in the city and State papers as a most valuable ex-

pression of opinion on the part of one whose public career enables him to present so complete a subject.

#### ORATION OF HON. CHARLES TOWNSEND.

Hon. Charles Townsend, of Athens, Ohio, ex-Secretary of State, delivered the annual oration, his subject being "The Elective Franchise." In the course of his address he said:

To obtain the elective franchise has been the ultimate purpose of the matchless struggle of liberty from the beginning of society. The ballot is found to be the only manner of the effective expression of the will of liberty. Its presence is the absence of tyranny, and presence of tyranny is the absence of elective franchise. It is the only foundation on which the beautiful and beneficent structure of self-government can rest. How essential, therefore, that the source and fountain be pure; that the ballot be intelligent and honest. An ignorant and corrupt elective franchise cannot long sustain any government, much less a good one. The stream cannot rise above its source.

The history of the ballot is the history of representative government. So essentially are they related that the annals of one cannot be written without the annals of the other.

To the people of this Republic the integrity and intelligence of the voter is a question of life and death. With us it is absolutely the health of political existence. If our republic should ever fall, and fall it may, it will not be caused by an enemy without. Against all external aggressions on this continent and this globe we are masters. Were we comparatively less powerful, our national perpetuity would be even more secure. In such a relationship, our attention and concern would be directed to the maintenance of a continuing peace against the aggressions of nations. But we can have no such concern; for among the "principalities and powers of this world," the republic is enthroned supreme; the sole arbiter of her destiny; the Colosseum of her fate. Even in her dissolution, no Goth or Vandal could riot in her blood-stained and smouldering cities. If Goth or Vandal she shall ever have, they must be of her own people, the chaos of ignorance and corruption let loose. Other governments rest on aristocratic castes, permanently sustained in their jurisprudence; upheld by an army; wedded to the crown by dependence and a privy of interests, while our government has for the "head of the corner" the elective franchise of the whole male population.

Mr. Townsend discussed at some length the growth of liberty in the countries of Europe, and contrasted it with the present condition of the United States. He considered the causes and results of the great uprisings and disturbances here, illustrating his opinions as follows:



Wisdom forbids that we shut our eyes to the national experience of 1876, when the whole people were nearly equally divided as to which of two claimants had a right to the title of the great office of President. That there were corruptions, frauds and cruel violence committed in the national election of that year, all history must agree. Charges of purchase on one side and fraudulent counts on the other, were freely indulged, and for a time the ominous cloud of civil war "lowered on our housetops." Serious apprehension oppressed the souls of men; but the wisdom and moderation of Congress averted imminent peril, and everywhere could be heard the glad acclaim, "The crisis is past." What crisis? The crisis of civil war! And from that time forward, it has been a question in the minds of the patriotic and thoughtful, how to provide against any such future hazard. Such questions of title and right have continually, in all ages and all governments, depopulated nations and turned productive realms into deserts; and this crisis arose out of the corruption of the ballot by force, by fraud, and by violence. Against such breathings of slaughter, the intelligence and virtue of our millions of the enfranchised is the only sure defense. Electoral commissions and legal devices may be of inestimable service in laying the storm in its insipient wrath, but the deep of public integrity, is our only abiding security, and he who corrupts the ballot is a public enemy and strikes at the root of free institutions. Certainly it is more honorable to lift the hand with a "section" against the life of the government, than sitting by its fireside, destroying the only source of its security by corrupting its voters. A discouraged and corrupted constituency may be turned aside clean from the purpose of the ballot, and the franchise itself become the vehicle of despotism. Napoleon, being elected first consul, usurped and placed on his brow an imperial crown, and the ignorant, corrupted and dazzled electors of France, by an almost unanimous ballot, confirmed him in his despotic title, casting away their franchise as pearls before swine.

The safety of the republic forbids that such a condition of things shall ever exist here as to justify the poor man in saying that this is a rich man's government. In such a case, strikes and communes must have a terrible significance. To make wealth an essential qualification in a candidate is to plant a thorn in the side of the republic.

Great problems are rising up for solution. The tendency is the overshadowing accumulation of wealth by a few, and thereby the monopolizing of great and exclusive privileges and advantages by individuals and corporations, which may act oppressively and despotically on the welfare of the masses. Enterprise and the accumulation of property must not be discouraged; but the abuse of the power residing in vast wealth must be so restrained and regulated as to prevent the monopoly of commerce, transportation, manufacturing and mining, lest the same, in time, take the place of despotic prerogative. The elector has against all abuse of wealth the

ballot. Its intelligent and patriotic use is all-sufficient. In the presence of honest elections all excuse for mobs and revolutions fade away. The political chicanist who seeks its purchase, no matter by what indirection, is a public enemy; for a purchased election is not a choice. Such a politician, like a foul seducer, creeps into the Nation's life, polluting as he goes. He is wickedly ingenious carrying about himself the appearance of sincerity and honor; and by cunning words purchases the elector's vote, like a cabbage in the market place. One is misled and, it may be, loses his personal dignity as a freeman forever. The other, with intelligence to comprehend his offense, is in the business of ruining his country. Propositions seeking the corruption of the ballot, deserve to be answered with a blow. Hitherto, in all the emergencies of our country, the virtue and patriotism of the great honest masses, has been "the stay and dwelling place" of the Republic. It is with the thin point of the arrow that the political chicanist is piercing the great heart of the Republic. When the people have realized this, I believe they will pluck the arrow out of his ignoble hands and send it through the heart of all his political hopes.

"There was a Brutus once, that would have brook'd  
The Eternal King to keep his place in Rome."

And will not the honest voter repel the political corrupter and keep his State in the Republic?

Charles Krichbaum was then presented to the audience and delivered in his peculiarly forcible manner, a poem.

Upon repeated applause he recited Taylor's well known "General Scott and the Veteran," with remarkable pathos and emphasis.

Will Carleton then arose to redeem his promise, but before doing so took the occasion to pay Brother Krichbaum a high and certainly very encouraging compliment as a promising young elocutionist, of whom we hoped the fraternity would some day be particularly proud. He then recited his well known poem, "The Old Settler's Story," which met with so much public favor when it was first published, a year or more ago. He rendered it in his wonderfully impressive way and succeeded in deeply interesting the audience.

This brought the exercises to a close, and the audience was dismissed at about half-past ten o'clock.

### THE BANQUET.

No description or assertion is necessary to characterize this part of the entertainment. To those present, memory will suffice. To all oth-



ers a Delta Tau Delta banquet is a sufficient recommendation of its excellence; and we can only say the one participated in by the Indianapolis convention, at the Denison Hotel, Thursday evening, was no exception. The tables were loaded with the choicest delicacies, and made attractive and beautiful by floral decorations. After justice had been done by all to the "spread," Hon. John M. Bloss took charge of the assembled hosts, being Grand Toast Master of the occasion, when the following programme was carried out:

"The Founders of Our Fraternity."—Responded to by Rev. W. R. Cunningham, Odessa, Mo.

"Our Good Old Delta Tau."

"Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee,  
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,  
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears  
Are all with thee, are all with thee."

—*Longfellow.*

Responded to by Prof. J. N. Study, Greencastle, Ind., as follows:

*Mr. President and Brother Deltas:*

The words of the toast just recited carry my mind back to the days of the "long ago," when we sung them in our old chapter hall at Delaware. They call up the memories of college days, those halcyon days of all our lives, the days when, in an hour of reverie, no dream of fame was found too wild, no success too brilliant for our accomplishment. Time, the tomb-builder, may have performed his gloomy labors for most of those bright dreams of youth. Our castles in Spain have fallen into ruin, and our ships at sea, so richly laden with golden promises and high resolves, may have been wrecked long since, but still we love to turn back to the days when those beautiful dreams were possibilities, when our hearts were young and fresh and we had read but the opening chapters of our book of life. Ah!

"The text of our lives may get wiser with age,  
But the print was so fair on its twentieth page."

Yes, college memories are sweet; but of all the memories that circle in golden halo about those happy years, the memories of the chapter hall are the sweetest and the dearest. I love to meet an old class-mate or college friend and with him go back through the scenes of the class room, the society hall, or the old campus, but it is when I meet one with whom I was wont to meet within the mystic portals of the chapter house, that at the familiar grip my heart goes out like a rush of waters and I feel that we were brothers then, are brothers now, and brothers shall be evermore.

The college fraternity supplies a natural demand of the human heart. It brings together kindred spirits

and affords them the enjoyments of a noble friendship. It throws about the young the safeguards of the care and friendly advice of those who are older and stronger. It furnishes to the weak encouragement, and to the strong it teaches charity for the weaknesses of others.

Yes, the college fraternity is a powerful influence for good, but like all other things good in themselves it may be abused, and doubtless has been abused in many instances. When it becomes simply an organization for the control and manipulation of college politics, or the division of college spoils, it has been degraded from its true purpose. It is no longer a fraternity, but a mere machine. These abuses have been made the occasion of severe and unjust strictures upon the whole fraternity system. Men have forgotten that no good thing exists that has not been made to serve an evil purpose.

Christianity has sustained the Spanish Inquisition, tolled the signal for a St. Bartholomew and burned a Michael Servetus. Love, the holiest passion of the human breast, has nerved the assassin's hand in every age and every clime.

The fraternity is an outgrowth of the noblest qualities of a noble humanity. The stories of David and Jonathan, of Damon and Pythias, will be repeated so long as the world shall stand. As the rivers run to the sea; as the needle turns to the magnetic pole; as the earth circles its orbit about the sun, so shall heart respond to heart so long as manly hearts shall throb in manly breasts.

College faculties do a foolish thing when they attempt to destroy, rather than regulate the Greek fraternity. Fraternities there have always been, and fraternities there will always be, whether they be lettered in Greek or lettered not at all.

Our opponents are of two classes—those who will not see any good in the Greek letter fraternity and those who are honest, but mistaken, in their opinion.

The first class will not be convinced. They are men who view the sun only to find his spots. They pluck the rose, not for its beauty or its fragrance, but to find the canker worm that may hide within. Upon such men as these it is not worth your while to make an effort. But you may conquer the prejudice and disarm the fears of the others. You may do this by living up to the fundamental principles of our "Good Old Delta Tau." By making our badge, wherever it is represented, the emblem of social, moral and of mental worth. By making the Royal Purple and the Silver Gray, wherever worn, the acknowledged symbol of the True, the Beautiful and the Good.

It was my fortune to represent the Ohio Wesleyan Chapter, in 1871, at the convention held at the Neil House, in Columbus, Ohio. We were then just recovering from the effects of the war, and, all told, numbered just ten chapters. Twelve years have come and gone since then, and to-night we muster thirty-two chapters, and colleges on every hand are throwing open their doors and urging us to enter.



What a change have these twelve years wrought! And in imagination I look forward to the convention of 1895, and I see assembled around the banquet board the representatives of half a hundred chapters, from the North, from the South, from the East and from the West, young men, with high hopes and noble aspirations, all joined in love for the principles of our "Good Old Delta Tau."

And I fancy I can hear them as they sing that grand old song, noblest of all fraternity songs, whose refrain forms the wording of the toast, to which I have been called upon to respond:—

"Though our homes be wide dissevered,  
And our lots diversely cast;  
Though the cares of earth beset us,  
And its storms beat thick and fast;  
Yet everywhere and always,  
We'll maintain as firm as now,  
The loyalty we cherish,  
For our Good Old Delta Tau."

"The Executive Council."

"A head to contrive and a hand to execute."

—Gibson.

Reponse by W. S. McClurg, Chicago, Ill.

"The Press."—Response by R. H. Cole, Peru, Ind.

"The Bar."—Response by Augustine Boice, Indianapolis, Ind.

"THE CRESCENT." "May no Cloud Obscure THE CRESCENT of our Good Old Delta Tau."—Response by E. E. Baldwin, Canton, O.

"Our Graduate Brethren."—Response by A. P. Trautwein, Hoboken, N. J.

"My Initiation."—Response by J. M. Fulton, Dinsmore, Pa.

"Pan Hellenic."—Response by Charles Krichbaum, Boliver, O.

"College Reminiscences."

"How dear to the heart are the days spent at college,  
When fond recollections present them to view,  
As we climbed up the steep, rugged pathway to knowledge;

What joys and what pleasures, what friendships we knew."

To which responses were made by several of the brothers present.

The last toast of the evening was that subject—if we can so style it—always dear to every Delta's heart, "The Ladies."

"We'll sing for our girls; aye! we'll sing for them all;  
For each one is worthy a throne.

And that we may sing with the heartiest will,  
Let each frater think of his own."

Responded to by J. B. Curtis, Indianapolis, Ind.

Thus ended the XXVth Annual Convention Banquet and each brother retired, feeling that it

would be a wall of hardest adamant that could prevent him from answering to the call in 1884. We regret very much that lack of space and the difficulty of procuring the copies have prevented us from publishing *all* the responses of the evening, as they were well deserving of it; a statement that no one can doubt who reads the names of the responders. All in all, it was an event worthy of the occasion, and its joys and pleasures, witicisms and anecdotes will not soon be forgotten.

### CONVENTION NOTES.

One of the features of the afternoon session of the second day was the Delta experiences, which were related by several of the older alumni present. In this way the younger members had the pleasure and profit of listening to Charles Townsend, Beta, '61; John L. McMaster, Beta, '69; Augustin Boice, Beta, '69; Will Carleton, Sigma, '69; Charles S. Bentley, Kappa, '71, and John M. Bloss, Phi, '60.

One of the most interested visitors was Brother Richard H. Cole, the founder of the Upsilon Prime at Illinois University in 1872, and who was present at every session of the convention.

The resident members of the fraternity were well represented, attending the sessions of the convention whenever their business affairs would permit them to do so.

The annual report of the new Grand Chapter of the Second Division was a most valuable document, thoroughly business-like in its arrangement and concise in all its statements. It may well serve as a model for similar reports from our presiding chapters in future.

The fraternity may congratulate itself upon its election of Rev. Benjamin F. Dimmick, Mu '74, as President of the next convention. He is known throughout the fraternity as a most enthusiastic Delta. For several years he was general Secretary of the fraternity. He has been present since his college days at several conventions, and we gladly hail the possibility of meeting him again, now that it is certain that he will be officially identified with our next convention.



The sessions of the convention were noticed in a most satisfactory manner by all of the Indianapolis papers; and especially by the *Journal*, which, on the morning of the 24th, printed the convention poem in full and gave long extracts from Brother Townsend's oration.

Rev. Cunningham, in everybody's verdict, made an excellent President. The sessions were promptly called to order, and delinquent delegates were at once brought in. All discussions were strictly confined to the subject under discussion, and thus the convention succeeded in promptly despatching a vast amount of business.

The fraternity is to be congratulated upon the change in its policy of holding our annual conventions in the large cities. The next convention will meet at a place which is justly and far-famed for the beauty of its scenery. Many members whom not even the prospect of a Delta convention can induce to spend their vacation in such hot cities like Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Indianapolis, will no doubt gladly avail themselves of an opportunity of meeting with the fraternity at so delightful a place as Watkins' Glen. Of course, this new departure is only experimental, and it remains to be seen how the chapters, into whose hands the arrangement of the details for the next convention has been placed, will succeed in making the necessary plans for the success and for the comfort of so large a body as our general convention.

It is a matter of regret that the chapters of the First Division were so little represented in convention. We are assured, however, that circumstances of an unforeseen character over which they had no control, prevented several of the delegates-elect from attending to their duties.

Hon. William Bell Sutton, Gamma, '69, the orator-elect of the next convention, is Judge of Oneida county, New York. He is a brother of Dr. Rhodes Stansbury Sutton, Gamma, '62, of Pittsburgh, one of our distinguished alumni.

In selecting Prof. John R. Scott, Beta, '62, as

poet-elect of our next convention, the fraternity acted wisely, for Brother Scott's muse, so often tried in Delta Tau Delta's behalf, has never failed him. We look for something from him which will form a permanent and valuable contribution to our convention literature.

It is a matter for regret that so many members, through negligence, and notwithstanding many warnings and reminders, failed to place their names on the "Convention Register." In this way it is never possible to announce just how many members were present.

All visitors had none but words of praise for the elegant manner in which the New Denison takes care of its guests, and the Committee of Arrangements is to be congratulated upon its fortunate choice.

The alumnae report of the Catalogue Committee was listened to with considerable interest, since it gave a comprehensive statement of the scope and appearance of the forthcoming catalogue, the first biographical catalogue which the fraternity will have published. From all appearances it will be quite complete and elegant, and in its mechanical and typographical execution, it is promised that it will be equal to any similar publication of others of the large fraternities which have recently distinguished themselves in the field of catalogue literature.

The various chapter reports showed a marked and certainly encouraging improvement, even over the excellent reports of last year, and contain much that is of general interest to the fraternity at large. It would appear from them that the average actual membership of last year was somewhat smaller, as a rule, than during the preceding year, the result of a policy to limit the membership in our chapters, which seems to have been adopted as if by sudden and common consent. This policy has been adopted for a series of years by several of the chapters whose membership limits average 12 to 16 men, and invariably, it is thought, with beneficial rather than injurious effect.



### A FEW DELTA TAU DELTA LETTERS.

An effort was made to have all of the remaining founders of the fraternity present at the convention, a committee of alumni having been appointed for the purpose at the preceding convention. The fraternity can certainly consider itself fortunate in having Rev. Cunningham present. Brothers Hunt, Lowe and Tarr, who were unable to come, sent their regrets.

Brother Hunt wrote as follows:

NEW YORK, Aug. 16th, 1883.

*Dear Brother:*

Yours of the 13th inst. came in due time, and in answer I beg to say that it now is extremely doubtful about my being present at the Indianapolis convention.

I need not say that it would give me great pleasure to be with you; but the short time I have at my command, and the amount of work to be done in that time, together with the necessity of an early return to the city, have put the matter of attendance in great jeopardy.

Very Truly,  
JOHN L. N. HUNT.

Brother Lowe sent the following letter:

GENEVA, OHIO, Aug. 21st, 1883.

*Dear Brother:*

Yours of the 13th has been forwarded to me. I had hoped to be at the convention, and am disappointed beyond expression that I cannot be with you. Circumstances over which I have had no control prevent my coming. Please express my regrets.

I wish you may have a profitable session. I understand Brother W. R. Cunningham is to be present. If he is, give him a hearty "shake" for me.

I am proud of  $\Delta T \Delta$ ; and may her crescent banner become the admiration of the good and the true in every college.

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I am pleased with the position which our fraternity has taken in the Pan-Hellenic movement, and sincerely hope it may succeed.

Most Respectfully,

J. S. LOWE,  
An original  $\Delta$ .

Brother Tarr sent the following words of encouragement:

WELLSBURGH, BROOKE CO.,  
W. VA., Aug. 16th, 1883. }

*My Dear Sir and Brother:*

I trust you will pardon my neglect of your courteous and kind communication of the 27th of June. It was my intention to accept the fraternal invitation and meet with the brethren at Indianapolis, and in consequence an answer was delayed. I now regret that circumstances will not permit my meeting with the old members. Allow me at the same

time to express my acknowledgment of the friendly greeting and invitation contained in your letters on behalf of the fraternity.

It is, however, pleasant to reflect, that while I cannot be present with you, others, associated with the early history of the order, will be present at the annual convention, fully able and qualified to speak of the days of yore.

It is almost impossible to realize the vast increase in numbers and in prominence, which of late years has blessed our order. Forms and ceremonies are perfected, and its affairs placed upon solid foundations.

In conclusion accept, my dear sir, my most earnest wishes for the prosperity of the institution.

Again thanking you for your courtesy, I remain,

Fraternally Yours,

EUGENE TARR.

That our annual conventions are contemplated with deep interest, by even our oldest alumni, is attested by the following letters, which are representative of numerous others received by those who had the matter of inviting the graduate members in charge.

Dr. Robert Robinson, Gamma, '62, of East Brady, Pa., wrote:

Your invitation and especial solicitation to join the Deltas at their 25th convention, at Indianapolis, reached here during my absence, and when I returned it was all over. So far as I know it would have been impossible for me to attend. I hope some time to see the "boys," but do not know when. Trusting that another time will prove more propitious, and that the fraternity may still grow, even without me,

Believe me, fraternally yours,

ROBERT ROBINSON.

Dr. William H. Kirk, Gamma, '63, who, during his college days, was one of the most active members of our Jefferson chapter, preserves much of his old-time enthusiasm. He wrote:

DOYLESTOWN, PA., Aug. 21st, 1883.

*Dear Brother:*

Your kind letter and invitation to attend the 25th annual convention of our fraternity was received some time ago. I need not tell you how much I would rejoice to meet you all and give the right hand of fellowship to old and young Deltas; but I cannot go.

The hands that are at the helm are so firm and steady, that it would be out of place were I to advise; but a word of encouragement you shall always have. Our old and loved fraternity has grown beyond my most ardent expectations, and it makes me rejoice when I read that twenty-five hundred men stand shoulder to shoulder to uphold the "Crescent." In 1862, the ranks of chapter Alpha, at Cannonsburg, were reduced to one member. Ten or eleven had either graduated or had entered the army. The fate of the



fraternity seemed doubtful. Upon *one* untried man rested the entire charge and care of Alpha. *My* efforts were first blessed, then *our* efforts, and in two years we had some 18 members, a larger number than at any previous time.

Let no chapter think that because its numbers are small, it will fail; success will be given only to those who strike hard blows. Never mind if you do meet with reverses. Our flag should never be at half-mast; run it up to the highest point of the staff and nail it there. Please do not think me too enthusiastic. I love the dear old  $\Delta T \Delta$  so well, that I cannot help it. With many kind wishes for the "boys," and three cheers for the baby whose 25th birthday you are about to celebrate, I will close with this benediction: God bless the twenty-five hundred and their dear old Delta Tau Delta.

Fraternally Yours,

WILLIAM H. KIRK.

Not a less enthusiastic Delta is Robert S. Robb, Gamma, '64, manager of the large house of Hostetter & Smith, Pittsburgh:

POINT CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y., Aug. 21st, 1883.

Dear Brother Delta:

Your very kind letter of July 27th is at hand, and also the invitation to the convention at Indianapolis, for both of which please accept my sincere thanks. As you will observe, I am away from home, and have been since August 1st, otherwise I would be with the boys upon this occasion. As I cannot be with you in person, please say to them that I am with them, heart and hand, and that my sincere wish is that the old Delta Tau Delta may continue to stand, like Cleopatra's needle, a monument of wonder, beauty and grandeur, for the admiration of the world.

Regretting my inability to be with you, thanking you for your kindness, and wishing you all a good time generally, I am,

Yours, an Old Delta,

ROBERT S. ROBB.

Dr. Robert W. Erwin, Beta, '68, of Bay City, Mich., wrote:

Pray accept my thanks for the programme of the exercises at the convention, soon to meet at Indianapolis. It would give me great pleasure to join the Deltas in celebrating our 25th anniversary, and learn how big a man the child has become. I trust your earnest effort to secure a full representation on that occasion may be rewarded, and that the followers of the "crescent" and the "stars," the "old boys" and the "young boys," may have a regular old-fashioned love feast at this session, and return to their homes proud of the name of their fraternity and of their work. Call on me for a "V" at any time that you may need funds in getting out the catalogue.

The following was received from Hon. George C. Sturgess, Gamma Prime, '61, of Morgantown, W. Va.:

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., Aug. 14th, 1883.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The beautiful card of invitation to the 25th National Con-

vention of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, and your kind letter of the 6th inst., were received in my absence. It would afford me much pleasure to meet the Brother Deltas at the convention, but my business engagements forbid.

I would suggest, that if the fraternity is still unincorporated, that the laws of the State of West Virginia are very liberal in matters of that kind, and that I would take pleasure in preparing the necessary papers. I mail you a copy of our corporation laws.

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I wish the Brothers much joy in their convention, and that it may do much to widen the influence of the fraternity.

I remain, fraternally yours,

GEO. C. STURGESS.

## CONVENTION REGISTER.

### ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

1. Walter L. McClurg, '79, Chicago, Ill.
2. Chas. E. Richmond, '82, Meadville, Pa.
3. Ernest E. Baldwin, '83, Canton, O.
4. Wesley B. Best, '83, Meadville, Pa.
5. Ethelbert E. Blair, '83, Aurora, O.

### BETA—OHIO.

1. Hon. Chas Townsend, '61, Athens, O.
2. Augustin Boice, '69, Indianapolis, Ind.
3. Hon. John McMaster, '69, Indianapolis.
4. Wilber Colvin, '80, Springfield, O.

### DELTA—MICHIGAN.

1. Ezra J. Ware, '85, Grand Rapids, Mich.
2. Edwin F. Saunders, '86, Saginaw, Mich.

### EPSILON—ALBION.

1. Ward E. Walker, '84, Athens, Mich.
2. Elvin Swarthout, '85, Ovid Mich.

### ZETA—ADELBERT.

1. Kent B. Waite, 26, Hudson, O.

### ETA—BUCHTEL.

1. Marion E. Bourne, '82, Contreras, O.
2. Alonzo E Hyre, '84, Akron, O.
3. Will S. Ford, '85, Tuft's College.
4. Will E. Hugill, '86, Akron, O.

### THETA—BETHANY.

1. Rev. W. R. Cunningham, '59, Odessa, Mo.

### IOTA—MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL.

1. William O. Fritz, '77, Lafayette, Ind.
2. A. Ross, '83, Lansing, Mich.
3. Lynn Bonham, Oxford, O.



## KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

1. Will Carleton, '69, Brooklyn, N. Y.
2. C. S. Bentley, '70, Bryan, O.

## LAMBDA—LOMBARD.

1. William A. Parker, '80, Farmington, Ill.
2. Elmer H. West, '82, Yates City, Ill.
3. Chas. L. Edwards, '84, Minneapolis, Minn.

## MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

1. Prof. Justin N. Study, '71, Greencastle, Indiana.
2. Rev. Benj. F. Dimmick, '74, Oxford, O.
3. Harry B. Swartz, '84, Delaware, O.
4. David H. Holmes, '85, Battle Ground, Ind.
5. James W. Magruder, '85, Delaware, O.

## XI—SIMPSON.

1. Newton B. Ashby, '84, Norwood, Iowa.
2. Frank L. Davis, '84, Indianola, Iowa.

## OMICRON—IOWA.

1. Fred. O. Newcomb, '82, Iowa City, Iowa.

## PI—LEHIGH.

1. William T. Goodnow, '83, Toledo, O.

## RHO—STEVENS.

1. Alfred P. Trautwein, '76, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## SIGMA—MT. UNION.

1. I. T. Hedland, '83, Thornhill, Pa.

## TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

1. Morris B. Reber, '81, Reading, Pa.
2. Howard P. Wanner, '84, Reading, Pa.

## UPSILON—RENSSALAER.

1. Hugo J. Weber, New York City.

## PHI—HANOVER.

1. Prof. John M. Bloss, '60, Muncie, Ind.
2. Jas. H. Hamilton, '85, Greensburg, Ind.
3. Robert H. Olmsted, '85, Chilo, O.
4. William Donner, '86, Columbus, Ind.

## CHI—KENYON.

1. Andrew L. Herrlinger, '83, Cincinnati, O.

## PSI—WOOSTER.

1. Chas. Krichbaum, '83, Bolivar, O.
2. John M. Fulton, '84, Dinsmore, Pa.
3. Hugh M. Kingery, '84, Burton, Kan.

## BETA BETA—ASBURY.

1. Hervey B. Fatout, '71, Indianapolis, Ind.
2. Joseph Crow, Jr., '76, Greencastle, Ind.
3. Dr. Francis A. Smith, '76, Indianapolis, Indiana.
4. Sam. E. Crose, '85, Greencastle, Ind.
5. Oliver M. Matson, '85, Greencastle, Ind.
6. Claude T. Griffith, '86, Indianapolis, Ind.
7. Will L. Williamson, '86, Pendleton, Ind.
8. Frank D. Wimmer, '86, Greencastle, Ind.
9. P. Tousant Jett, '87, Clay City, Ind.

## GAMMA BETA—COLUMBIA.

1. Fred. F. Martinez, Jr., '82, New York City.
2. Edward W. Clarke, '83, Tenafly, N. J.

## DELTA BETA—GEORGIA.

1. George F. Hunnicutt, '84, Athens, Ga.

## ZETA BETA—BUTLER.

1. Dr. John H. Oliver, '79, Indianapolis, Ind.
2. James B. Curtis, '81, Indianapolis, Ind.
3. Frank M. Morris, '82, Danville, Ind.
4. Harry W. Allen, '83, Indianapolis, Ind.
5. John F. Stone, '84, Wabash, Ind.

## IOTA BETA—ADRIAN.

1. Orren L. Palmer, '83, Adrian, Mich.
2. Edward B. Rood, '84, Chicago, Ill.

## NU PRIME—INDIANA.

1. Hon. Jas. A. Wilman, P. M., '73, Indianapolis, Ind.

## UPSILON PRIME—ILLINOIS INDUSTRIAL.

1. Richard H. Cole, '75, Peru, Ind.

WE WISH to call particular attention to the notice in this number of the Catalogue Committee. Let every chapter give a prompt and ready assistance to the Brothers who have this work in hand. Their duties have been burdensome and continued, but they have been well performed. The book is now in press, and soon will be presented to the fraternity one of the finest catalogues ever published. Then if you have not as yet complied with the requests of the committee, do so at once, and do not retard the publication by useless delays.



## THE CRESCENT.

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TO THE FRATERNITY: The CRESCENT comes with hearty greetings and earnest wishes for the coming year. The history of our order has been progressive. Each year has added new victories, higher position, and increased influence, until to-day, we can say with pardonable pride, Delta Tau Delta has taken a place among the first fraternities in the land. We have been particularly fortunate in the institutions we have entered, and when we have considered it best to refuse an application, we have done so after the most exhaustive inquiry, not only concerning the applicants, but also their institution. During our last General Convention at Indianapolis, two charters were granted, which, we sincerely hope and believe, will annex two strong chapters to our order. Throughout the past year the workings of the Fraternity have been uniform and harmonious—a consistent whole. Each Chapter has worked together without discord or strife, knowing that they are united in one grand cause—Deltaism.

We have closed the record of the first twenty-five years of our existence. To-day we stand upon the threshold of our second quarter century. Not as once we stood, when a few loyal men banded together to battle the corruption of college politics; but we are to-day a mighty organization, numbering thirty-three chapters, and enrolling 3,500 men under the banner of purple and grey. Not alone with chisel and marble before us to build for ourselves, but guided and blessed with a priceless legacy, handed down to us by illustrious predecessors. We have a trust most sacred, a responsibility most binding. It is ours to preserve and increase what they have labored so nobly to found and erect. Let each Delta realize that on him has the responsibility to some extent devolved, and with united purpose and

loyal hearts let us labor for the beautiful and good.

For twenty-five years we have been one of the few fraternities remaining who entrusted to the care of an under graduate Chapter the entire control of the fraternity government. Since 1875, the Alpha, or Governing Chapter, has been at Meadville, Pa. Now as we increase in power and influence, a plan of government discussed most thoroughly for some time, was adopted at the Indianapolis Convention. Said change to take effect January 1st, 1884. After that date the highest power of Fraternity will be vested in an Executive Council consisting of five alumni, chosen by the convention, and one under-graduate representative from each of the four Grand Chapters. It is only justice to the Alpha to say that this change is due to no complaints or doubts concerning her ability or loyalty. It is the necessary consequence of growth and increase. In the eight and one-half years that Alpha has held the reins of government, the fraternity has doubled its size and tripled its influence. THE CRESCENT was rescued by her from a dying condition and exalted to the position it now holds among fraternity journals. In all things her relations with the general fraternity have been pleasant and beneficial. Truly, it is with just pride that she will resign the responsibility she has so nobly discharged. THE CRESCENT will still remain at Meadville, and it will be our highest aim to mould a fitting future, from a past, pregnant with wise examples. We will increase the size from sixteen to twenty-four pages. We will endeavor to fill our columns with interesting fraternity news. We will, as far as possible, keep our pages pure from petty slanders and malicious statements. In this we ask the full co-operation of the chapter correspondents. Let your letters be authority on which we can rely. Permit no malice to enter into your reports, but assist us in preserving the reputation which we have won, as a journal, for fairness and veracity.

Trusting that during the year to come, no cloud may obscure or even overshadow the bright



reputation of OUR CRESCENT, we present to the fraternity the October number.

THE following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Indianapolis convention:

"*Resolved*, That this general convention of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity endorse most cordially the objects of the proposed Pan Hellenic Conference, as outlined in the minutes of the preliminary meeting, held February 22d, 1883; and that the Executive Council be directed to appoint, at an early date, three delegates, who shall be duly authorized to represent this fraternity at the conference next year."

This resolution speaks for itself. It defines our position as a fraternity in this question, as no other measure could have done. It is the voice of the whole fraternity. Already, the Pan Hellenic has been thoroughly discussed. It is not our intention to dwell upon it in this article. We only say Delta Tau Delta is ready and anxious to join her sister Greeks in conference. Let the matter be kept before us persistently, and 1884 will become an era in fraternity history, being that in which the *first* great Pan Hellenic Conference became a reality.

It is a custom of Beta Phi Pi to send to each of her alumni, every six months, a circular, containing the history of his chapter for the past half year; telling their progress, both of chapter and fraternity; their prospects and undertakings. It is an undisputed fact that Beta Phi Pi has more hearty support from her alumni, as a whole, than any other American fraternity, and undoubtedly this favorable condition can be traced to the causes first mentioned. In this respect, Delta Tau Delta is not far behind. It is a custom in most of the chapters to send out yearly reports to all alumni that are accessible; but still there seems room for improvement. Our fraternity has a strong and influential alumni. Men who hold high positions, and whose names are familiar in our land. Why is it that we do not hear from them more often? Have they forgotten college days and fraternal friend-

ships? Certainly not. But the haze of time and distance has spread its curtain around them, shutting out the *light* from us, while the fires of loyal love still burn brightly in their hearts. Let us make renewed efforts to open up communication with these absent brothers. How can we do this? By showing them that they are not forgotten; by showing them that the fraternity maxim, "Once a Delta, always a Delta," includes them. In doing this no better medium can be found than our CRESCENT. This work must devolve upon the chapters, and especially the S. A's. In their regular duties they are brought into communication with many of their alumni. Occasionally, one of the "old boys" drops into the chapter hall to spend an evening. In many ways you hear from, or of them. Then use THE CRESCENT to tell some other brother of his old friend. Fill our alumni department with interesting personals. Make our paper a medium through which one alumni brother may hear from another. In this way, and this only, we can make THE CRESCENT indispensable to every Delta and bind them closer to their fraternity.

At the beginning of this year we wrote to each of the S. A's., whose address we could obtain, asking for chapter letters and other matter with which to make up this number of the CRESCENT. This was necessary because we had no other medium through which to reach them. Those letters were short and not direct enough in many particulars. To the S. A's of the coming year we would say, your support is necessary, and of value to the interest of the CRESCENT. Our increased size will enable us to devote more space to chapter correspondence. Avail yourselves of the opportunity—let us depend upon your letter regularly each month—you are an important factor in this organization, and as such your actions, prospects, victories or failures are of interest to the general fraternity. Then do not wait for further urging—be prompt and ready with your monthly report. In sending in notes, etc., do not confound them with your let-



ters. Your Alumni News should also be separate. This way your manuscript will need no copying and can be sent directly to the printer.

THE CRESCENT is now printed by Brother F. M. Ritezel, A., '75, a leading journalist of Warren, Ohio. Brother Ritezel printed the new initiatory service, which has won for him many deserved compliments. We have no doubt that THE CRESCENT will, in the ensuing year, bear ample witness to his ability and careful management.

HEREAFTER we will endeavor to publish the CRESCENT earlier in the month, and will therefore require all communications to be in our hands by the 15th at the latest. Earlier if possible.

WE WISH to acknowledge our thanks to A. P. Trautwein for valuable data furnished us concerning the convention.

### ALUMNI NOTES.

#### ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

'82—C. M. Blair is local editor of the Meadville *Morning News*.

'82—Charles E. Richmond is studying law in the office of A. B. Richmond & Son, Meadville, Pa.

'82—Charles M. Snyder, the poet of Alpha, is overseeing an orange plantation in Florida. Brother Snyder, in September last, was united in marriage to Miss Emma Harding, of Oil City, Pa. We extend best wishes to Charlie in his new undertaking.

'81—J. A. Wann was recently admitted to the Ohio bar.

'81—D. A. Gill is in business at Meadville, Pa.

'81—J. R. Andrews is practicing law in Crawford county, Pa.

'81—John E. Adams is a successful attorney at Columbia, Dakota.

'78—James Doughty is practicing law in Meadville, Pa.

'83—W. B. Best has entered the office of W. R. Bole, Meadville, Pa., as a law student.

'83—F. B. Silver and his brother, T. H. Silver, '75, will start a banking company soon, at Wellsville, Ohio.

'75—Frank Ritezel, editor of the Warren *Daily Chronicle*, has assumed the responsibility of printing THE CRESCENT for the coming year.

'79—Rev. Chas. Bruce has lately been blessed with a daughter.

#### BETA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

'64—Middleton S. Campbell, Superintendent of Public Schools, of Youngstown, Ohio, read a paper before the July meeting of the Ohio State Teachers' Association, at Chautauqua Lake, entitled, "How far can our Public School system be called a machine?" It was an able defense of the Public Schools.

'66—Joseph F. Lukens was recently re-elected to the position of Superintendent of schools, Lebanon, O., an office which he ably filled since 1878.

'69—Alfred M. Post, during 1873, United States Consul at Santiago, Cape Verde Islands, is now Judge of the Fourth Judicial District of Nebraska.

'77—William M. Tugman is an attorney in Cincinnati, Ohio, Third and Walnut streets.

'69—J. L. McMasters, a prominent attorney of the Indianapolis bar, was recently elected Mayor of that city.

#### GAMMA—WASHINGTON—JEFFERSON.

'62—Dr. Rhodes S. Sutton, while abroad last year, was elected a member of the British Medical Association. At the recent meeting of the American Gefnaecological Association in Philadelphia, he was elected a member of the council. At the annual meeting of the American Academy of Medicine in New York, he presented a paper on The Importance of Cleanliness in Surgery. In spite of his professional activity, he takes a keen interest in the fraternity.

'63—Dr. George Purviance is a surgeon in the United States Marine Corps, and has been stationed for some time at the Marine Hospital, Boston, Mass.



'66—Rev. Anthony W. Colver has been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church, at Gilead, N. Y.

'66—Rev. Orrin A. Elliott has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church, at Carson, Iowa. From 1879, to the present time, he was pastor at Farmington, Ill.

'67—Rev. William J. Bollman, who was Professor of Mathematics in the High School, of Burlington, Iowa, from 1876 to 1883, has accepted the chair of mathematics in the Presbyterian College, at Bellevue, Nebraska.

'69—Rev. Hughes O. Gibbons since 1881 has filled the pulpit of the Third Presbyterian church of Philadelphia.

'69—Rev. James H. Shields has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Carondalet, Mo., since 1877. He is a frequent contributor to the *Presbyterian*, of Philadelphia, and the *Evangelist*, of St. Louis, and occasionally to other journals.

'71—William A. Dunshee is a lawyer in Pittsburgh. He is attorney for the National Tube Works Company, of McKeesport, Pa. He is a contributor to the Pittsburgh *Legal Journal*.

'73—Johnston F. Dunshee is receiving clerk for the National Tube Works Company, McKeesport, Pa.

'75—Simeon A. Waddell is a traveling salesman for D. S. Morgan & Co., of Chicago, Ill.

'75—William M. Watson is a contributor to the Pittsburgh *Legal Journal*.

'79—Charles W. Sisson is of the firm of Crump & Sisson, Commission Merchants, 411 North Main street, Louisville, Ky.

'80—Joe More, formerly teller of the Hazlett's Bank, Washington, now occupies the same position in the Ft. Pitt Bank, of Pittsburgh.

'83—M. H. Stevenson has opened a music establishment in Chambersburg, Pa.

'83—C. B. Reid is Professor of Chemistry in Steubenville Female Seminary.

'80—James Beacom is engaged in the practice of law at Greensburg, Pa.

'80—Plummer P. Lewis is a lawyer in Steubenville, Ohio.

#### DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

'76—Alonzo T. Tullock is Superintendent of the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Works, at Leavenworth, Kansas. He was recently elected a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

'81—William W. Cook, until recently a student in the office of Condert Bros., New York, has opened a law office in the Borell building, under the style of Cook & McMahon.

'79—J. J. Ray is in the banking business, 170 Washington street, Chicago.

#### THETA—BETHANY.

'69—Henry N. Mertz was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Ohio State Teachers' Association, at its meeting in July.

'73—William C. Buchanan is a member of the firm of Weaver & Buchanan, Land Agents, Fargo, Dakota.

'80—William H. McKinley is Deputy County Clerk in Louisville, Ky.

'80—Thomas H. Stucky is a rising young physician in Louisville, Ky.

'80—Huntington K. Pendleton has charge of the Mission Disciple church, in New Albany, Indiana, and is rapidly building up a large congregation.

'80—William R. Warren is a clerk in the Fourth National Bank of Louisville, Ky.

#### KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

'70—Charles S. Bentley is a prominent lawyer in Bryan, O. He was Prosecuting Attorney for Williams county in 1876-'77.

'73—Rev. Latham A. Crandall is pastor of the Baptist church at Owego, N. Y.

'76—Rev. James W. Parsons is pastor of the Free Will Baptist church at Saco, Maine.

'78—Rev. Dudley E. Clark is pastor of the Free Will Baptist church at Davison, Mich.

'79—Rawley M. Barrus is an instructor in Pike Seminary, Pike, N. Y.



## NU—LAFAYETTE.

'82—Marcus B. Lambert is Professor of Mathematics in Nebraska College, Nebraska City.

'82—Louis G. Schultz is in the Signal Service, U. S. A., and is stationed at Fort Union, New Mexico.

'82—William A. Seibert is a member of the Medical Department of the Boston University.

'82—Orrin Serfass is a member of the Junior Class, Columbia College Law School.

## RHØ—STEVENS.

'76—William Kent is Superintendent of Sales of the Babcock & Wilcox Safety Boiler Co., New York.

'76—Albert W. Stahl, Assistant Engineer, U. S. Navy, is detailed as Professor of Mechanical Engineering in Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

'76—John M. Wallis is now Superintendent of Motive Power of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad, with headquarters in Philadelphia.

'77—Married: On Monday, July 2d, 1883, at the residence of the bride's parents, Lewis H. Nash to Miss Anna M. Archer, daughter of Alexander Archer, Esq., all of Brooklyn, N. Y.

'77—Edward A. Uhling, in June, accepted the position of chemist to the Bethlehem Steel & Iron Co., South Bethlehem, Pa.

'77—Franklin Van Winkle has resigned his position of Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the State Agricultural and Mechanical College, of Texas, and has opened an office as Consulting Engineer in New York City.

'78—Isaac W. Littell graduated in June at the Military Academy, West Point, and has been assigned to duty as Second Lieutenant in the 10th Infantry Regiment, stationed in Michigan.

'79—Married: On October 4th, 1883, at Christ church, Hackensack, N. J., by the Rev. Dr. Halley, John S. Cooke, of Paterson, N. J., to Fannie DeWolfe, daughter of W. S. Pinckney, Esq., of New York City.

'81—Married: On September 19th, 1883, at

the residence of the bride's parents, Joseph Pracy, of San Francisco, California, to Susie A. Idell, daughter of C. W. Idell, Esq., of Hoboken, N. J.

'83.—E. D. Estrada is in the employ of the Aquadores Mining Company in Cuba. Two other Deltas, John D. Ruff, Pi '82, and W. T. Goodnow, Pi '83, are in the same engineer corps.

'83—Malcom McNaughton is assistant to A. C. Humphreys, '81, engineer to the Pintsch Lighting Co., of New York.

## CHI—KENYON.

'82—Antonio A. Taltavole is a civil engineer on the Pittsburg, McKeesport & Youghiogheny R. R.

'83—Charles S. Crawford is a notary public in Pittsburgh.

'83—W. A. Childs is in business in Hamilton, Ont.

'81—E. J. Franks is studying law in Cincinnati, O.

## BETA BETA—ASBURY.

'71—At the annual meeting of the Association of Civil Engineers and Surveyors of Indiana, Hervey B. Fatout was elected President for the ensuing year.

'72—Abraham T. Keightly is a prominent physician of Louisville, Ky.

'76—Francis A. Smith has removed to Indianapolis, where he has engaged in the practice of law.

'75—Abraham T. Macey is pastor of the Methodist church at Neosho Falls, Kansas.

## XI—SIMPSON.

'66—S. M. Cart is Superintendent of city schools, Indianola, Iowa.

'79—F. T. McClure is a practicing attorney at Indianola, Iowa.

'79—Chas. W. Fish has removed to Winfield, Kansas, where he will practice medicine.

'80—E. M. Holmes, of Garrett's Biblical Institute, is preaching in the Des Moines Conference.

## EPSILON—ALBION.

'81—G. E. Swarthout has recently been elect-



ed to the chair of Natural Science in the Peoria (Ill.) college.

'83—Brother Carrier is studying Theology in Auburn, N. Y.

'83—Brother Graham is Principal of the Roseville (Mich.) public schools.

ETA—BUCHTEL.

'74—C. R. Knight has opened up a civil engineer's office on Howard street, Akron, O.

'82—M. E. Bourne is at his home, Contreras, Ohio.

'76—A. B. Turker, L. L. B., is instructor in Constitutional, Inter-National and Municipal Law at Buchtel College.

MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

'82—F. W. Marchant has entered the Senior class at Cincinnati Law School.

'79—Prof. C. B. Austin has been elected Registrar of Monnet Hall, O. W. U.

'82—E. C. Beach is Superintendent of Schools of Johnstown, O.

Following appointments were made by the Cincinnati Conference:

'82—Rev. E. W. Hetzler, Pendleton, Cincinnati, O.

'72—Rev. John A. Story, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O.

'74—Rev. B. F. Dimmick, Christy Chapel, 442 Court street, Cincinnati, O.

'70—Rev. D. D. Cheney, Seven Mile, O.

'72—Rev. M. M. Kugler, Davison Chapel, Dayton, O.

Ohio Conference:

'82—Rev. B. F. McElfresh, McArthur, O.

'71—Rev. W. P. McLaughlin, Lancaster, O.

'72—Rev. D. Y. Murdock, Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Central Ohio Conference:

'72—Rev. J. H. Bethards, Sydney, Ohio.

TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

'80—Benjamin F. Bausman is pastor of the Reformed church at Shepardstown, W. Va.

'80—Ciarus W. Levan is settled as pastor of the Reformed church at Ridgely, Md.

Brother George W. Geiser, T, '75, has been nominated for District Attorney of Northampton county, Pa. The Northampton *Democrat* thus speaks of him:

"George W. Geiser, the nominee, was born September 21st, 1852, and is just thirty-one years of age. He graduated in the classical course at Franklin and Marshal College, Lancaster, Pa., in 1875. On his return from college he began reading law under Judge Henry Green, now one of the Supreme Court Justices of the State, and was admitted to practice February 22, 1878. Mr. Geiser speaks fluently the German as well as the English. He is courteous, prompt, industrious and faithful in the discharge of his duties; a good lawyer, a pleasing, clear and forcible speaker. His large practice has made him thoroughly acquainted with the routine business of the courts, and being popular among the people and in the profession with his signal qualities, gentlemanly bearing and sterling honor, the people of Northampton county may well feel honored in selecting so worthy a gentleman to the office."

## CHAPTER LETTERS.

### ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

The opening of the 67th year of the college found a largely increased number of new students, the larger part of whom entered the college classes. The renewed interest taken in the college by its alumni and friends has considerably brightened the future prospects of Allegheny, and she bids fair to soon take the high rank to which her age and conservatism entitle her. Dr. Wheeler, the new President, is an able and brilliant man, and is doing a noble work for the institution.

The chapter opened the year with eight members. To these we have since added J. H. Dick, J. E. Porter, W. B. Fulton and W. J. Bryan. With this membership we consider ourselves



sufficiently strong to conduct the affairs of the chapter properly and maintain our high standing in the city and college.

In the preparation of our catalogue list we find the exact whereabouts of S. J. Moyer, Greenville, Pa., and C. M. Carnahan, Pittsburg, Pa., are unknown. The above are their addresses when last heard from. We wish to obtain the middle names of Joshua M. Cooper, Mahlon B. Saxon, Jno. O. Brown, Jno. V. Cracraft, Edward M. Powers, C. M. Carnahan and Edward O. Watrous. Any person knowing any of the above particulars will confer a favor to the chapter by addressing H. W. Plummer, Meadville, Pa.

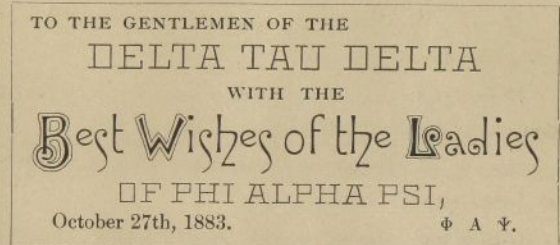
The Choctaws still maintain their pre-eminence in the Military Department of the college. Major Pullman, of the 7th U. S. Cavalry, is the new Commandant, having in June been detailed to take charge. In his appointments recently made, the following offices fell to the boys of Alpha: Captains, Day and Guthrie; Adjutant, Plummer; First Lieutenants, D. Merrick and Baldwin; Second Lieutenant, McClurg; Drum-Major, Bryan; Corporals, E. Merrick and Fulton.

On the evening of October 13th we took possession of our new rooms. Without boasting, we can say that no hall in the city surpasses the Delta Tau Delta Lodge Room, in beauty of design and elegance of appointments. In addition to this room we have two other large rooms, an ante-room and a gallery for ways "dark and devious," where immortal Ptu-Tsang reigns with horrid glare, and where the first sacrifices of the neophyte are offered up to the names of Wah-ne-ho. To the liberality of our alumni, the pleasant surroundings of the chapter are due. Our resident members, especially, responded with a generosity which made our hearts glow. To complete furnishing the rooms in a suitable style will require a further expenditure of visible means, and that the same will be forthcoming is beyond reasonable doubt.

In connection with the club rooms we have

started a library, each member of the chapter contributing a number of books, thus forming the nucleus of what we trust will grow to a large and valuable library. At different times in the history of the chapter a library was started, but owing to various adverse circumstances the scheme failed of success. In its present home there exist no reasons why failure should again discredit the efforts of the chapter. The fostering care of the chapter and its members will insure its final and complete success.

On the evening of the 27th last the chapter was agreeably surprised by the present of a very fine steel engraving, elegantly framed, a valuable addition to our new hall. This kind gift bore the following card:



#### NU—LAFAYETTE.

Chapter Nu celebrated the close of the fourth year of her activity with her annual banquet, to which occasion we can all look back with pride and pleasure, and which more firmly resolved us to return early after vacation, and do earnest work for Delta Tau Delta.

After spending a most pleasant vacation of nearly two months and a half, we came back to college all well equipped for doing active work in both Fraternity and College affairs.

Nu entered upon the fifth year of her existence with ten good working members, and now has increased the number to twelve. The two who have been initiated this term are Julius D. Earl, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Harry D. Saylor, Pittston, Pa.

In the recent elections Bro. N. B. Camp, was elected college President, and Bro. A. C. Campbell was chosen President of the Athletic Asso-



ciation. The college Secretary is also a Delta.

A most enjoyable feature of our chapter heretofore, has been a number of our alumni residing in our midst, but we are sorry to realize that this will now cease. Bro. Serfass, who has always taken an active enthusiastic interest in our prosperity, left us a week ago for Columbia Law School. Bro. Seibert intends to pursue the study of medicine during the coming year in Boston. Bro. Welder, is attending a school of pharmacy in Philadelphia. Bro. Walter is attending medical lectures, at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. While we miss the presence of these, yet there remain still some resident members. Among them is Bro. G. W. Geyser, of Tau class of '75, of whom Delta Tau can well be proud. Bro. Geyser justly merited the nomination for District Attorney of this large county, which was given him by the Democracy a week ago, and as his nomination is equivalent to an election in this county, we feel assure that he will perform the duties of his office, with attention, ability and honor.

It was with sorrow that we all failed to attend the last Annual Convention, as some of us fully expected to be there. We hope next year to be able to turn out.

#### GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Delta Tau Delta was well represented on the Commencement stage last June, Brothers Reid, Stevenson, Frasher and Clark being in the graduating class. Brother Reid took first honor in his class, and was also one of the successful competitors in the examination for the Jones prize in physics, taking second prize. We, who remain, deeply feel the loss which has been sustained by their departure, and wish them abundant success in the battle of life.

We started out this year with five men, two Seniors, one Sophomore, one Freshman and a Senior Prep., and have since added another man to our number, who was anxiously desired by others. We are happy to introduce to the fra-

ternity Brothers Joe Force, '87, of Pittsburgh, Pa., a gentleman in whom are combined all the qualities of a true Delta; and ere the next issue of THE CRESCENT we expect to initiate another into our mystic circle.

We understand that Gamma has been criticised for her weakness in numbers. True, we are not many, but those whom we do take in we are proud of, and feel certain that they will compare favorably with those in any other fraternity.

Brother Jim Stewart, who came from Alpha last year, after spending a few days among us last week, concluded to betake himself again to the oil regions.

We were disappointed in not being represented at the annual convention at Indianapolis, an unforeseen circumstance preventing the presence of our delegate on that occasion.

Several of our boys have procured badges, and the crescent and stars adorn the breasts of every member.

#### RHO—STEVENS.

Rho commences the new year with seventeen active members, thirteen of whom are undergraduates, and eight of whom reside out of town.

The prospect of Stevens is continually looking brighter, and notwithstanding the fact that the standard of admission has been raised, yet the Freshman class is the largest ever known at the institute. They number about sixty men, which are too many for our accommodations.

We are sorry that Rho was not better represented in numbers at the convention, particularly because many who would have gone were prevented by accident from doing so, at the last minute. Next year, however, we hope to be present in much larger numbers.

As all know, the catalogue is in press and the time for its appearance grows less and less. Few can appreciate the amount of labor and time which has been spent in making up correct lists.

The Color and Vignette Committees were again referred to Rho, and those desiring



either of these articles can have them at any time.

Our next Corresponding Secretary will be Brother Richard H. Rice, '85, whose present address is 392 Bloomfield street, Hoboken, N. J., and thus with the introduction of a more capable correspondent, I beg leave to bid THE CRESCENT readers adieu. E. H. FOSTER.

#### UPSILON—RENSSELAER.

Once more we are back to Troy, and our glorious R. P. I. The scholastic year having opened on the 13th ult., under very favorable auspices, as the members of the upper classes returned in full force and the Freshman class number about seventy.

The year promising so favorably for the institute has also an encouraging outlook for our chapter, and as a starter we have already initiated one man, Joseph H. Hearne, '86, of Wheeling, W. Va., on whom we had our eye during last year, and finally succeeded in enrolling, although several of our rivals were very anxious to add him to their chapter list.

We now number nine men, Brother Carey not having returned, but we have several others in view and hope ere long to add them to those already on our roll.

We moved from our old room at the *Times* building, last year, not having accommodations there to suit our purposes.

Our new rooms are now in the Hall building, and when we have finished furnishing them, will not be surpassed by any others in Troy.

Brother Ranney, '85, has been chosen as assistant editor on the institute annual, the *Transit*.

Theta Xi had, at the opening of the year, ten men; Delta Phi, thirteen; Zeta Psi, five; Delta Kappa Epsilon, twelve; Chi Phi, fourteen.

#### BETA GAMMA—COLUMBIA.

Our college opened with a very good Freshman class, numbering about a hundred, many of whom appear to be excellent men.

We have in prospect three men from '87 and one from '86, besides one law school and one

medical school man. We have also a man in '85 whom we are vigorously working, with a fair chance of success, even though opposed by one of the largest chapters in the college.

All things considered, we feel much encouraged and look forward to the coming year as a critical one for us, and therefore it behooves us all to put our respective shoulders honestly to the wheel, and we hope by our united efforts to turn that same wheel as far as we wish.

We have received an addition to our members from Chapter Nu. Brother Serfass, who was graduated at Lafayette in '83, and who was one of the honor men, has joined our law school and enrolled himself in our ranks.

The difficulty under which we labored last year, was the fact that we were not known at all. By this time the college has seen the "Columbiad," our year book, and we have shown our pins so much that almost everyone knows of our existence as a chapter at Columbia.

#### MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

As I take up the song where my predecessor left off, I sing the praises of a worthy Senior, who has just passed within the veil. Brother W. F. Anderson, who was last year a student at West Virginia State University, has placed his name on the roll book where Austin's, of '83, was. Another, who has lately been pledged, will soon follow in the foot-steps of Cheney; and so we are again made whole.

It has been frequently remarked by members of all fraternities, that the students, who have entered the O. W. U. this fall, are larger in number, better in quality and greater in variety, than for several years previous. Although there have been only three initiations up to the present writing, fraternities have not been idle. We have met the majority of them in the fight and they are ours.

The law forbidding the initiation of preparatory students has been a great blessing. One man said to a Delta recently: "That law is all that saved our chapter from getting a lot



of 'chumps' last year." To be sure, it is violated by one or two fraternities, but they only injure themselves by so doing.

A table is given below, showing the number of men in each fraternity here, and their distribution among the classes. It includes about one-fourth of the college students. It will be noticed that Delta Tau Delta is weak in the lower classes, but we speak knowingly when we say that this will be materially changed before many days.

	ΔΤΔ	ΦΓΔ	ΦΚΨ	ΒΘΠ	ΧΦ	ΦΕΘ	ΣΧ	TOTAL
'84	5	4	0	4	3	5	2	22
'85	6	2	5	2	3	1	1	20
'86	0	3	5	4	0	0	0	13
'87	1	3	2	1	2	2	1	12
TOTAL	12	12	12	11	8	8	4	67

During the last year, Mu has been enabled to communicate with nearly every one of her graduates, through her alumni Secretary. Brother Brook Cheney will endeavor to cultivate their better acquaintance this coming year. His address will be lock-box, 1,180.

Brother Gilbert Austin, '83, has entered the Ohio Conference, and is stationed at Wheelersburg. Brother Wood Cheney, '83, is studying law with General John H. Young, of Urbana, Ohio. Brothers Marchant and McElfresh agreeably surprised us with a call at the opening of the term. On the 13th of last month we were glad to welcome Brothers Herrlinger, Harris and Reed, of Chi, who came with the Kenyon Base Ball Club to play a match game with our college nine.

The work, which was placed in the hands of Mu by the convention, is being diligently pushed forward. We expect to have it ready to present to the Division Conference for consideration and revision, in order that it may be in a definite form for the action of the next convention. Let every chapter of the Second arrange for a full representation at the conference. It will be held at Akron in February.

Mu sends greeting to all good Deltas.

#### CHI—KENYON.

We are glad to say we are here again, and in

better condition than we have been in for two years. We enroll in our number two of Eighty-seven's valiant sons.

A. L. Herrlinger, '83, is conducting the department of Latin and German in the Kenyon Grammar School. These together with your correspondent make four from on "the hill," and we expect to increase this number before long. We are moreover encouraged in having several pledged in the Grammar School who will be in College from time to time. E. J. Franks, '81, who is studying law in Cincinnati, has been with us for some weeks. B. L. McElroy, '82 Z. B., is studying law at Mt. Vernon, five miles distant and makes us frequent visits. These two loyal Deltas, by their social acquirements and active labors, have been a great help to Ohio.

Our two graduates of '83, bore off the first and second honors of the class, one of them having the next highest grade of any one who has graduated from our College.

We hope to continue to send some good news to THE CRESCENT and its readers, and thus we hope to make up for the shortness of our letters by reporting steady progression in our Chapter.

W. S. Johnston, '85, is interested at his home in Van Wert, Ohio.

J. C. Williams, '85, is in one of the government departments at Washington, D. C.

#### PSI—WOOSTER.

The new year has opened, and we are looking forward to another nine months of fraternal work and pleasure. Delta Tau at Wooster is on a firm basis. The loss of eight most active of "actives" in last year's class left Psi rather weak in numbers, but strong in purpose and in devotion to Delta principles.

Starting with nine men, we initiated at our first meeting, two who had been much sought after by other fraternities during the past year, and who are proving first-class Deltas. Our new brothers are, Ira N. Wise, '88, and Lister Pomerene, '88. You will hear of them again. We have our eyes on several other men who give promise of good, and have two pledged.



By judicious selection and good work we hope to keep Psi to the high standard she has raised and maintained from the start.

Our situation here—in contrast with five other chapters who all initiate preparatory students—renders it necessary for us to do likewise if we would not lose some of the best men who come here. In principle we should prefer to initiate only collegiate students, but circumstances have a wonderful influence in modifying our exercise of such principles.

With high hopes for her own prosperity, and best wishes for all, Psi offers all the chapters heartiest greeting.

### ZETA—ADELBERT

Starting as we are, upon the threshold of another year, with prospects brighter than ever, for the establishment of Delta Tau Delta on firmer footing than before, it is but fitting that we, the active members, should express our gratitude to the devotion and untiring energy of our alumni in promoting and sustaining the influence of this grand old fraternity. It seems to me a little vanity is not unpardonable, for in glancing over the columns of other fraternity journals our eyes fall upon words of praise, and whose heart is so callous as not to be softened and strengthened thereby?

We begin the year's work with but four active members, all earnest, loyal Deltas, who are willing and ready to do hard work for the "beautiful and the true."

With '83 we lost two worthy Brothers, who have gone forth to struggle with the world. Brother McLane is at Norwalk, Ohio, principal of the High School. Brother Bemis is at present wrestling with Blackstone in this city.

We greatly miss the wisdom and good council of both of them.

We have as yet initiated no new men, but we have two or three under consideration whom we trust we can inveigle into the bonds of Deltaism.

We are all Sophomores and of course our experience in fraternity matters is somewhat lim-

ited, therefore we wish the aid and council of every Delta.

K. B.

### ETA—BUCHTEL.

Eta commenced the year's work with thirteen strong, evenly balanced men. We have since initiated one man, a thorough Greek and a royal good fellow, F. H. Stewart of the Freshman class. Two more men, over whom there has been quite a severe struggle, have pledged themselves to us. The fact of the matter is, we can say without exaggeration, we get what we go after every time.

The boys are all hard at work for the new hall. The alumni and actives are responding liberally to the call for financial assistance, so we shall be ready to dedicate at the Second Division Conference, to be held at Eta's home, in February. And just here let me say to the boys of the Second Division, that we have a reputation for hospitality down at Buchtel, and we will not suffer it to diminish next February. Come one and all, for you are sure of a hearty welcome. Through an unfortunate misunderstanding, the prep. question is once more before us. The league is broken, and we are once more burdened with all the vexations attending this matter. For ourselves we say, we did not initiate a prep. during the existence of the contract.

Marriages seem to be the order of the day for Delta boys. Brother Lew T. Wolle, of Pi, was recently united to Miss Cora D. Seiberling, daughter of one of Akron's richest business men, and an acknowledged belle and social leader.

Brother Geo. W. Seiber, not to be outdone in any good work, has taken to himself Miss Elsie Motz, of Middleburg, Pa., a lady whose charming ways won for her a host of friends during her short stay here last winter.

Brother Harris, of Sigma, is the popular principal of the Sixth Ward Schools.

P. J. Twiggs is a student with Spencer, at Cleveland, Ohio.



T. P. Twiggs is one of the instructors in the Spencerian Business College, at Detroit.

D. E. Twiggs, at his home in La Clede, Mo., has been adding another Twiggs to the family tree. It is a boy.

E. T. Felt succeeds A. E. Hyre in the editorship and management of the *Record*, our college journal. The first number is very creditable to Brother Felt. We hope he will keep the *Record* up to the high standard to which Brother Hyre, its founder and first editor, brought it.

Brother Mansfield, of Psi, made us a very pleasant call, yesterday.

H. E. Rice will not be with us this year. He has charge of his father's milling interests, at Portland, Mich.

Brother H. K. Ramsey was one of those who carried off highest honors at Chautauqua last August.

Brothers Smith and Canfield are at Tuff's College, Mass. The boys are doing well in their new field of labor. Smith walked away with everything in his class in organic chemistry. This was a habit "Vic" had while with us and we are glad to see him sustain his record.

Brothers P. R. Miller, '81, and J. A. Mortz, '82, are taking law with the Senior class.

Brother E. N. Harned, who took the first prize in essay in our contest last spring, has taken another prize—she is a very estimable young lady and they were married on the 17th instant.

#### THETA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

I feel a certain amount of diffidence in sending you this letter, the first which Theta Beta chapter has produced since she came into existence, for I know that the letter ought to have been forthcoming some time ago. The delay was my fault and I plead guilty accordingly.

Theta Beta chapter has now been in existence nearly four months.

Brother Colvin, of B, ushered her into the

University of the South with due and fitting solemnity. Early in the month of June, and since the date of her birth, she has been steadily growing and gaining fresh strength and energy.

We started out with *seven* active members, two of whom have since left. We now number, after a brief four months' existence, *ten active members*, which makes five new members since we began our eventful career.

We have, through the kindness of friends, been in possession of a chapter house, from the very commencement of our existence as a chapter, and are looking forward to the time when we shall be able to enlarge our dominions.

Our position at this University is all that can be desired. With reference to the other fraternities who have chapters here, viz: Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma. I am glad to be able to say that our relations are of the friendliest possible nature.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter is the largest at present in the University, but they will have to look out for themselves, or Delta Tau Delta will be outstripping them.

Of course, owing to the small number of students, (not many more than 160) there is a considerable amount of competition and excitement evinced in the Greek World of Sewanee, over every new and promising face.

But I am glad to say that we have been most fortunate in all our undertakings. We have chosen all our men, with due deliberation and care, and I may say, I think, with pardonable pride, that Theta Beta chapter can, young as she is, hold her own with any chapter in the fraternity.

In writing this, my first letter, I have been necessarily compelled to speak chiefly of the foundation of the chapter; but now that the ice is broken, I hope I shall be enabled to send a monthly chapter letter to swell the contents of *THE CRESCENT*.



## SIGMA—MT. UNION.

We begin the year with six *active* members. Our little bark, which heretofore has been tossed on the waves of everybody's hospitality, was, on Commencement Day, launched upon the sea of Deltaism, and now with a willing crew of actives and alumni, she glides peacefully onward—ever onward.

The year commences with excellent prospects, both for Sigma and for the college. The latter, during the past year, has taken several important steps. The faculty states that it is *no longer hostile* to fraternities. The college debt has been liquidated. Two new Professors have been added to the faculty. Three thousand dollars worth of improvements have been made, and improvements are still going on.

Brothers D. W. Waugh, of '84, and J. B. Tedrow, of '82, enter upon the study of medicine at Michigan University.

Brother J. R. Jacobs, of '81, stopped with us on his way to his Conference appointment.

Brother M. E. Dunn, having joined the U. P. church, which forbids its members belonging to any secret order, applied for and received an honorable dismissal.

Last year, for the first time, we entertained the ladies at our annual banquet. This year, besides having the fair ones with us, we enjoyed the presence of two of the Professors. It was a brilliant affair. The supper was big, the fun bigger.

Chapter Alpha Nu of Alpha Tau Omega begins the year with six actives, and chapter Alpha of Delta Gamma with five.

## DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We begin the campaign for the new year with ten members in the literary department, one post-graduate, three Seniors, one Junior and five Sophomores. Of these one is Brother Norton, of K, a graduate of Hillsdale College, who will take a second degree here. One of the Sophomores is Brother Hunt, for whom we have to thank Beta Beta. Other valued members are Brothers Waugh and Tedrow, of Sigma,

who both enter the medical department, and Brother Waller, of Kappa, who enters the law.

We were more than delighted to welcome back Brother Haire, of the class of '80. He has been teaching since his graduation, and now returns to enter the law department. Our alumni will be glad to know that we shall have the invaluable aid of his advice to guide us through the stormy ways of college politics for the next two years. Brother Baldwin, of '84, who was absent last year, is back and will graduate with his class.

We have all settled down to work, and a more loyal and enthusiastic body of Deltas was never seen. It will be long before we cease to miss the magnificent lot of men, who left us last year to carry the principles of Deltaism into the outer world. Yet the thought of them gives us new energy, for we feel that they have left in our hands a sacred trust, to which we shall be false if we fail to keep Delta Chapter up to the high standard to which they, with the other alumni of the Chapter, had brought her. Delta Chapter is proud of her alumni, although their number is not yet large, and love for them and a feeling of responsibility to them are two of the feelings which control our actions.

As our college year begins somewhat later than at most institutions, we have not yet much to report. On the first evening of the college year we initiated our first Freshman, whom I am glad to introduce, Chas. H. Prescott. He is of the stuff of which good Deltas are made. I expect, before long, to report other additions to our number.

The bad luck, which we always expect to be mingled with our prosperity, has come this fall in this shape: Brothers Springer and Ware are unable to return. Brother Ware, who was our S. A. last year, and one of our forward fraters, is obliged to go to Colorado in search of health. He hopes to be able to return next year. His departure leaves us but one Junior, out of the five we have initiated, out of that class; and he—your humble servant—sadly confesses that his



lonesome condition is far from being an example of the survival of the fittest. We have lost four fine fellows from the class of '85.

Everything points to a prosperous year for the U. of M. The Freshman class of the literary department is considerably larger than last year, numbering about two hundred. *Some* of the boys are glad to observe that the number of co-ed's is smaller than last year. I understand only forty-five enter with the new class. The fine new library building will soon be ready, and the books will be moved before Christmas. It is expected that the library will be greatly enlarged immediately after that event.

#### EPSILON—ALBION.

Epsilon never entered a year more auspiciously than she has this one. Fourteen sons of our Delta Queen gathered in the halls of Epsilon, Saturday evening, September 22d, to renew old friendships and sing the songs of good old Delta Tau Delta. Then when we gathered around the social board the old ties were bound more strongly about our hearts. We are pleased to meet and greet in our family circle our old Brothers, Hicks, Cox and Whitney. These fraters have lost none of the spirit, even though they have not been under the direct influence of our shining Crescent for some time.

It is our sad duty to chronicle the death of Brother Geo. L. Bailey, M. D., a member of the class of '76, who died at his home, Battle Creek, Commencement morning last. Brother Bailey was one of our charter members. This is the first time our chapter circle, of over eighty Brothers, has been broken, and in our affliction we feel that truly death has gathered one of the choicest sheaves.

Allow me to introduce to the fraternity Brother M. O. Reed, '85, "Our Babe." His initiation indelibly impressed on Brother Reed's mind (and body) the fact that Delta Tau Delta is a "literary" fraternity.

#### BETA BETA—ASBURY.

The college year at Asbury has opened with the brightest of prospects, both for the University and for B. B.

Mr. C. W. Depaus' magnificent donation of three hundred thousand dollars immediately, and forty-five per cent. of his estate, may be considered to have been secured. This makes Asbury one of the largest colleges West of the Alleghenies.

We commenced the year with fifteen men. One of these, Mr. John M. Cassel, of the class of '87, was expelled by a unanimous vote. His loss, however, has been more than made up in our new initiate, Brother Edgar W. Chittenden, whom we take pleasure in introducing to the Delta world.

Prof. J. N. Study is still at the helm of the Public Schools of Greencastle.

We have been encouraged by the return to college of Brothers G. E. Nolin, who was out last year, W. L. Williamson, who left on account of sickness, and Will Crose.

Brother G. E. Hunt has gone to Ann Arbor, Mich.

Brother Arthur Troop, class of '80, is teaching science in the High School.

Fraternity news is rather scarce here, as you have discovered from the above.

John M. Cassel was received into the Phi Kappa Psi Chapter here, after having been expelled from Delta Tau Delta.

And now, Brother Deltas, we have appeared, for the first time, on the stage of THE CRESCENT, and, having made our best bow will retire,

#### BETA IOTA—ADRIAN.

Again from our scattered homes we have assembled at college. The fifth year of I. B. at Adrian has passed, and as her members enter upon the sixth, they are resolved more than ever to work for her interests.

The class of '83 contained eight Deltas. We feel their loss deeply, but those residing near the



college still enliven our meetings by their presence. In the Commencement Oratorical Contest, W. H. Howard was victorious against the chief of the Barbs, and at the meeting of the trustees he was elected to the Chair of Natural Science. He spent the summer at Harvard, pursuing post graduate work, and is now with us, none the less "one of the boys" because of his position.

We begin the year with but six active members, with the hope that one or two of our boys may return during the term, and an initiation just ahead. In spirit we are strong, weak only in numbers, but we purpose to take only the best men, after we are so well acquainted with them, that there can be no mistake.

With the general result of the convention we are satisfied, but hope that in the future questions of importance to the fraternity may be more widely discussed, in order that delegates may be given more than a few hours to think upon a question before they are compelled to vote. Questions relating to government and charters, at least, ought to be discussed in a fraternity journal. If they are not, the very object of the journal, the disseminating of important fraternity matters, will be defeated. If we would prosper we must discuss, and the columns of THE CRESCENT is the place.

#### LAMBDA—LOMBARD.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity our two initiates of last June, Brothers Hiram H. Harris and Douglas Dunovan. They are of the class of '87, and if "Rome don't howl" when they step up to the ring, we miss our calculation.

Our boys are back to the number of ten and answer to roll call as follows:

Gruff, our Prof.

Brunson, the songster.

Welch, the gentleman from Spoon river.

Small, the poet.

Crum, the preacher.

Boron, the farmer.

Harris, the aesthete.

Dunovan, the hard-hitter.

Davies, our kid—and

Yours truly, unclassified.

The grand "silver spoke" convention is still fresh in memory. It seems that we had lived twenty-five years before we knew the founder of Old Delta Tau, but what Deltas of us left Indianapolis, who did not feel that in W. R. Cunningham we had a father, indeed? And then Kappa's loyal son and our royal Brother? It seems that again I hear his heart-tones speaking kindly to us, and again the Delta cheers that greeted Brother Carleton as his poem ended. That was a convention, indeed; may it not be our last.

Brother Charles E. Brewster, '83, is now in Minneapolis, Minn. We miss him much. He entered Lambda as a private and was mustered out as captain of his company.

Brother James W. Carney, '83, is at Tufts, having entered upon a theological course of three years. Jim has always been our genius. The future will hear from him.

#### OMEGA—IOWA STATE.

Omega is still alive and prosperous, notwithstanding the "anti" movement which was inaugurated in 1881, and has been waged with all the venom and malignity that a forlorn hope inspires. Last year the anti's, in their frantic efforts for our expulsion, took our case to the Board of Trustees, who referred it to the faculty, and the latter body laid it on the table. But for all they thought we were dead, as we did not do anything in the way of new members, till a couple of weeks ago, at which time we took in twelve Freshmen, whereat our enemies woke up to the realization of the fact that we were "not dead, but sleeping." Then the class, urged by others who had "sour grapes," called a meeting and made an attempt to pass resolutions debarring all members of the class who had joined the Deltas from class privileges. The first meeting was a failure on the part of the anti's, still no one knows where or how it will end.

Thus you see we are not sleeping on "flowery



beds of ease" by any means. We are few in a school of about three hundred students, nearly all of whom, outside of the fraternity, are against us. Hence, if any of us hold an office in a literary society, or in class, or are put on for an oratorical contest, it is simply on individual merit. Nevertheless, we are not discouraged, but mean to keep the Royal Purple, &c., floating till the last armed foe expires, or else furnish a Thermopylae in the defense of Delta Tau.

It will not be possible for me to furnish you a letter of any interest each month, owing to the fact that our school year opens in March and closes in November, hence we have about four months vacation during the winter.

This year we have only two Seniors, both of whom have finished their courses and gone out to take charge of graded schools. They will come back to Commencement exercises.

The other alumni of last year and farther back are all climbing upward in the world.

We had a reunion of Deltas and our sister fraternity, the I. C.'s, here in June, at which many of the older Taus were present.

### XI—SIMPSON.

Xi is anxious to make her bow and say "good morning" to all the chapters—a kind of fraternal nod, as it were, to each. She is somewhat proud of her list of eighteen subscribers, since they all are from active members. Xi has fifteen men in college this term. Brothers C. H. Miller and F. L. Davis are Seniors; O. A. Kennedy, E. E. Kelley, J. F. Conrad, C. W. Johnson, O'Neal and Ashly, Juniors; M. Daily, T. D. Murphy, Sophomores; Badley, Hull, R. Thompson, Russell, Freshmen; W. S. Kelley, Senior Prep; Brothers R. O. Miller, F. L. Denman, W. A. Lee and W. T. Thompson are not with us this term.

Brothers Hull and Badley, who have been rusticated for some time, are with us again.

Simpson has an attendance of two hundred this term. If Xi needed new members there would be a good field to select from. There is a good opening now for another fraternity.

Xi has her share of college honors. C. H. Miller is editor-in-chief of the *Simpsonian*; E. E. Kelley and J. F. Conrad are assistants; Morris Daily is the Business Manager; T. L. Davis is President of the Everett Society; Kennedy, Conrad and E. E. Kelley will orate in the Oratorical Contest.

### THE NECROLOGY OF THE YEAR.

The following includes the names of all whose death was reported to the convention of 1883, as having occurred during the previous year. It is probably far from complete. All members of the Fraternity are earnestly requested to promptly report to the Catalogue Committee any deaths which may come under their notice, specifying in every instance the date and place of death:

George L. Bailey, E, '76—died June 21st, 1883, at Battle Creek, Mich.

John William Albertson, P, '82—Died Sept. 22d, 1883, at Independence, Pa.

William Andrew Collins, P, '60—Died May 18th, 1883, at Madison, Ind.

Hustan Thomas Gould, M, '70—Died January 18th, 1883, at Center College, O.

Ray Willis Labertue, E, '85—Died March 6th, 1883, at Indianola, Iowa.

Isaac Lindsey Lucas, E, '77—Died October 6th, 1882, at Indianola, Iowa.

Godeave Stoner Orth, N1, '52—Died December 16th, 1882, at Lafayette, Ind.

Samuel A. Redding, K, '71—Died ———, 1883, at Fort Janes, Cal.

William Allen Tralter, P, '85—Died December 24th, 1883, at Savoy, Texas.

William Ellsworth Wiley, M, '83—Died Sept. 15th, 1883, at Cincinnati, O.

Thomas Francis Wiedes, B, '67—Died March 28th, 1883, at Akron, O.

Frank Thompson Ward, BZ, '86—Drowned August 11th, 1883, in Lake Mascin, Luckee, Ind.

### INITIATES.

#### PSI—WOOSTER.

Thomas Parker Berry, '88, Barnesville, O.

Ira Allen Wise, '88, Berlin, O.

#### ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

John Henry Dick, '87, Meadville, Pa.

John Ebbert Porter, '87, Sewickley, Pa.

William Baskin Fulton, '87, Sandy Lake, Pa.

William James Bryan, '87, Titusville, Pa.

#### DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Charles Holden Prescott, '87, Bay City, Mich.

Frederick William Guild, East Saginaw, Mich.



John Alexander McDonald, '87, Bay City, Mich.

BETA BETA—ASBURY.

Edgar Warden Chittenden, '87, Anderson, Ind.

IOTA—MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL.

John Lewis Dawson, '87, Bay City, Mich.

Charles Benjamin Hayes, '86, Kalamazoo, Mich.

BETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

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## GREEK WORLD.

Congressmen William S. Holman and Thos. A. Ward, of Indiana, are members of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

$B \Theta \Pi$  granted chapters to Amherst and Dartmouth at her Saratoga Convention in August.

Congressman Wm. H. Calkins, of Indiana, was made an honorary member of the Asbury chapter of  $\Phi K \Psi$  at the last commencement.

$\Delta K E$  held its annual convention with the Omicron chapter at Ann Arbor, Michigan, Oct 16th and 17th, 1883.

The Nineteenth General Convention of Phi Gamma Delta was held at the Bates House Indianapolis, Indiana, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 28th, 29th and 30th, 1883. Twenty of the twenty-eight active chapters were represented. Chapters were withdrawn from the Eta at Marietta, and the Nu at Bethel. No charters granted. No action taken on the Prep. question. Subscription to the fraternity Journal, was made compulsory upon all active members. Will Alvin Belt, '84 of Theta Deuteron at the Ohio Wesleyan, was elected Editor of the *Phi Gamma Delta* to be published at Delaware, Ohio, during the coming year. The Banquet was held on Wednesday evening. The Literary Exercises held in the dining room of the Bates, Thursday evening, consisted of an oration by John Clark Ridpath, L. L. D., of Asbury, on "Study of the Present," and a poem by Prof. M. H. Richards, of Muhlenberg College with "Ego and Aliter" as its subject. The next convention will be held at

Pittsburg, Pa., in August, 1884, under the auspices of the Alpha.

Professor Anna Downey, of Asburg, is a  $K A \Theta$ .

Hon. James H. Smart, the newly elected President, of Asbury, is an honorary member of  $\Sigma X$ .

The next convention of  $B \Theta \Pi$ , will be held at Cleveland, O., in August, 1884.

Virginia Delta of  $\Theta K \Psi$  at Bethany, W. V., had only one active member at the close of last year.

$\Sigma X$  has entered University of Wisconsin.

$X \Psi$  will soon add another to the list of fraternity journals.

$Z \Psi$  has two Canadian chapters.

*Sigma Nu Delta* is one of the new faces that greet us this year. It is a prepossessing monthly of 24 pages, and will undoubtedly be a blessing to the fraternity it represents.

$E N \Delta$  has ten chapters distributed through Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Alabama and Georgia.

$Z \Psi$  has published her new catalogue which shows a grand total of 2,724 members. It is one of the finest fraternity publications that it has been our pleasure to see. The fraternity was founded in 1846.

$K \Sigma$  owes its origin to the association of three of its founders as members of a secret university organization in Europe, called Kairgaith Sepher. It was founded at University of Virginia in 1867.

Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma and Kappa Kappa Gamma have chapters in North-western University.

It seems that the ban under which fraternities rested at Vanderbilt University has been removed at last, to a partial extent. Phi Delta Theta by virtue of an address to the Faculty and Board of Trustees, has been permitted to come out from under the rose into the light of day. Being the only fraternity recognized at Vanderbilt, she has had no difficulty in enrolling the honor men, and the correspondent for the *Seroll* goes into ecstasies over this most natural result of having the field all to herself. Instead of being a source of gratification, the absence of opposition should be to Phi Delta Theta a regret, and her efforts should now be directed to the complete overthrow of the restrictions against secret societies at Vanderbilt.— $\Phi K \Psi$  *Shield*.

"The Zeta Psi Fraternity was the first of the American college fraternities to extend a welcome to a Chapter outside of the United States. In 1879, at the University of Toronto Canada, the Theta Xi Chapter was instituted."—*Zeta Psi, Monthly*.

The above is incorrect; for,  $X \Phi$  in 1867 founded a chapter at Edinburgh University, Scotland, which did not flourish, however, owing to the wide difference in the character of the material found there from that in the home of the Fraternity System—the United States—and subsequently died.— $\Phi K \Psi$  *Shield*.

Torch and Crown, the only remaining local society of Amherst, has gone into  $B \Theta \Pi$ .

Chi Psi expects to have her Chapter house at Amherst completed before the end of the winter term.

The forty-eighth annual convention of  $B \Theta \Pi$  met at Saratoga, N. Y., the last four days in August. The mornings only were devoted to business, while the afternoons and



evenings were passed agreeably in excursions, hops, banquets, etc. A charter was granted to Amherst, while several applications were refused. The next convention will meet at Cleveland, Ohio, the last week in August, 1884.

The subscription price of the *Beta Theta Pi* was advanced to two dollars.

Zeta Psi, instead of having Alumni Chapters, allows independent Graduate Associations to be formed in various parts of the country, which are under no obligations to the Grand Chapter; nor are they allowed a voice in the Fraternity Councils. The Grand Chapter meeting will be held in New York next January.

The 60th annual convention of the Chi Phi Fraternity was held at Albany, N. Y., on the 17th, 18th and 19th of October, 1883. A petition for an Alumni Chapter at Washington, D. C., was presented and favorably acted upon. The Delevan House was headquarters for the delegates. Many important measures were acted upon and the convention was a success in every particular. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Grand Alpha, Henry Strockbridge, Jr., of Maryland; Grand Gamma, Rev. L. M. Zweizig, of Pennsylvania; Grand Delta, J. Grove, of Indiana.

The social life of Ya'e is agitated over the formation of a new Senior Society. The general opinion prevalent is that it will follow the example of its elder sisters and maintain a strict secrecy concerning its aims and objects. This, however, is a mistake. The members are glad and willing to discuss it in all respects. They will "pledge" no men and, therefore, can not be considered rivals of the two other Senior Societies. It has been incorporated and endowed. At the end of the present year it will be free from debt and on as good financial basis as its sisters. A Society hall will be erected on Prospect street, near the Campus. The faculty have received it most favorably; President Porter being personally interested, and several of the faculty being active members.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  is trying to establish a chapter at Center College, Danville, Ky.  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  are already represented there.

W. H. Belt, Editor-in-Chief of the *Phi Gamma Delta*, has resigned his position.

Judge Hoadly, Governor-elect of the State of Ohio, is a member of  $B \Theta \Pi$ . Judge Foraker, the defeated candidate, is a  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

It is proposed to make a trial at Bowdoin College, Maine, of the "Judge and jury" system in the government of the students. The plan is thus described: A jury is to be chosen by the students and is to consist of one man from each class, one from each of the five Greek letter secret societies, and one from the Oudens (as those who are not members of any of the Greek letter societies are called) if they are 10 in number. The President, or some one appointed by him, is to be the Judge. All cases of discipline are to come before the jury, which will return two verdicts, one of the fact and the other of the grade of the offense. The Judge has the power of mitigating a sentence, but not of increasing its severity. A plan somewhat similar is followed at Amherst College.—*N. Y. Times*.

$\Phi K \Psi$  meets  $\Delta T \Delta$  in twelve colleges.

At Kerrion the fraternities open the year as follows:

$B \Theta \Pi$ , 15;  $\Delta K E$ , 12;  $\Theta \Delta X$ , 6;  $\Psi \Upsilon$ , 5;  $A \Delta \Phi$ , 4;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 4.

Geo. B. Thomas of the Scroll, has resigned his position of Editor-in-Chief, and W. B. Palmer will succeed him. This change will undoubtedly be favorable for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . The paper will be published at Washville, Tenn.

Delta Phi, Theta Xi and Chi Phi have each one man initiated from the class of '87, while Delta Kappa Epsilon has two at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Theta Delta Chi is trying hard to establish a chapter at Rensselaer. They have three men initiated and are working on several others.

## NOTICE TO CHAPTERS.

The Chapters are herewith informed that the fifth general catalogue of the Fraternity is now in press and is being brought to completion as rapidly as is consistent with good work and accuracy. It is desired to impress upon all, the necessity of promptly reporting any changes in address and occupation, no matter how trifling, that may have occurred recently. It will be the endeavor of the editors to insert all such data in the pages of addenda and corrections, now being completed, and which will be printed only on the eve of the delivery of the work to the binder.

The edition will not be electrotyped; the number of copies will be limited, therefore, and Chapters are advised that those of their numbers who desire copies must hand in their names promptly.

It is especially desired to incorporate the names of the Initiates of the present year. Chapter Secretaries will, therefore, promptly report the full baptismal names of all recent initiates, their class years and home addresses.

The final corrections upon the sample pages, which have been handed to the Chapters for their convenience in verifying their lists, must be returned before November 7th, to enable the final compilation and transcription of the Residence Directory. Promptness in compliance with this and such other requests as the committee may from time to time make, will greatly aid it in its labors and will materially hasten the day when the catalogue will be placed in the hands of the Fraternity.

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On page 16, for "Beta Phi Pi," read Beta Theta Pi. The error should be charged to the "intelligent compositor."



THE October and November numbers of *The Manhattan* are before us. It is a magazine filled with choice literature of the day, and its rapid growth since its origin, less than two years ago, is a fitting tribute to its merits. A fine engraving graces the title page of each number; a serial story of considerable merit by Julian Hawthorne; papers by L. H. Hooper, D. D. Lloyd, T. F. Gill and J. E. Runtz-Rees, with smaller contributions from Whittier, Couthony, Perry and Auringer, make up the October number; while "Henry Irving and His Work," by A. S. Fitch; "Woodsworth and the Modern Age," by H. C. Pedder (illustrated); a paper on "Thomas Carlyle and His Influence on the English Language," with many other valuable contributions, are found in the November issue. *The Manhattan* is published by the *Manhattan Publishing Co.*, Temple Court, New York.

*The Cricket*, published by A. E. D. DeRupert, at Erie, Pa., is a wide-awake, spicy periodical, devoted to literature and general entertainment. Its thirty-eight pages are crowded with matter, and its neat and tasty appearance recommends it to all. It is a new venture upon the literary ocean and deserves success.

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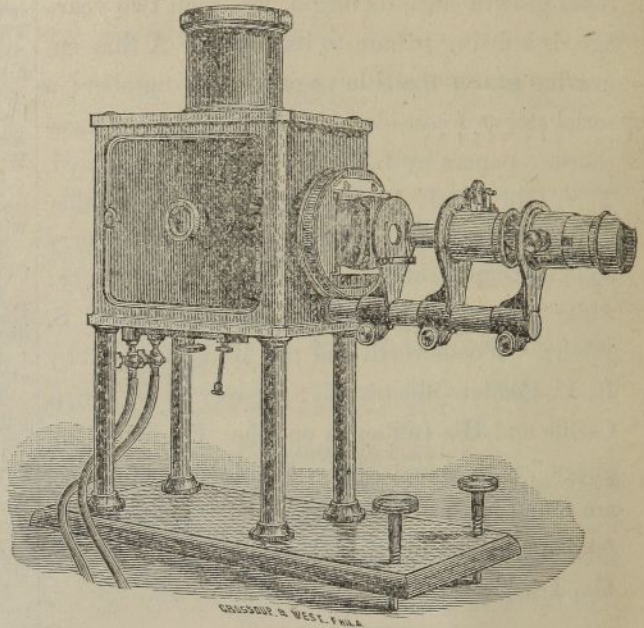
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