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THE NEPHEW'S STORY.

C. M. SNYDER, ALPHA '81.

CHAPTER I.

Four grimy walls, a lounging chair,
A carpet somewhat worse for wear,
A palsied rack just overhead,
Which trembled at the lightest tread ;
An old three-legged centre stand,
A set of shelves on either hand,
On which, conspicuous in sight,
One might, if he divined aright,
Perceive through all the gathered dust
A broken phrenologic brush,
A mono handed, silent clock,
A sadly unimpressive stock
Of books, which filled the dusty space
By angling badly out of place.
All this—through fitful gleams of fire,
Which seemed each moment to expire
And leave the unattractive room
In cheerless and repulsive gloom—
Will show—unless impressions cheat—
A briefless barrister's retreat.
That barrister, a plain John Smith,
I introduce myself forthwith
And enter on my den and see
A letter lying there for me.
A dun most probably ; but no,
That crest does not announce it so.
What ! Uncle Dick's ? And 'twixt the light
I hold the letter up in sight
All unrewarded, for no sign
Of draft or check do I divine.

I cut the envelope and see
What certainly surprises me—

“DEAR JOHN :

I was never a hand
At writing a letter, you know,
And so will the case understand
And transient forgiveness bestow.
My silence—compulsion in part :
A touch of the orthodox gout—
Thus partly explained, I will start
With both of us settled in doubt.

Presuming from all I can learn
That a barrister's life at the start
Finds fate most woefully stern
Unless he's unusually smart,
I take it that you will agree
A frolic, no matter how brief,
Such as a short visit to me
Would be a most pleasant relief.

You'll find, if you come, that the grey
Has all the old spirit of yore
And takes a stiff fence in the way
She made her good record before.
My kennel ! You know that young Guy
Stans Dice ? He hunted with Nell ;
He started a covey, let fly
And blew the poor doggie to —— !

Young Stanley is here with his wife ;
He lives with his Pop at the hall,
And if they don't lead him the life,
Why, then I'm mistaken ; that's all !
Your crony Jem Peters is down
With a fever, confined to his bed ;
You've heard of the failure of Brown—
Improvident devil ! He's dead.

And Scandal ! You know Parson Green ;
He lit out with Mrs. McShane ;
And a rival has come in between
Miss Dollie and Harry again.
The Farleys are in a great stew—
His daughter eloped with the groom ;
The girl I intended for you—
It's best as it is, I presume.

THE NEPHEW'S STORY.

Enough of this gossip. I turn
At once to the matter in hand.
I'll wage the moment you learn
We've a trouble we can't understand,
Which needs a clear head to explain
And a resolute will to succeed,
You'll make a bee line for the train
And conclude you're the fellow we need.

Another incentive to start
Your energies working anew ;
My ward has a prominent part
To play in this horrible stew.
She has a bright smile you may get—
Incentive to come double quick—
I'll see your wild fancy caught yet
And sign myself yours,

UNCLE DICK."

Well, I declare now ! Uncle Dick
Is certainly a queer old stick.
Three months of silence broken by
No hint save this of memory.
I might be dead so far as he
Shows any interest in me ;
But then he probably intends
By this to make some small amends.
He hints at some annoyance and
Declares he cannot understand
The troubling thing, unless I try
And solve for him the mystery.
Sweet Alice, too ! I hope that she
Has still remembrance of me.
Still fancy free ; still innocent
Of coquetry's bewilderment !
When last I felt her presence sweet
I felt my happiness complete ;
Although a briefless barrister,
I still had hopeful thoughts of her,
Yet did not dare to try my fate
And leave her side disconsolate.
Oh, lack of lucre ! All my woe
Those three expressive words will show ;
My fault is not improvidenc',
I lack the means for such offence.
Just then—insinuating thought—

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I can't deny it as I ought,
T Uncle Dick would leave to me
Some unexpected legacy.
But pshaw! What shiftless thoughts are these?
Of heiresses and legacies?
Let's see just when another train
Will leave for Hollywood again.
Two hours! Short time, I must confess,
To write three letters, shave and dress.
Here goes! And soon the busy pen
Was framing nervous thought again.
Nervous because — well, read and see
This letter born of urgency.

“FRIEND SQUEEZE :

Yours of the 10th received
And terms accepted, too ;
You're not the only one aggrieved
From lack of revenue.
Your claim is just —that's plain, indeed,
Although your time is short ;
I hate to make my uncle bleed,
Save as a last resort.
But fortune, tired of frowning, will
Sometimes melt in a grin ;
So grant the grace I ask until
You see me with the tin.
I'm going down to Hollywood
To see my Uncle Dick,
And, if he tips, it's understood
I'll forward “double quick.”
And when I mention my intent
To speak of my affairs,
You'll add another half per cent.
And charge it to repairs.
So hoping you are satisfied
To have arrangements thus,
I sign myself exemplified

SMITH INFELLISIMUS.

CHAPTER II.

The uneventful transit through
The old monotony of view,
Of fields and shifting boundaries
And all of vision's vagaries,

Of landscapes merging into one,
I long had ceased to dwell upon ;
For soon upon the rails began
The wheels their lively ratapean,
And like a rythmical refrain
I caught the motion of the train
And tuned in dubious minor key
A sort of drowsy melody—
These rattling intervals of sound
And other echoes flying round.
Then easy languor caught my mind
And soon I was to sleep resigned,
Nor broke the pleasant bounds until
The startling whistle, shrieking shrill,
Awoke me, and before me stood
The hills and dales of Hollywood.
I left the train, the only one
The driving rainstorm beat upon.
Not one conveyance waiting there,
The solitary traveler.
And—misery additional—
The night had just begun to fall
With no relieving gleam of light
To guide the traveler aright.
Aside from that I knew the way
So hurried on without delay.
Two miles to a determined mind
Is half the distance left behind ;
So cheered by such reflection, I
Strode o'er the distance rapidly.
Then presently a gleam of light
Shone as a beacon to the sight.
Then, next, the lodge ; I knew the way,
So troubled not the keeper gray,
Nor had I patience to await
His halting steps and trembling gait,
To trust his shaken memory
Or grace for his garrulity.
A few misleading paths and soon,
Lit by a tardy crescent moon,
I stumbled on the drive at last
With joyful thoughts of trouble past ;
And when, between the parted sky,
A brighter gleam shone presently,
Directly there before me stood
The sombre hall of Hollywood.

A lofty pile of stone and brick,
Where clustering ivy gathered thick,
Festooned the eaves, the window case,
Then turned and sought again the base ;
So, when arose the gusty gale,
It waved an undulating veil.
All dew bespangled now it shone
A lovely sight to dwell upon.
Save for the sombre pile behind,
It not unaptly brought to mind
The diamond spangled veil of night
Which hid some mystery from sight.
I reached the door and rang the bell,
A muffled sound as like a knell
As any muffled hollow tone
To chill the quaking heart to stone.
A slight commotion next inside,
The bolts were drawn and I espied
A mournful looking servitor
Stand guardian within the door.

"It's Master John !" "Right, James," I said,
"So turn yourself now, double quick ;"
I followed, as he slowly led,
And found myself with Uncle Dick.

The dear old fellow sat before
A rousing, roaring, leaping fire,
And seemed attempting to explore
In ardent embers his desire.

Beside him, seemingly intent
Upon the everchanging light,
Sat Alice, seeking to invent
Some vagary to please the sight.

My unexpected entrance broke
Upon this pleasant reverie.
"Ah, John, at last !" 'Twas Uncle spoke,
But Alice had no word for me.

Still pleasanter by far than speech,
A blush of rosy consciousness,
Impulsive signalling which each
Employed the feelings to express.

Fair was her hair, and large and bright
Her merry mischief making eyes,

Which sparkled with a changeful light,
An endless theme of vague surmise.

And each glad thought that moved her heart
Or captured passion as it swayed,
Upon her face traced counterpart
And half her tender mind betrayed.

These swift reflections disappeared
As Uncle turned and said to me,
"You're very prompt I see. I feared
You'd slighted us decidedly.

Just like your enterprising mind,
You've come to solve the mystery;
Or, stay! I think I've just divined
Another aspect fresh to me.

The symptoms of a dread disease,
Yet not so dreadful after all;
Its direst pangs most often please
And its mortality is small.

It is the most contagious ill
That ever fell upon mankind;
It makes a captive of the will
And turns the helpless victim blind.

It often ends in happiness,
As rising from repeated shocks
The victim conquers through distress
And ends in happy paradox.

Now, John; you're clever at a guess;
Let's see if you can designate
This misery of happiness.
Ah! Alice knows! Ha! Ha! Too late!"

I looked at Alice. Certainly
Some panic seemed to seize her mind,
As looking startled up at me
To see if I had yet divined.

A pause of doubt; that glance unsought
As quickly turned away to move
My lagging energy of thought
To sudden light—I knew—'twas love!

But uncle then relieved the strain
By rising slowly to his feet—

"Excuse me, I'll be back again ;
When youth arrives I must retreat."

"Alice !" She started at the sound ;
"Cannot you guess what brought me here ?"
She gave one timid glance around,
Then closely to my side drew near.

She reached her hand as evidence,
She understood the thought in me,
Remembered past experience—
Our bond of mutual sympathy.

"Alice ! I formerly was weak,
I feared that uncle would refuse ;
I left ; I did not dare to speak,
The treasure was too dear to lose.

This time no faltering for me,
I'll put my fortune to the touch ;
That is, of course, if you agree,
Or am I eager overmuch ?"

No words ! A happy sigh instead,
A rapid glance from eyes divine ;
Upon my breast her golden head,
Her lips were tightly pressed to mine.

Short rapture ! Oh ! the perfect bliss,
The quiver through the trembling frame,
As on her lips I pressed a kiss
I caught the murmur of my name.

The all too perfect moments sped
With others swiftly gone before,
And then we heard a heavy tread
And uncle stood within the door.

Yet Alice, swift as any thought,
Broke from my passionate embrace
And sat upon the very spot.
Save for the blushes on her face

It seemed as if she had not stirred
Her posture, everything the same ;
Yet Uncle grinned, for he inferred
Some reason for that rosy flame.

It ended with his smile, for he
Made no embarrassing allusion,

Nor sought by pleasant raillery
To aggravate his ward's confusion.

Most opportunely, James again
Appeared announcing supper spread,
And eased the aggravating strain—
I showered blessings on his head.

We entered on the dining hall,
A masterpiece of builder's skill ;
When nervous firelight over all
With restless shadows seemed to fill.

The hall was long, the further end
Seemed heavy with oppressive gloom,
Appeared its shadows to extend
As if to fright us from the room.

The spread was bountiful, and I
Sip here and there as sweets invite
Till surfeited, and presently
They dull the edge of appetite.

A glass of wine, a silent toast,
A merry glance from roguish eyes
Acknowledged, and, what pleased me most,
A quick response, and we arise.

Then to the study we return,
The hours in music fly away
Until the night begins to turn,
And Alice dare no longer stay.

So rising, with a sweet good night
She curtsyed and soon was gone,
A lovely vision, from the sight,
A pleasant theme to dwell upon.

"And now, my briefless barrister,
For such I'll wager that you are,
Or do I wrongly thus infer ?
And are you now a rising star ?

I'll state to you the mystery
That waits solution now upstairs ;
If you succeed I'll willingly
Begin a change in your affairs.

The room in which you sleep to-night—
Provided first that you agree—

Is filled with fantasies of fright,
And certainly they baffle me."

I smiled. "Oh! laugh, John, if you choose,
You'll change your tune, as lately I
Have sought my mind to disabuse
Of this ancestral phantasy.

So reads the record, 'who shall sleep
Two hours within this haunted room
Shall feel his flesh with horror creep
And fight with phantoms of the gloom.'

If you will read this riddle right
And reach the source of mystery
And bring the motive power to light
My sure consent I'll guarantee

To you —." Wait, Uncle Dick," I said,
"Consider what your words imply;"
And then my faltering cause I plead,
Yet tried to do it manfully.

I told how Alice gave her heart,
And how I treasured its possession,
Yet made my prospects too apart
In this my feverish confession.

A pause of silence. "I agree,"
Said Uncle then, "to your request
If first you cut the knot for me,
Then I'll attend to all the rest."

"Call James," I said, "I'll spend the night
In very business-like endeavor,
And bring your vagary to light
Or lose the name of being clever."

"Good night," said Uncle then; "Good night"
I answered, taking up the light.
I followed James; he paused before
A very heavy oaken door.
Around the frame a listed band
Whose use I could not understand,
Yet found the reason presently
Most vividly explained to me.
I turned to James, but he had gone,
Then entered on the room alone
Without a fluttering of fear

Or sense of horrid presence near ;
Seen in the fitful candle light
I saw no ghastliness of sight.
The room contained an ancient bed,
A canopy hung overhead ;
A few unwieldy chairs, a pair
Of hanging shelves were also there
Containing books. I closed the door,
Then tapped the walls, the closet floor,
And even 'neath the bed I peered
To find the thing that Uncle feared.
Examined closely everywhere,
Yet found no mode of entrance there.
The door was locked, the window case
Securely held by frame in place,
So if his ghostship came at all
He'd have to filter through the wall.
Yet stay ! What turned the candle light ?
For surely, if I saw aright,
The rosy color changed in hue
And turned to an unhealthy blue.
Around its feeble glimmering,
Like sun-lit drops in showers of spring,
A vapor luminous was spread
And dubious circling sparkles shed ;
And then an aching of the brain,
Uncertain sight and darting pain.
I threw myself upon the bed ;
These painful dartings in my head
Kept on with unabated force,
Indeed, they steadily grew worse.
A sudden panic seized my mind —
A terror vague and undefined.
Vague shadows moving to and fro,
A death-like clamminess of brow.
I scarcely moved, my limbs were numb ;
Nor could I call, for speech was dumb ;
And eyes and head and body ached
Whilst every trembling fibre quaked,
And adding to the dread about
The candle sputtered and went out.
Then shadows vague, yet luminous,
And phantoms grim and vaporous
Came trooping in, a multitude,
A hellish, sleep-destroying brood.
Oh, Lord ! what ghastly things are these

My fevered vision dimly sees?
 What form is that? Oh! heaven defend!
 My heart stood still, my hair on end,
 For, coming slowly to the bed,
 With gaping wounds which freely bled,
 With fallen jaw and bony brow—
 It stretches down toward me now
 One bony hand. 'Tis on my head!
 I gave one shriek and sprang from bed
 And staggered to the window case
 And, falling forward on my face,
 Thrust wrist and elbow through the glass.
 And then a wonder came to pass—
 A blessed sense of sweet relief
 So sudden as to pass belief—
 My mind grew calm, the shadows fled,
 A restfulness stole on instead.
 I drew deep breaths of air, and then
 I caught the ghost—'twas nitrogen!

* * * * *

A cruel trick! Yet clever, too,
 As some old shrewd ancestor knew,
 To so contrive the room that air
 Could find no place of entrance there.
 And then the listing on the door—
 I knew at once what it was for;
 And all the windows double paned—
 So was the mystery explained.
 The poisoned air, the cause of pain,
 The source of fever to the brain;
 The broken glass, the fresh supply
 Of oxygen, the remedy.
 Now all was evident to me,
 The method I could plainly see.
 So as the air grew pure again
 I dropped in pleasant sleep, and then
 Presaged in dreams the morrow's joy
 Of happiness without alloy.

TO ———.

BY JOHN R. SCOTT, OF BETA '64.

I have seen lips as red as thine
As rarely formed for kissing,
The upper one a cupid's bow,
With arrows never missing.
I have known smiles as sweet as thine,
Whose grace charmed souls unto them,
Amid wild dreams of Paradise
With witchcraft to undo them !

I have seen eyes as soft as thine,
Twin stars of Eros, surely !
That spoke unutterable things,
E'en when cast down demurely ;
Eyes brown as Juno's, Queen of Jove,
And eyes of pensive gray,
And clear blue eyes, like sunny skies,
And beaming love alway.

I have seen hair as rich as thine,
Which shadows loved to hide in,
With many a gold and amber fold
An empress might take pride in.
A jeweled crown may trophy be
Of crime and wrong inhuman ;
Thy coronet is nature's gift,
Which crowns thee, lovely woman !

I have seen forms as lithe as thine —
So light in pose and movement
That even old Praxiteles
Might not suggest improvement ;
And voices heard as low as thine,
As gentle and Æolian,

Minding of old Alpine haunts
And far-off songs Tyrolian.

But lips will lose their ruby tint,
And sorrow dim their smiles ;
Salt tears will dim the eyes' soft glow
In life's last weary miles.
Time's white, unmelting snow will fall
Upon the hair's dun gold ;
Forms bend, but not with willowy grace,
Faint voices mutter "Old !"

Then, though thy beauty makes me glad,
Thy tones enchanting prove thee,
Yet not for these alone I yield
My heart and soul to love thee.
Nay, darling ; nay, for, more than these,
A pure, warm heart is thine ;
A shrine for one sole worshipper,
And all that heart is mine !

POST COLLEGIUM.

CRESCENT, ever hospitable, ever welcome, may we come in for a few minutes' chat with you? Free from rebuke, safe from interruption, may we ramble for a time in your friendly columns? From the intellectual point of view, we are tramps. Ceremoniously turned away from a cherishing mother some eighteen months ago, we wander, outcasts among men. Your cheerful light shines upon us. May we come in?

Perhaps it will interest you to know that, though still Deltas in heart and soul, we have joined a new society since last you saw us—one of whose very existence we were ignorant until our graduation. We refer to the Society of Young Classical Graduates, perhaps better called The Great Unpledged. To be sure, it has no organization, no leaders, no purposes; but in these trifling defects it is not entirely without parallel among college societies. We have learned that nearly all of the alumni of our classical schools belong to this unorganized order,—in fact, it is a clear case of *volens volens* with most of them. And now, as we sit by our bright hearth, come the old thoughts trooping in, and for the hundredth time demanding utterance. Be not alarmed,—it is not a “dream” nor a “vision of by-gone days,” nor a talk on “sacred influences,” or “sundered friendships.” We shall inflict none of these antiquities upon your notice. Influenced by the stern judgments passed upon those who have dared to question the sanctity of our classical courses, we own to some misgivings regarding our present feeling towards them. But at any rate, bear with us for a season, until we can give rambling expression to the ideas we have gathered along the road, as we drifted to your door.

'Tis an old story—that of the uselessness of the average college graduate. How much of flippancy, of ignorance, of unfairness, of narrowness, and of short-sightedness have been displayed by its singers, is known to us all. We are weary of their platitudes. Yet even to those of us who are most inclined to believe our courses of study to be sensible and right, come occasional periods of wondering if much of damaging truth does not underlie these moss-covered arguments. Very lately, some rash, but manifestly clear-headed men, have declared that we pay too much for our knowledge of those “delicate shades of meaning” expressed in the different forms of the Latin subjunctive and Greek optative; that there is some substantial truth in the rumor that German and English possess rich national literatures; and that what men have been, and what they have done in the world, are of fully as much importance as what they have said in two languages which we might mention. And they have dared to assert that science is really of some account, outside of the text-books now in college use; all of which statements our classical courses practically deny.

The young fellow leaves his institution with a flourish, and comes down into hard work with a bump. Charitably as people may feel and act toward him, the fact remains—he knows nothing, and so can do nothing. He is of no immediate value to anybody. He would ruin any business in a month. He can teach a little; and, alas! he does it. But, oh! how awkwardly, how unscientifically, for he has little to prepare him for this, the most exacting of professions. He has little knowledge of child-nature, child-life, of human-nature, of human life. That this young man errs is not strange, for he is human. But now, at this critical time, under the false notion acquired somewhere, somehow, that he is ready for his life-work, he makes errors so far-reaching in their influence as to affect all his future. In the choice of a profession and in his habits of living and of thinking (or not thinking), his mistakes are often fatal to his own best interests. He has been too busy with lesson learning to know anything. People call him educated, but what does that mean? We re-

peat, he does not *know* things; he has simply *had* things. He can not read easily any language but his own, and in that he expresses himself poorly. His classical learning is a piece of patchwork; he is a wretched scholar in history and general literature—his course did not provide for them. In science he knows pages, not things. He knows more of other literatures than his own, and in saying this we do not compliment him. He can, perhaps, do one thing better than his former playmates who are not B. A.'s—he can study. The perhaps meaning, if sight, and nervous energy and elasticity and vigor and love of study have not all been taken away from him in the grind of lesson learning, and here is the young man, at the close of a seven years' course, after leaving the public schools.

These are some of the charges preferred against the young alumnus. Our leading magazines have published, within the last two years, article after article on the anti-classics question, and the battle rages fiercely yet. Newspapers have taken up the song whose key-note was sounded by Charles Francis Adams, at Harvard, a year or two ago. Narrow, petty men, who see no good in any liberal education, have babbled forth their silly, empty speeches against "higher branches," and, particularly, "the languages." We pass these men by in supreme contempt. But, after reading the cool, calm, sensible arguments that have recently been advanced against the present arrangement of our courses, does it not require the faith of an Abraham to believe that our curricula have the right aim in view, or that they are best adapted to reach that at which they aim? When we consider the causes and effects of the two or three great revolutions that have been made in University courses in the history of education—when we look as calmly and philosophically as one in our weakness can do, at the demands of the present time and our methods of supplying them—when we listen to the earnest remonstrances that come to us from some of the best thinkers in this country and in Europe, against keeping the classics in their present position, is it any wonder that there is so great commotion? Is it any wonder that people have become im-

patient and that they demand something better suited to the age we live in? These objections and remonstrances are worthy our respect and close attention. That which is old and firmly established is not necessarily right for time and for eternity.

This is neither the time nor the place to open anew that old conflict, whose issue, for either side, depends, after all, upon the holding of three or four important positions. But we humbly suggest that one error has commonly been overlooked in the heat of discussion—that of supposing every student to go to college with a clearly defined plan of his future work before him. Those who go thus prepared may work to good advantage; but there is too often a lack of definite purpose on the part of the student and of the parent. The father sends his boy to college with the vaguely understood idea of his “learning” something there; and the boy often goes because he is sent.

The gods preserve us from that restless spirit of innovation in education which calls continually for the new, whether tried or not; from this brainless inveighing against the theoretical in favor of the so-called practical; and especially from that lofty pessimism, so captivating to the untried intellect and so ruinous to young fellows now-a-days, which sees “no good in anything.” But may the same powers grant us the keen eye to detect and the stout heart to root out error, even in that system of study which we have so long been taught to venerate.

It is as true now as when first uttered, that all education is only a means to an end. We are not of those who make education a matter of mere utility. There is something in it above and beyond bread and butter, dollars and cents. We believe in education; we believe in college education; we believe in lengthening and broadening and deepening our courses of study; and, rather than sacrifice any earnest work on the part of our students, let the classical course stand untouched. But is it not possible so to arrange the work that the same amount of the same kind of mental drill shall be gained, and more real power, real worth, be left with the student with which to take his place among men as a thinker and worker? Have we not

robbed other industries to "protect" the classical industry long enough?

Our CRESCENT, it is *post collegium* with us. We make the assertion unblushingly, and in full consciousness that these two words are Latin. We have dug our last verbal root, crammed for our last examination, worried over our last "mark," and, please God, have been stuck for the last time in mathematics. With all our imperfections thick upon us, we are out in that which commencement orators commonly call "the world." And now, as we gaze on the ruins of a once average intellect, as we see what we are and where we are, and how we came here, come the old questions, "Of what sins of omission and of commission are we guilty? In what respects should we improve upon our past work if we had to go to college again? Members of this our new society have made errors so glaring in the past; have, under false ideas of their real worth, made so many statements that riper years have proven utterly foolish, that we hesitate to answer. Half inclined to stand by the old colors and to "despise not the steps by which we climb," we nevertheless believe we might take some steps more beneficial to ourselves and our future usefulness.

First and foremost, we should place ourselves actively on the side of those who plead for wider and better study of English in our colleges, and should be glad to be in so good company. Of all literatures, ours is the purest, the noblest, the broadest, the best; it is living, pulsing, ever fresh and new. Rightly studied, it affords the most thorough of mental culture, and valuable aid in the formation of character. We college men do not read enough good books. The lively imagination, the quick appreciation, the noble sympathy with honest endeavor, that come from the study of the living thoughts of Shakespeare or Goethe are far more to us than anything we ever got from Cicero or Plautus, from the "Alcestis" or the "Clouds." Hamlet has touched the big heart of mankind more than Achilles ever did or ever will. The graduate would better be well up in Irving and Addison than in Quintilian or Aeschylus; better know well the history of

this fair land than the difficulties that beset the Athenian populace two thousand years ago. Rank heresy, of course, but how far from stern truth is it? English literature, with its brilliant line of poets, orators, dramatists, essayists and historians, is worthy our best study, and the college course of the future must recognize the fact. This does not mean that all the classics must go out; it means that English must come in. When our own literature is admitted to its proper place in our institutions of learning, we shall have better readers, deeper thinkers and closer writers. And what is here said of literature may with equal force be said of its inseparable companion, history.

Moreover, we should see and know more people and hear more popular lectures; we should endeavor to grow toward the rest of mankind, instead of away from them; we should guard our habits of thought and expression more jealously; we should memorize less and generalize more; we should give less attention to petty wire-pulling and management of college politics and more to the cultivation of broad and generous views; we should try to form a purpose early in the course and keep it in view, so as to take from our orations a good deal of "manhood" and "character" and "culture," and put them into every-day living and acting. All this could be done without losing any of the healthy college fun or interest in its sports. The college is not a place where men should fossilize.

Now a few words as to what we *can* do, and we shall "move on." It is a common superstition that it is natural for men to lose all interest in their fraternities when once a diploma is placed in their hands. On the contrary, we believe it to be a most unnatural thing to do, if the men are of the right stuff, the fraternity management what it should be, and the treatment of the alumni marked with hard common sense. What is it that drives so many fraternity men from their old allegiance? It is *twaddle*. Mere twaddle. Your wise undergraduate will never send to an old member begging letters filled with talk about "mystic shrines" and "ineffable mysteries," or closing with references to the "hallowed memories" and "sublime teachings" of his old

fraternity. It's twaddle, and he knows it. We? Oh, bless your heart! We have talked it by the hour and written it by the ream; but it was when we were younger, and we'll never, never do so again. No, we were not unfeeling, and we are susceptible to subtle influences. But we have reached a stage at which we think a Delta should be measured by what he does, rather than by what he says. Let his interest be manifested in articles to your columns, in subscribers to your list, in planning for the order and its amelioration, in watching and praying rather than in ranting for his "Delta Queen," as he calls it. We, who are out, certainly should not forget you and your benefit. While we, perhaps, do not owe you all our "life's devotion," we really do owe you some of our time, our money, our self-sacrifice and our honest effort. And from your face we judge that you heartily assent to at least one of these particulars.

Do not suppose, our CRESCENT, that our milk of human kindness has soured, nor that we look upon our new surroundings and back upon our college life through dark glasses. On the contrary, we claim direct descent from the laughing philosopher. But we have been students for six years; we have done a good deal of hard work, and, so far as "marks" go, have no reason to be ashamed of our record. And now, after all, we can not read with satisfaction even the Latin and Greek that we have read, to say nothing of other authors: we are wanting in mythology—harrowing thought! We can not talk or write either French or German and can read them only laboriously. The formulæ that we had to memorize—where are they? And for the little we know of history or literature we are not indebted to our cherishing mother at all. We honestly feel that we are not so well developed as we should be after six years of faithful work; and the fault is not entirely our own. For all these reasons we say, with others, it is time to call a halt. The spirit of our time demands that the classics yield some of the room they have so long and so stubbornly occupied to branches of knowledge that shall make of students more symmetrical men.

But we shall not tax your hospitality further. Well; ah,

me! Your question is somewhat disconcerting. It is not certain where we shall stay to-night, or for a good many nights to come. Perhaps, in the course of years, we shall reach a place called Professional Life, where plenty of work, at least, is said to await us. We have no fantastic notions of success there, but go on with a will to work, and so to make up in some degree for our own errors and the imperfections of the sytem under which we have been reared. Be sure, that if maturer years shall show that we have erred in these assertions, frank acknowledgement shall follow close upon the discovery.

ZETA.

EDITORIAL.

THE LIST of initiates and several reviews were unavoidably crowded out of our last issue, but appear this month in full. We can only reiterate what we said before in regard to the list of initiates. Examine carefully and report any inaccuracies at once to the general secretary.

BY AN act of our last convention, semi-annual chapter reports, returnable Jan. 10th, and at the close of the spring year, were substituted for the old method of these reports each term. Blanks will be furnished each chapter by their division secretary, so that they may be filled out and forwarded promptly on the above date. Extreme care should be exercised in making out these reports, especial attention being paid to the averages and condition of chapter, as the general secretary relies upon them in preparing his annual report for the convention.

THE LAST convention entrusted the whole matter of song book to the Iota chapter. This is a matter which has been referred and referred, and Iota hopes to settle it. She will, with the aid of all the chapters and alumni, gather the material and arrange it for publication. This she will have ready and will present, with plans for publication, to the next convention. Now, will the chapters and alumni help her? This they can do by sending fraternity songs, with or without music, or poems worthy of publication, to Iota. Iota is willing to do the work, but she asks for material to work with. We do not want the book to represent one chapter or one section, but the whole fraternity. Don't feel that you, as alumni or as S. A. of a chapter, have done your

duty to your chapter or fraternity until you have sent the Iota any material you may possess.

ONE OF the weak points in all fraternities, and one which is always assailed by the antagonistic element, is, that the friendship among the members is entirely too theoretical, and will not stand the wear and tear of practical life. It is only real friendship that will resist the modifying influence of time, and it becomes the charge and duty of each member to cultivate, teach and instill this high principle at all times. Encourage that friendship which will manifest itself, when a brother is in trouble, or even disgraced. Throw that influence about him which will shield him from the world, and set forth clearly the divine and good teachings of our order, so that he may return to the path of right and honor, and fight his battles unaided. It is only then that we have done our duty to a brother. Again, petty quarrelling among members, is one of the great banes of fraternity life. It is highly undignified, creates an internal dissension and unpleasantness, and is always noted externally, with injurious and pointed criticisms, which, perhaps, are well grounded. We must learn the lesson of forbearance. None are perfect; it is but human nature to have our many faults and weaknesses. Time spent in seeking out the infirmities of our brothers, will indeed profit us little. He, who can maintain quiet dignity, and kindly correct an erring brother, is the highest type of a gentleman. So real friendship, which will blossom in after life, must be planted, nurtured and trained while we are young in the fraternity, while we are active members of the chapter. As we grow old, our suspicious natures, grown so by harsh experiences of the world, are averse to confidential, free friendships, and we thus struggle through life, deprived of one of its greatest stays and comforts — true, steadfast fraternity friends.

OUR EXCHANGES.

The October *Shield* and the *Beta Theta Pi* for November have been received.

The December issue of the *Scroll* is devoted almost exclusively to the report of their convention at Nashville. The minutes of the convention accompany the number as a supplement, and are strictly *sub rosa*.

The Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* for October contains a fine steel portrait of the lamented Garfield, with an accompanying article, in which the great statesman is represented as having been very active and influential in the Equitable fraternity, the Williams chapter of Delta Upsilon. The remaining pages of the number are devoted to rejoicings and congratulations over the publication of the tenth general catalogue and the semi-centennial convention of the fraternity.

One of the handsomest exchanges, typographically, is the *Purple and Gold* of the Chi Psi. Under the title of "Reuben," a member contributes a somewhat philosophical paper upon the "utter instability of the whole creation." "The Chautauqua University" will be interesting to those who are unacquainted with its advantages and benefits. The editorial, "Our Antagonist, our Helper," is excellent, and voices our own opinions precisely; we regret exceedingly that we cannot publish it in this issue. A different arrangement of the "Alummania" and "Correspondence," would, in our opinion, greatly improve the appearance of this journal.

The *Sigma Chi* shows a very great improvement in typographical appearance, being modeled closely after the D. K. E. *Quarterly*. The convention address by Hon. I. M. Jordan,

"Chapter Libraries" from the D. K. E. *Quarterly*, and an article on the convention of '76, complete the literary department. The editorials review the work of the last convention. In remarking upon her new system, the editor modestly asserts that Sigma Chi now possesses the best and most efficient form of government ever put to the test. The workings are similar to our own plan, adopted two years ago, although Bro. Fisher claims for theirs the quintessence of the many new systems of government now in vogue.

The *Phi Gamma Delta* for October comes to us in a new form, (much like the *CRESCENT*), and is the best number ever issued by the fraternity. The improvement is remarkable, and reflects much credit upon the new management, the Lambda chapter, Greencastle, Ind. All the departments are full, and the quality good. The literary articles, although not based on fraternity subjects, are well selected. Portions of "Model Chapter," from May-June *CRESCENT* are reprinted; and in Greek World department a brief account of our last convention is given. The chapter letters, as a whole are good, but a few contain boasts, through which the editor might have run his pen with good effect.

The Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* for September, came to us somewhat behind time, but, nevertheless, was a welcome visitor. The ninth biennial congress, which meets at Philadelphia, Dec. 29th, is the subject matter in the literary and editorial departments, and several radical changes and improvements are advocated by its members. "Letters from Alumni" occupy much space, and contain some interesting reading for Alpha Taus; but the business part of them, noting the enclosure of the subscription price of the *Palm*, although a pleasing announcement to the manager, must indeed be rather stale reading to even the most enthusiastic members. "The Model Chapter," from the May-June *CRESCENT* is reprinted entire.

The September number of the *Beta Theta Pi*, in style and form, is similar to the last volume, but it is now issued bi-monthly. A very interesting article on "Life at Wooglin-on-Chau-

tauqua," describes their new home at the lake, and relates some of the pleasant incidents connected with its opening. We had the pleasure of seeing the building, and can testify to its handsome structure and complete appointments. "The Work of the Convention" discloses the following matters of interest: Petitions for charters from University of Minnesota, the University of Denver, and Ohio State University were refused. Although before the convention, it was announced that several charters would be withdrawn, no such action was taken. A new system of nomenclature of chapters was adopted. The next convention will be held in St. Louis, the last week in August, 1885. "Chapter Letters" from the May-June CRESCENT is reprinted in full. The editorials are good, and contain valuable advice to all Greeks. The chapter letters are well edited, yet many contain boastful assertions of superiority over their rivals, so characteristic of the Betas.

The Greek press is ably edited. In reviewing the D. K. E. *Quarterly*, the following complimentary remarks occur:

"The review of the $\Delta T \Delta$ catalogue just issued, is very laudatory, and apparently justly so, although we have not yet been favored with a copy of the publication. The push and vim of $\Delta T \Delta$ is quite notable, and is largely owing to the vigor of its central organization."

Thirty chapter letters, in double columned brevier, show up very tastily, and most of them speak in a commendable tone of their rivals.

The Delta Gamma *Anchora* for November is before us. As the *Anchora* is young in the journalistic field, we will spare our criticisms for future issues. This number is well filled with poems, literary articles, Greek news and chapter letters. We give in full the following characteristic editorial:

"Delta chapter has our heart-felt sympathy for having so unwisely (?) chosen their fraternity. Will the members of Delta Tau Delta of Albion please accept our thanks for their brotherly commiseration of the Albion chapter? Girls, how could you have taken such an important step, without first receiving counsel and permission from the 'dear boys?' How sad to think their sensitive organisms should have received such a shock! Will they ever recover? 'Dear girls,' never be so cruel and unkind again. However, we will gladly forgive you this time; but the next time you contemplate joining a fraternity, be sure to get the

little boys to select the proper, world-renowned one, for you to link your fortunes with."

The Chi Phi *Quarterly* for October is principally devoted to chapter letters, delicately flavored with that placid sense of superiority which is a "joy-forever" to the heart of an average Chi Phi. We are exceedingly gratified to notice that each of Chi Phi's chapters leads the fraternities in the respective colleges where she has beneficently granted her favoring presence. How could it be otherwise when the unregenerate barbarian is wooed to her shrine by the siren strains of her "heavenly music," and while many a "pride of the freshman class" is caught to the triumphant and victorious embrace of the all-conquering Chi Phi. Lost in a sea of bewildered admiration we sincerely congratulate the feeble remnant of the Greek World that Chi Phi has nobly and generously refused to attract to her majestic presence all the available material, but has left a choice selection of second-class men, with which we are permitted to retain our skeleton organizations. For this small boon let us be duly and humbly grateful. That the editor considers the aforesaid chapter letters to be strong, vigorous, trenchant, in short possessed of all the elements which characterize the ideal chapter letter, is evident from the following editorial, whose Chi Phi bias should not detract from its real excellence, nor disguise its truth:

"It is a matter of sincere congratulation, both to former editors and Zetas, that the chapter reports have been made with such proficiency and prudence. This statement becomes more evident upon comparing the *Quarterly* reports with similar communications in some other fraternity publications. Some of these are in the form of letters, others statistical plates, and still others effusions of no form whatever. Few are in condensed, orderly showing. Some correspondents confine themselves to boyish trumpeting on a penny whistle about the god-like position of their chapter without supporting the statements by a solitary fact. Others give lists of honors acquired by 'our men,'—lists which are subject to personal prejudice and coloring, and hence by no means reliable. Still others fill their communications with general comments on their own and other organizations, seeming to regard their duty as editorial instead of reportorial. The last and by no means smallest class consume their space in the magazine and the time of the reader by long drawn-out whimperings about the unenviable task of correspondents—silly excuses for pure laziness—and brilliant effusions on 'the golden days gone glimmering by the feeble light of the fair and fickle Luna.' All stuff! veritable stuff! in which the *ego* predominates so largely as to overshadow anything

interesting he may have to report. Again we say our Zetas must be complimented upon the clear-cut, interesting, compact, business-like condition of their reports, and we hope to make them still more so before the year is over."

We have had the pleasure of receiving to date the following exchanges :

- Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly*, New York.
- Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*, monthly, " "
- Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*, monthly, Springfield, O.
- Phi Gamma Delta*, bi-monthly, Greencastle, Ind.
- Beta Theta Pi*, bi-monthly, Cincinnati, O.
- Sigma Chi*, quarterly, Chicago, Ill.
- Alpha Tau Omega *Palm*, quarterly, Richmond, Va.
- Delta Gamma *Anchora*, quarterly, Akron, O.
- Alpha Delta Phi *Star and Crescent*, quarterly, New York.
- Delta Upsilon *Quarterly*, New York.
- Chi Phi *Quarterly*, Columbus, O.
- Chi Psi *Purple and Gold*, quarterly, New York.
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record*, quarterly, Atlanta, Ga.

GREEK WORLD.

$K A \theta$ will soon issue a journal.

$X \phi$ at Muhlenberg college has disbanded.

Phi Delta Theta at Columbia has started out with nine men.

Phi Delta Theta at Wofford college is represented by one man.

The Phi Delta Theta *Scroll* now receives outside subscriptions.

Chi Psi has sixteen chapters scattered through ten different states.

The Kappa Alphas have only two men at the University of Alabama.

$\Sigma A E$ is knocking for admission to the University of the South, at Sewanee.

Chi Phi's next convention will be held in New York, November 18th, 1885.

It is rumored that ΣX is to be re-established at the Ohio Wesleyan University.

The Storey chapter of $\phi \Delta \phi$ (law society) at Columbia is in a flourishing condition.

Alpha Tau Omega at Columbia is dead. The body is there, but there is no life in it.

Theta Delta Chi is desirous of entering Rose Polytechnic Institute at Terre Haute, Ind.

$A T Q$ has a new charter, and each chapter will receive one at the Philadelphia congress.

$\phi \Delta \theta$ has established an extension fund to provide means for the establishment of new chapters.

Psi Upsilon and Delta Phi have bought houses at Columbia.

These, with Delta Psi's, are the only chapter houses in New York.

Zeta Psi intends granting a charter to the Case Scientific School of Western Reserve University.

Michigan Alpha, of Phi Kappa Psi, thinks they have the best located fraternity house at Ann Arbor.

The *B Θ Π*'s of Denison assure us of a cordial and warm welcome. Thanks, but we must decline.

The full initiation service of *Α Τ Ω*, will be rendered at their congress at Philadelphia, December 31st.

The Harvard chapter of Delta Upsilon, during the past year, has taken \$4,300 in prizes and scholarships.

The charter of Phi Delta Theta at Monmouth college has been withdrawn on account of a hostile faculty.

Members of alumni chapters of *B Θ Π* are taxed \$5.00 annually. This includes the subscription to their journal.

The new chapters of Sigma Nu and Phi Gamma Delta at the University of Georgia have ten and fourteen members respectively.

Gen. Lew Wallace, author of "Ben Hur," and now United States Minister to Turkey, is an honorary member of the De Pauw chapter of Phi Gamma Delta.

According to Delta Upsilon, *K Α*, *Α Δ Φ*, *Σ Φ* and *Δ Ψ* are the wealthy and social fraternities at Williams college, *Δ Κ Ε*, *Χ Ψ* and *Ζ Ψ* being more modest in their pretensions.

The *B Θ Π* correspondent at Bethany college, although acknowledging that we have a good chapter there, says, "Yet they (Deltas) have never stood above *B Θ Π* in any respect whatever." These old-timed boasts of *B Θ Π* are truly amusing.

The I. C. Sorosis held a convention at Iowa City last month. There was a large number of delegates present, representing nearly all of the western colleges. The members of the home chapter gave a reception, which was a very pleasant affair.

The I. C. (ladies') fraternity, having a golden arrow for a badge, had a chapter at DePauw University from 1871 to 1873, when the individual independence of its members causing internal

dissensions brought about its dissolution, thus giving to it the name of "Independent Circle."

The $\Gamma \Phi B$, (ladies' society,) consisting of two flourishing chapters, one at the U. of Michigan and the other at Syracuse University, held its annual convention at Ann Arbor, Mich., November 13th and 14th. The next convention will be held at Syracuse.

The following is the programme for the ninth bi-ennial congress of $A T Q$, which convenes at Philadelphia, December 31st: Address of welcome, J. E. Jones, Pennsylvania University; response, Walker Percy, University of Virginia; poem, R. S. Turk, Huntersville, W. V.; orator, Walter H. Page, Raleigh, N. C.; business sessions for three days and banquet Friday evening, January 2d.

"Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at Wooster, O., has been reduced to the necessity of giving up the fine hall opposite the post-office. The Wooster City Guards will get the "Phi Kap" hall and Delta Tau Delta will occupy the room vacated by the W. C. G., and it is reported that the faculty have requested the Phi Kappa Psis to give up their charter."—*Ex.* We do not understand the import of this last sentence, as we always considered the Wooster chapter of $\Phi K \Psi$ a good one.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe was recently made an honorary member of chapter Phi, of the Kappa Kappa Gamma. This chapter represents the Boston University and Mrs. Howe spent a pleasant afternoon with the members at their room on Beacon street. Mrs. Livermore, who is also an honorary member, was to have been present on this occasion. The societies flourish best where the pupils are of both sexes. They have but a slight hold at Vassar and Smith colleges and are not permitted at Wellesley.

The election of officers of Theta Delta Chi at New York City, last month, resulted as follows: President of the Grand Lodge, Seward A. Simons, of Buffalo, N. Y.; secretary, George Sawyer, of Hamilton college; treasurer, Carl A. Harstrom, of Hobart college. A banquet was held at the Windsor Hotel that was attended by over one hundred members of the fraternity.

George H. Irwin, of Harrisburg, Pa., was the orator of the evening, and A. G. Hetherington, of Philadelphia, the toastmaster.

From the correspondence of *Sigma Chi* from Denison University we quote the following: "During the past year attempts have been made by Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Gamma Delta to gain a foothold in the college, but each has in turn failed. Success has finally been achieved, however, by the Delta Tau Deltas. As I sit here writing this, I can hear the proceedings of the new order at their initiatory meeting. The charter members are seven in number." The above effusion of an over-wise correspondent lacks one very necessary requisite—truth. Although a very deserving set of young men, the application for a charter from Delta Tau Delta was refused.

The semi-centennial convention of the Delta Upsilon fraternity was held in New York City December 4th and 5th with the New York chapter. The entire affair partook largely of the the jollification character. Ex-Governor Bross, of Illinois, one of the founders (Williams '38), presided over the business sessions. Every chapter was represented. Committees on song book and catalogue reported labors complete. The catalogue is a volume of 748 pages. The *Quarterly* reported a balance on right side of the books. No charters were granted. Next convention will meet with the Rochester chapter. The business sessions were held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and the public exercises at the Academy of Music. Orations were given by Henry Randall Waite, Hamilton '68, and William Elliot Griffs, Rutgers '69, and poem by Rossiter Johnson, Rochester '63, editor of Appleton's Cyclopaedia; music by Cappa's 7th Regiment Band. A convention picture was taken in front of the University building. A grand banquet at Delmonicos, attended by 180 members, closed the convention. Charter members of nine chapters were present at convention and about 300 visitors and delegates. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, M. L. Stearns, of Colby; Vice-Presidents, Prof. E. C. Andrews,

of Brown; Charles H. Roberts, of New York; and Hon. S. E. Payne, of Rochester; secretary, E. T. Parsons, of Rochester; treasurer, Frederick J. Turnbull, of Madison; orator, Rev. O. P. Gifford, of Boston; poet, Prof. W. R. Dudley, of Cornell; chaplain, Rev. Josiah Strong, of Western Missouri.

Our Columbia correspondent furnishes the following interesting table of the different fraternities at that institution:

NAME.	ESTABLISHED	MEM. JAN., '84.	PRES. MEM.	CONDITION.
<i>A Δ Φ</i>	1836	18	30	Very good.
<i>Ψ Υ</i>	1842	38	45	Excellent.
<i>Δ Φ</i>	1827	24	30	Excellent.
<i>Δ Ψ</i>	1845	40	48	Excellent.
<i>Φ Γ Δ</i>	1866	30	25	Good.
<i>Δ Κ Ε</i>	1875	35	30	Excellent.
<i>Z Ψ</i>	1856	29	35	Good.
<i>B Θ Π</i>	1881	16	10	Poor.
<i>Δ Τ Δ</i>	1882	7	15	Good.
<i>Θ Δ Χ</i>	1883	11	11	Very Poor.
<i>Φ Δ Θ</i>	1884	—	9	Poor.
<i>A T Ω</i>	1883	8	—	Dead.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

The fall term closed Tuesday, December 16th, and most of the boys have departed for their homes. The work of the chapter for the term was a success in every particular. The attendance at our weekly meetings was unprecedented, there being but one absence during the term.

The event of the season was the progressive euchre party given in our rooms to a number of the young ladies of the city and college. It was a most agreeable and enjoyable affair. A spread was served at the proper time.

Our last meeting, Saturday, December 13th, was fittingly closed with an informal oyster supper, at which all the active members were present.

TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

We are much pleased with the new form and appearance of the CRESCENT. We think it is a decided improvement and illustrates the progress of our fraternity.

Our new catalogue is at hand. It is a beautiful volume and reflects great credit upon chapter Rho.

The fraternities here are quiet now, as the desirable men of the new arrivals have generally been captured. $X \Phi$ initiated four, $\Phi K \Psi$ one, and $\Delta T \Delta$ two. We expect to initiate another after Christmas.

Two years ago the $\Phi K \Sigma$ chapter here nearly collapsed. It had but three members, all of which were in one class. The chapter was regarded by the other fraternities here as being on

its "last legs." By hard work, however, they are now on good footing again, having seven active members.

Only two-fifths of the members of college join fraternities.

As far as we know no fraternity here has taken in preps for several years.

RHO—STEVENS.

As was anticipated by the members of Rho, the arrangement in regard to making the entrance examination a competitive one, could not bring men into Stevens who would be of the stamp to be welcomed into the bond of Delta Tau. There are, however, exceptions to this, as well as to all other rules, and we beg leave to introduce one of these exceptions in the person of L. W. Anderson, of Cincinnati.

Two important changes have been made in the offices assigned to Rho, which should best be announced through a chapter letter. Bro. Mathey, having changed his residence to Staten Island, does not feel able to undertake the office of Seal Agent, and consequently, his successor has been elected, namely, R. M. Anderson, to whom all communications in relation to the Seal should be addressed. Our other change is the transferring of Color Agent to Bro. Machold.

The foot ball season has been one of peculiar interest, not certainly on account of the number of victories scored by Stevens, but because we had to sustain such a heavy loss of athletes from our last year's class that it was the opinion of many that a good team would be hard to find with what was left. But it has not been so. Our team has played some excellent games, having defeated the graduates' team by a fair score. Several other good records have been made.

With deep regret we have to announce the departure of Bro. Bruck from Hoboken. Business interests require his attention in another quarter. The name of Bro. Bruck is too well known among the fraternity to make it necessary to tell any one how much he will be missed, and how impossible it will be for any one to fill his vacated place.

NU—LAFAYETTE.

It has been some time since the *Crescent* has had a letter from Nu, the reason for which is, we have had no news to give you.

The chapter is flourishing with our usual number of members — nine.

Through the kindness of our alumni, we have lately been able to furnish the chapter room with a billiard table, which is greatly appreciated by the active members, not only on account of the attraction of the game, but more so on account of the interest manifested by the alumni members in the chapter.

In reviewing the last issue of the *Crescent*, I rejoiced to see the several articles on important points relative to the prosperity of the fraternity, written by alumni members. There is no surer sign of advancement than the evidence of interest by our alumni.

It was our pleasure to pay a visit to Lehigh University a short time ago, and while there we were fraternally entertained by the Pi boys. Their elegantly furnished chapter house is most delightful and is all that could be desired to enthuse members with an active fraternal interest.

We have had the pleasure of visits from Bros. Snyder, Price, Woods, Webb, Toulmin and Flack of Pi, Bro. Glasgow of Rho, and Bros. Odenwelder and Maurer, Nu '84. The frequent meetings of members of different chapters is one of the most pleasant features of fraternity life, therefore we trust we shall soon see the above-named boys again. We are about closing the examinations for the present term, and in a day or so shall bundle up and leave work for a good, jolly vacation.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

Thanksgiving vacation has again crept upon us and as general a stampede among the students was never witnessed at such a time. All gone to eat turkey, we suppose. The less favored envy you not.

Since it is vacation there is time for reflection, and, as chron-

icler of the chapter, it is but fair to compare our present situation with that of other times and other fraternities.

Having had opportunity for long and wide observation on the chapter, it is our unqualified opinion that, as a chapter, we were never stronger, never more prosperous, never more harmonious. Present number is sixteen ; we began the term with twelve. The four initiates are men who would grace any fraternity.

Perfect harmony and unity never prevailed in any chapter of such numbers. To-day no restless or dissatisfied spirit dwells in chapter Mu.

A year ago we were quartered in a dingy and small hall, in short, "a hole in the wall." To-day we occupy a suite of rooms second to none in the town. A parlor elegantly furnished and a large and commodious lodge room, and we are not in debt. It is a day for national thanksgiving and Mu can join the multitude.

So far as we are concerned we sustain friendly relations with our rivals and contemporaries. The numbers of each are as follows: Phi Kappa Psi, 17 ; Beta Theta Pi, 10 ; Phi Delta Theta, 10 ; Phi Gamma Delta, 12 ; Chi Phi, 5.

The infant son of Mu is Fred. H. Jemkin, '88, of Xenia, Ohio, born November 13th, '84. We are open for congratulations.

C. B. Kistler, '86, of Alpha, made us a pleasant call a short time ago. Come again.

One of our patriarchs, Gilbert P. Austin, '83, put in appearance last week to see the boys (?) of course. Well, Gil, we're glad to see you, anyway.

Nothing has happened in the way of college infractions to disturb the even tenor of our way. The term is replete with good work. Mu is happy.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

This college is now the most flourishing institution of mental training in the South. Opened with two hundred students, with an addition of one professor.

Our chapter began this year with nine men from last year; later, another old Delta returned, giving us a strong force of ten men. We would now ask the attention of the fraternity while we introduce Bros. N. T. Ballard, '86, Newnan; W. A. Davis, '87, Palmetto; A. F. Franklin, '86, Covington, and James A. Anderson, '86, Crawfordville, Ga., as the result of this year's work.

We received one of the highest college honors by Bro. Joe L. Gross being elected anniversarian of the Phi Kappa literary society, the most celebrated institution of its kind in the state. The opposition in the election was a Chi Phi.

We are represented on the editorial staff of the University magazine by Bro. P. S. Willcoxon, Bro. Joe R. Burdett being one of the business managers. We see no reason why we should not be happy over present achievements and sanguine as to the future.

The condition of our rivals is good. College cliques and combinations have all been abandoned and all the fraternities entertain the best feelings for each other.

We are with you head and heart in the cause we love.

BETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Beta Theta's prospects are all that could be desired. Our long dreamed of stone chapter house is soon to become a delightful reality, and who can doubt but that, with such an appendage, Beta Theta will, indeed, be founded upon a rock.

Our chapter numbers sixteen members, all active, energetic and enthusiastic. Although this may seem to be a large list, it is not above the average membership of the other fraternities at the University.

The Greek World here is unusually quiet at present, as, indeed, is everything else. Examinations are going on, and an air of studious dullness has settled over the whole place.

Our rivals are all flourishing with the exception of, perhaps, one; and, as they don't interfere with us, long may they continue to flourish.

We are happy to hear that "that much dreamed of ideal," the prompt appearance of the CRESCENT at a fixed date, is about to be realized, and do not doubt but that it will add greatly to the subscription list. We are "whooping up" the CRESCENT in our part of the country and will shortly send in a number of subscriptions.

This will probably be the last you will hear from us until March, for, contrary to the usual college custom, we have our vacation in the winter in order that we may escape the Southern summer and enjoy our homes in the most pleasant portion of the year in our section.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We take great pleasure in introducing to our fraters Guy L. Kiefer, Lit., '88, of Detroit, Mich. We have another man pledged and another "on the string."

Bro. J. C. Shaw, formerly Lit., '86, has returned and entered the law department.

Bro. W. A. McDonald, Law, '86, has gone home on account of sickness. He does not expect to return this year.

Bro. A. G. Pitts, '85, has been elected managing editor of the *Palladium*.

Some of the fraters from Epsilon, who are on the Rugby team at Albion, gave us a pleasant visit.

Bro. Summers, Law '85, has not materialized yet. He is engaged in delivering lectures at his home.

Bro. Jay J. Read, of '78, gave us a very enjoyable call of a week.

We expect to have our house full after Christmas.

PHI—HANOVER.

The only event out of the ordinary since our last letter, was a flying visit from Bro. Ryker. His recent location at Indianapolis promises us frequent visits from him. Bro. Ryker has many reasons for frequent visits in this direction, but his attentions are too much divided to suit our selfish natures.

The Phi Gams, Betas and Phi's have organized foot ball teams out of their respective chapters. We are debarred from the arena of foot ball on account of scarcity of men.

Bro. Olmsted has been elected president of the Union Literary Society.

Bro. Voris represents us on the sophomore exhibition.

Bro. Donner is making a tour of the East. He expects to visit some of our eastern chapters while on his route.

Phi sends Xmas greetings to the CRESCENT and its readers.

EPSILON—ALBION.

Finis will, in a few days, be written at the close of another successful term's labor for Epsilon. The golden thread of fraternal love that has joined the "Faithful Twelve" will not, however, be broken by separation of the members, but only extended in its circle. We go to our respective homes not to forget Delta Tau Delta, but to accumulate power to expend in her further weal. As an indicative straw pointing to Epsilon's fair record this year, we need only to mention that out of a possible 100 per centum attendance at her meetings we figure 97. The three per cent. of absence was due to unavoidable detention. College honors, also, have been bestowed upon our men solely because of their genuine worth.

Thanksgiving has come and gone. It has not, however, faded, nor will it ever fade, from memory. Of by-gone festivities among ourselves the last eclipsed them all. In brief, we enjoyed just such a time as only Deltas can arrange. Bro. W. S. Graham, '83, was present and demolished his quota of the 18-pound bird.

Out of appreciation for her kindness toward Epsilon in other days, and as a mark of the profound respect we individually have for her, the chapter presented to the preceptress, Miss Rena Michaels, in her protracted illness, a beautiful basket of flowers.

A letter from Bro. Docking yields the information that he and three other loyal Delts at the Boston Theological school commemorated Thanksgiving by gormandizing a better turkey

than ever roosted in Brockway's grove. Some of Epsilon's alumni will be inclined to doubt the excellence of that turkey.

We are making desperate efforts to start the nucleus for a chapter house. As yet the undertaking is in embryo.

Our little *Star* will be shining in a few days. It is already in the hands of the publishers.

Epsilon sends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the fraters.

IOTA—MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL.

Our term closed November 15th and our long vacation commenced, so that Iota's sons are now scattered over the state, most of us in active work, teaching. But, although we do not meet in the hall, nor even see one another, the interests of the chapter and of the fraternity are prominent in our minds.

We have just received news which will sadden many hearts. Bro. L. A. Ross died December 5th from injuries received from a bicycle fall. As we remember Ross so full of life and hope and vigor we can hardly appreciate the full force of the blow. He was the life of many a social gathering and will be mourned by many friends and brothers.

At the close of the term our president resigned to take a professorship. He has been connected with the college for twenty-seven years and has gained the love and respect of graduates and friends of the college. The incoming of a new president will undoubtedly bring new changes, but as all changes under the liberal support which our college receives are sure to be for the better, we can expect even more prosperous times in the near future. You may be sure that Iota will rise on this wave of prosperity and keep even with the advancement of the fraternity.

We did not initiate any new men last fall because there were few whom we wanted. We are abiding by the new spirit of progress, and if our membership should be reduced to one man, be assured that he would be a Delta.

BETA BETA—DE PAUW.

The close of the first term finds Beta Beta with fourteen active members and in an excellent condition, notwithstanding the attempts of our rival fraternities to crush her. We are still here and are on as firm a foundation as any fraternity at De Pauw. We have a right to congratulate ourselves that we have acted slowly and exercised good judgment in the matter of initiations. Our fraternity is the youngest of all fraternities with which she comes in contact here, but not the least, for her influence is gradually being felt in every undertaking about De Pauw University, especially among our rival fraternities.

Bro. John Stevens will leave us soon, intending to go into business at Terre Haute, Indiana. As he is one of our new men it is with great reluctance that we give him up.

As this is the last communication for the term, I close wishing all Deltas a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OMICRON UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Since my last communication the Greek World at Iowa City has been very quiet. The rush for new men is over and we have settled down to enjoy the fruits of our victory. But it is in these quiet times that the fraternal feeling waxes warmest, and each brother feels how good a thing it is to dwell in peace and harmony together.

The monotony of school life has been varied by several "frat hops" at our halls, at which we have all enjoyed a general good time.

We have had one initiate since my last letter, Egbert Hoag, of Manchester, Iowa, whom we rescued from the very jaws of the Phi Delta Thetas. There is more good material in the freshman class, of which we expect to get our share.

Bro. Carl Pomeroy, who represented the University in the state contest last year, was elected secretary of the Inter-State Oratorical Association. He will enter the contest again this year.

The *Vidette Reporter*, the University paper, appears this year

with Bro. Carl Pomeroy as one of the editors-in-chief and Bro. J. L. Teeters as business manager.

Bro. S. B. Howard, who is now reading law in Minneapolis, made us a very pleasant visit a few weeks ago. Bro. Howard is a staunch old Delta and brought many honors upon our chapter while here, and we believe that in the larger sphere of life he is now occupying he will add many more.

Bro. Denman, of Des Moines, made us a flying visit a few days since. He was just in time to enjoy one of our "hops."

Bro. T. H. McBride, professor of botany in the University, has charge of the Iowa Educational Exhibit at New Orleans, and is now in that city. He will be absent several weeks.

Prof. Calvin has charge of the Iowa Mineral Exhibit and will be in New Orleans part of the winter.

BETA ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The second term began as soon as the Thanksgiving turkey was properly attended to and all are in their accustomed places. We see a few new places in chapel, which will increase our number to 225. Some changes in the course are being considered and already the grade of entrance examinations, which had been above eastern colleges, has been changed so that the glorious privileges of the U. of Minn. will be offered to many more. Debating societies and chess clubs are having a great run this year. We have organized a senate and we have two additional debating societies, all well attended; also two flourishing literary societies. There are four fraternities, with whom we wage a friendly struggle for precedence. The Chi Psis, organized in 1874, have succeeded in building a fine chapter house just off the campus. They are not so strong as three years ago. The next established was Theta Phi—a local fraternity—in 1879. They have kept along at a steady pace and made a good showing. They are now a strong united band, though working with the disadvantage of being locals. The next, the Phi Delta Theta, was established in 1881. They excel numerically, but all do not agree that numbers is the essential thing to the welfare of a college fraternity.

Last, and greatest of all, was established the Delta Tau Delta, in 1883. We are all proud of our name and we have a chapter, not of numbers nor of money, but a chapter of the best material in the University.

Allow me to present the latest to don the purple and the gray: Geo. C. Andrews, '86; Clarence Johnson, Dow Smith and Chas. Webster, of '88. All of them we are proud of, as our rivals would have been.

Bro. C. L. Edwards invited Delta Tau to his house last evening to enjoy a party, given in honor of his birthday. Dancing, cards and music filled up the evening and all thoroughly enjoyed the kind hospitality of Bro. Edwards. We will long treasure it as one of the happiest times of our college and fraternity life. May he live to enjoy many such anniversaries and "may his shadow never grow less."

Bro. Bennett has entered an office to study law. He says he wants to know if he is suited to the profession and hopes still to graduate next year.

Bro. McNair has gone to the exposition, assisting in the Minnesota exhibit.

Bro. Colburn has bought up the South Minneapolis *News*, and, on account of business, had to leave again. He hopes to return next year.

In place of Bro. Bennett, resigned, Bro. Stacey was elected to the editorial department of the *Ariel*.

Beta Eta stands way on the tippity-top of the mountains of rejoicing—we hope never to go down to the valley of weeping—on account of the retrograde movement of our chapter. Caution, and no crazy desire for a big chapter, have marked the slow growth of Beta Eta.

INITIATES.

ALPHA.

- 184. Charles Elliott Whistler, '89, Mercer, Pa., Oct. 11, 1884.
- 185. George Brown Zahniser, '88, Mercer, Pa., Oct. 11, 1884.

BETA.

- 138. Chas. Ellsworth Messe, '88, Lancaster, O., Sept. 20, 1884.

GAMMA.

- Charles Clifford Ross, Sept. 27, 1884.

DELTA.

- 80. Chas. Harrison Hatch, '88, Bay City, Mich, Sept. 23, 1884.
- 81. Frank Daniel McDonell, '88, Bay City, Mich, Sept. 23, 1884.
- 82. Guy L. Kiefer, '88, Detroit, Mich., Dec. 6, 1884.

EPSILON.

- James E. Graham, Oct. 11, 1884.

ETA.

- 104. William A. Holcomb, '89, Jackson, Ohio, Nov. 28, 1884.
- 105. Charles Eugene Wanens, '89, F. Vancouver, Wash. Ter., Nov. 28, 1884.

MU.

- 99. Chas. Lincoln Ketcham, '87, Hillsboro, O., June 23, 1884.
- 100. Herman Linwood Amiss, '88, Parkersburg, W. Va., June 24, 1884.
- 101. George Randolph Arnold, '88, Somerset, Ohio, June 24, 1884.
- 102. Horace Alfred Stokes, '87, Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 22, 1884.
- 103. Elisha Hoffman Anderson, '85, Easton, W. Va., Sept. 25, 1884.

104. Edwin Holt Hughes, '88, Parkersburg, W. Va., Oct. 28, 1884.
105. Fred Haines Junkin, '88, Xenia, Ohio, Nov. 13, 1884.

XI.

82. Maurice Bradford, '87, Glenwood, Ia., Sept. 27, 1884.
83. Charles Benonia Kera, '88, Norwalk, Ia., Sept. 27, 1884.
84. Edmund Burk Osborn, '89, Omaha, Neb., Sept. 27, 1884.

OMICRON.

36. Rufus Bradbury Clark, '88, Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 20, 1884.
37. Charles Edgar Pickett, '88, Waterloo, Iowa, Sept. 20, 1884.
38. Egbert Whitlock Hoag, '88, Manchester, Iowa, Oct. 4, 1884.

PI.

52. Leonardo Bravo, '88, Stgo de Cuba, Oct. 4, 1884.
53. Philip Sidney Webb, '88, Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 10, 1884.
54. Chas. Langley Flack, '88, Washington, D. C., Oct. 27, 1884.
55. Chas. Philip Coleman, '88, Baltimore, Md., Oct. 27, 1884.

RHO.

60. Robert Marshall Anderson, '87, Circleville, Ohio, Oct. 10, 1884.
66. Larz Worthington Anderson, '88, Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 21, 1884.

SIGMA.

19. Peter Chauncey Anderson, '87, New York, N. Y., Oct. 9, 1884.
20. Arthur Hoffman VanBrunt, '86, New York, N. Y., Oct. 16, 1884.
21. Louis Joseph Reckendorfer, '86, New York, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1884.
22. George Rowland, '87, New York, N. Y., Nov. 20, 1884.
23. Elihu Dwight Church, jr., '87, Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1884.

TAU.

49. Charles Lintner Bowman, '88, Lancaster, Pa., June 17, 1884.
50. Charles Christian Herr, '88, Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 15, 1884.

UPSILON.

25. Victor Taylor Price, '88, Avondale, Ohio, Sept. 19, 1884.
26. Henry Raymond Asserson, '87, Norfolk, Va., Sept. 22, 1884.
27. Fred Crosby Gunn, '87, Atchkinson, Kan., Sept. 22, 1884.
28. Gus William Emory, '87, Centerville, Md., Oct. 21, 1884.
29. Charles Hastings Judd, jr., '88, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, Oct. 28, 1884.

BETA BETA.

29. John Ellsworth Stevens, '88, Greencastle, Ind., Sept. 20, 1884.
30. Judson Waldo Paul, '89, Halstead, Kan., Oct. 11, 1884.
31. Ernest Robert Keith, '90, Brazil, Ind., Oct. 11, 1884.
32. Blair Spotswood McNutt, '88, Brazil, Ind., Oct. 13, 1884.

BETA DELTA.

32. Nathaniel Harrison Ballard, '86, Palmetto, Ga., Oct. 4, 1884.
33. William Alonzo Davis, '87, Newman, Ga., Oct. 11, 1884.
34. Alfred Leak Franklin, '86, Covington, Ga., Oct. 12, 1884.
35. James Allen Anderson, '86, Crawfordville, Ga., Nov. 8, 1884.

BETA ETA.

8. George C. Andrews, (special,) Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 25, 1884.
9. Chauncey J. Johnson, '88, St. Peter, Minn., Oct. 25, 1884.
10. Dow S. Smith, '88, Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 25, 1884.
11. Charles Henry Webster, '88, Clearwater, Minn., Oct. 25, 1884.

BETA ZETA.

35. Emmet W. Gans, '87, Pierre, Ohio, Sept. 15, 1884.
36. Henry Thomas Mann, '88, Gilman, Ill., Oct. 7, 1884.
37. Jay F. Durler, '87, Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 24, 1884.

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