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



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

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## AROUND ATHENS.

BY J. VANLAW.

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at Ohio University, June 21st, 1866.*

[By a contract of the Congress of the United States, dated October 27th, 1787, with the Ohio Land Company of Boston, a tract of land lying between the Muskingum and Scioto rivers was granted on the condition that the two central townships should be reserved for the benefit of a university. These townships, Athens and Alexander, were located by General Putnam, in 1795. On the first Monday in June, 1804, the first meeting of the trustees, consisting of Governor Tiffin, Gen. Rufus Putnam, Elijah Backus, Dudley Woodbridge, Daniel Story, Samuel Carpenter and James Kilbourne, was held at the house of Dr. Eliphas Perkins, in Athens. The village then consisted of three or four houses in the Northern part of the present limits. The present site of the college green and the more elevated portions of the town were covered by a dense poplar forest and the valleys chiefly with maples. At this time there was not a road nor a wheeled vehicle in Athens county. Blazed paths, and the river, much easier of navigation than now, were the only means of communication through woods filled with wild beasts. Yet these men came to establish a university.]

### I.

When first these Genii of the West  
Passed through these sylvan solitudes  
Sowing the seeds of Empire as they passed,  
Within the shadows of these primal woods,  
They paused awhile upon this lofty crest  
To view the river, loit'ring on its way,  
As if in joy to mirror on its breast  
The image of the circling hills, that lay,  
A beauteous frame-work, or an emerald zone,  
Clasping the picture of the vale within.

### II.

The forest is around them. Overhead  
The giant poplars spread their rugged arms;  
Along the valley, flecked with light and shade,  
The breezy maples toss their trembling charms;  
The hills about them rise on every hand,  
Some veiled, and some with forehead bare,  
As if around some sacred shrine they stand,  
Mute sentinels, or worshipers at prayer.  
The willows bow their heads along the shores,  
Where rise in solemn awe, the spectral sycamores.

### III.

'Tis two and sixty years since first they met,  
At this baptismal font, in leafy June,  
Where regal Nature brought her coronet  
And gave her sceptre to the hands of men,  
Then stood consenting, while her cherished child  
Gave her coy hand to young Democracy;  
Freedom stood sponsor; and with aspect mild  
Science, with radiant brow was by,  
While grave Religion, stretching forth his hands,  
Invoked a blessing on the nuptial bands.

### IV.

Time's grandest Century, then a four year's child,  
Thrilled with the pulses of the great "To be,"  
And cast its shadows, strange, grotesque and wild,  
Upon the bosom of futurity;  
Grappling the problem of Man's destiny,  
His laws, self-government and higher life,  
Where bounteous Nature spreads from sea to sea  
The wild arena of his moral strife,  
Where ev'ry faculty full scope may find  
To free, to elevate and bless mankind.

### V.

The young Republic, penniless though free,  
Held in her hand the war-won title-deeds  
Of broad domain, untold prosperity



And every solace for Man's highest needs.  
 But, like the promise erst to Israel's chief,  
 After sore trials in the wilderness,  
 And bloody grapple in unequal strife,  
 They still must enter *armed*, and dispossess  
 The savage denizens that guard the soil.  
 Toil is Man's birthright, and they needs must toil.

## VI.

But He who plants the Monarch of the hills,  
 Fosters its growth with kind paternal care,  
 Now with the dew that lovingly distills  
 Into its heart, now with the copious shower ;  
 And, as it strikes its roots into the earth  
 To anchor safely in the rifted rock,  
 And the glad branches leap exultant forth,  
 He gives the tempest, and amid the shock  
 New strength and vigor to the tree are given  
 To spread its limbs abroad and tower tow'rd heaven.

## VII.

Thus was the Nation nursed thro' calm and storm,  
 Thus had war's whirlwind tried its sturdy growth,  
 But Sages, looking forward, with alarm  
 Beheld the untrained giant striding forth,  
 Arm'd *cap-a-pie* to tread the forest down,  
 To trace broad rivers to their hidden source,  
 To rear the block-house and the log-built town—  
 And felt that reason must combine with force,  
 Learning with Labor, or the struggles past  
 In freedom's conflict would be worse than lost.

## VIII.

The patriot fires of old colonial days  
 Still burned undimmed in many a hero's breast,  
 Who taught the story of those bloody frays  
 By his own fireside, in the distant West,  
 Till upturned eyes were kindled with the flame  
 That burned at Lexington and Bunker Hill ;  
 And the free spirit that no pow'r could tame  
 In breast of sires, was throbbing still  
 In the full pulses of their loyal sons  
 Heirs of the prowess of these martyr'd ones.

## IX.

And strange traditions of fierce border strife  
 By these rude firesides from the patriarch's tongue,  
 Feats of the chase, and staking life for life,  
 Awoke the emulation of the young  
 To daring deeds, here where existence claim'd  
 Scarce more of civil than of savage state,  
 Where courage still must guard what labor gained  
 And keep the gaunt wolf, *hunger*, from the gate.  
 Few wants, rude pleasures, simple tastes were theirs,  
 But each looked trustingly to coming years.

## X.

They felled the forest, dealing stroke on stroke,  
 Till the glad sunlight warmed the teeming soil ;  
 And the broad river, yielding to the yoke,  
 Drove on the clattering mill with patient toil.

Along its channel sped the light canoe  
 As the sole highway of this forest sea,  
 Save the dim Indian trail, or line cleft through  
 By hunter's ax, passing from tree to tree,  
 Tracing a pathway, winding here and there  
 To guide the footsteps of the pioneer.

## XI.

Within this realm, in Empire's Westward march,  
 Rose first the altars in the name of Mars ;  
 But here, within the temple's grandest arch,  
 Met war-bronzed heroes bearing honored scars,  
 To lay foundation for a holier shrine,  
 Whose censer, lit with more than Delphian fire,  
 Through the dark lapse of coming years should shine  
 With a pure, quenchless luster and inspire  
 A deathless passion for the jeweled page  
 That Science still unfolds from age to age.

## XII.

Peace hath its victories, no less than war,  
 And in the path of armies' desolation  
 The patriot, statesman and philosopher  
 Uprear the beauteous frame-work of the Nation.  
 Some build a despotism based on might,  
 And some on birthright of ancestral story ;  
 But ours rests firmly on a *freeman's* right  
 Full oft maintained on many a field of glory.  
 For this the motto that we fight beneath  
 In every struggle, "Liberty or Death."

## XIII.

Yet Freedom is but mock'ry when the mind  
 Is dark with ignorance or sunk in vice,  
 And he the veriest slave of all his kind,  
 Who wears the chain of groundless prejudice ;  
 Hence, when this grand Republic was designed,  
 Giving to ev'ry man a regal place,  
 Schools were his ushers to conduct the mind  
 To this new sphere, his fireside throne, to grace ;  
 Thus in this model Greece, mankind to bless,  
 Arose this Athens in the wilderness.  
 Kind friends, this festal eve we meet,  
 To sit again at Alma's feet ;  
 Again to feel our pulses thrill,  
 Again from school-day's urn to fill  
 A beaker for the spirit's lip  
 When age and care have drained life's cup.  
 To hear the old familiar tones  
 Come back to us from years ago,  
 As if the dear maternal hands  
 Were toying with each tie that binds ;  
 Her fingers in caresses stealing  
 Amid the trembling chords of feeling,  
 'Till, as we turn us from her door,  
 To buffet with the world once more,  
 We feel, whatever path we tread,  
 Her blessing warm upon our head.  
 'Tis well, at times, to seek the wood  
 To meditate in solitude ;



To read the lines of truth profound  
 In the great volume—all unbound—  
 That Nature's pencil kindly traces,  
 To scatter in these sacred places,  
 Where holy calm and silence brood,  
 Till you may feel your strength renewed.  
 But here, where care and toil unbend,  
 Where brothers meet, and friend greets friend,  
 We pause as at a wayside inn,  
 Beside life's dusty turnpike-line,  
 Where we may lay our burdens by,  
 Each bundle and perplexity,  
 And each as Alma Mater's guest  
 Refresh his spirit and find rest.

The old dame wears a cheery smile  
 In spite of three-score years of toil.  
 This week she holds high carnival  
 And children trooping at her call  
 Throng round this birthday festival;  
 For June is on our hills once more,  
 And just beyond the winding shore  
 We watch the giant Sycamore,  
 Toss high its branches as before.  
 The river loiters round us still,  
 Still loves the shadow of the hill,  
 And ceaseless clatter of the mill.  
 It bears no more the light canoe,  
 But drives the shuttle to and fro.  
 And where of yore the poplars stood  
 In grand primeval solitude,  
 We tread the thronging, busy street,  
 Or stroll within that cool retreat,  
 Where art and nature kindly meet  
 To form a pathway for our feet.  
 Along the vale above, below,  
 The lights and shadows come and go  
 Like Ocean's ceaseless ebb and flow;  
 But 'stead of Maple's breezy charms,  
 The green mosaic of the farms,  
 Instead of "blazed line" thro' the wood,  
 Or paths of late by savage trod,  
 Roads from all points concenter here,  
 And thro' the vale with rush of fire,  
 The engine treads its glowing track,  
 Till sleeping echoes, startled, wake,  
 To give from hollow gorge and rock  
 The answer to his challenge back.  
 Yet he who guides this tireless force,  
 Checks and controls it in its course,  
 May lay his hand upon the pulse  
 And feel whatever throes convulse  
 The Nation or the Universe.  
 Instead of forest life and rules  
 The reign of churches, laws and schools;  
 Instead of Pioneers, behold  
 Time's grandest Empire Westward rolled!  
 Instead of Hopes, behold Success,  
 OHIO where was wilderness!

'Tis said of yore the muscs' haunt  
 Was on Parnassus' rugged Mount,  
 Where they assembled to inspire  
 The Grecian bards that wandered there,  
 And oft, to crown some fav'rite son,  
 Brought down their wreaths from Helicon.  
 Long years since then, a spirit wild  
 From home and country self-exiled  
 Has found the muses hovering still  
 Round their old haunts on vale and hill,  
 But not alone confined to these,  
 Nor yet to sunny "Isles of Greece,"  
 For he has felt their presence nigh  
 Amid the crumbling fanes that lie  
 Scattered beneath the gorgeous sky  
 Of soul-enchanting Italy.  
 Their breath has fanned his glowing cheek  
 Upon the cloud-capped mountain peak,  
 While lightnings through the darkness break  
 Down to the bosom of the lake,  
 And Alp to Alp essays to speak  
 In the deep pauses of the storm,  
 Till Nature's wildest terrors form  
 An unscanned swelling chant sublime,  
 With varying cadence, force and time,  
 As if with rolling, echoing rhyme  
 The Heavens pealed their battle-hymn.  
 Thus in all climes the muscs' spell  
 Is found where'er the soul may feel,  
 The truth of Nature's oracle.  
 What need we, then, of fabled muse?  
 Jehovah's hand around us strews,  
 Whole stanzas of immortal verse,  
 And day and night by turns rehearse  
 The anthem of the Universe.  
 Our hills and vales are not less fair  
 Than banks of Avon or of Ayr,  
 And he whose wakened soul is full  
 Of homage for the beautiful,  
 May read on hill and vale and river,  
 The poem hymning on forever.  
 Look to the East at early dawn  
 Or Westward at the set of sun,  
 Look to the South at noon's full light,  
 Or Northward in the star-gemmed night,  
 And earth and air and cloud and sky  
 Are redolent of poetry.  
 Then read the poem. Overhead  
 God holds the light that all may read;  
 Nay more, adjusts the light and shade  
 With rainbow tints that glow and fade,  
 To add new beauty to each page.  
 Each morn and eve adorns the skies  
 With opal hues and roseate dyes;  
 The seasons in their circuit bring  
 The buds and blossoms of the spring,  
 The summer's wealth of emerald leaves,  
 Its clover-blooms and yellow sheaves,



The autumn with its golden store  
Shakes down its glories at our door,  
And winter, with its robe of white,  
Shuts out the picture from our sight,  
Till spring returns. Jehovah then  
Shall write His poem out again,  
And set to music all its words  
With harp of winds and choir of birds.

And blended with this mighty plan,  
As far as roving eye can scan,  
We read the majesty of Man.  
And yet the change hath not been wrought  
By single deed, or arm, or thought;  
No magic wand or wizard spell  
Hath wrought this seeming miracle,  
Art and Science aid each other,  
Hand and brain have toiled together,  
Every man hath helped his brother.

Heroes of the Revolution  
Gave to us this Institution.  
But there stand with us to-night  
In the glow of Freedom's light,  
Heroes of another fight:  
When the wrong assailed the right,  
And, with reverence be it said,  
They who trampled o'er the dead  
Where the fiercest charge was made,  
Wielding musket or brigade,  
Camping on the bloody field,  
Fighting still when forced to yield,  
Braving hunger, storm and cold,  
And privations manifold,  
On the long and weary march,  
Or the bivouac 'neath the arch  
Of starry dome or dripping sky;  
Struggling with the thoughts that lie  
Cold and bitter in the heart,  
Where rankles the ungrateful dart,  
Barbed with treason, but sent forth  
From the safe windows of the North,  
From which, themselves have kept afar  
The desolating tide of war:  
Feeling ev'ry taunting word  
The longing and the hope deferred,  
Yet shutting all these thoughts from view,  
Girding up their strength anew,  
Ever to their country true;  
'Till from ev'ry traitor's hand  
Falls the firelock and the brand,  
Turning from the slaughter then,  
To their cherished homes again,  
To share, among their fellow-men,  
The duties of the citizen—  
These are heroes, whom the Nation  
Holds in equal veneration,  
Side by side in niche of glory,

In the temple of her story,  
With the noblest and the best  
Who have laid them down to rest,  
With their country's wishes blest.

But other guests are here to-night  
Than those who mingled in the fight;  
For beauty's power must be confessed  
Within the coldest stoic's breast  
Who mingles in this social feast,  
And with the heroes of the fray  
Come those, who in the darkest day,  
Could only weep, and watch, and pray.

The circling year again convenes  
The actors in a thousand scenes.  
Some have grown athletes in the strife  
Exultant in their bounteous life,  
While some whom fate has forced to yield,  
Come limping homeward from the field.  
Commingle here the sluggish mood  
Is quickened, and youth's fire subdued  
Till life's deep tide more full and strong  
Shall course our swelling veins along,  
And each may take his burden up  
With firmer faith and stronger hope  
To labor with a keener zest  
Since he was *Alma Mater's* guest.

Our hostess garrulous and proud  
Looks smiling on the gathering crowd,  
In turn applauds each duteous son,  
Praises each worthy action done  
And claims his merit as her own.  
For each has brought his offering here  
The first fruits of the garnered year;  
With homage due we recognize,  
The source from whence all blessings rise;  
Our Rev'rend \* Pastor, as of yore,  
Has taught us from the sacred lore.  
With voice all tremulous with tears  
Entreated that for coming years  
We choose the wealth of † Godliness  
For all its double promises.  
‡ An elder brother too has brought  
A gem-set picture here and taught,  
That Heaven is "the goal of Thought,"  
That upward from material things  
The fettered mind impulsive springs,  
Or, bursting through its prison bars  
Exultant climbs the darkling stairs,  
And ope's the gateway of the stars.  
And one, ¶ a soldier who has stood

\* Baccalaureate sermon by President S. Howard, D. D.; from Timothy IV-VIII.

† "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

‡ Rev. Dr. McKaig, of Cincinnati. Subject—"The Goal of Thought."

¶ Col. Jas. B. Black, of Indiana; poem before the Beta Theta Pi Society. Subject—"Cedar Creek."



Where Shenandoah rolls its flood,  
 When Cedar Creek ran red with blood  
 And in the gray that heralds dawn,  
 Upon that fearful battle morn,  
 Heard the first rumbling of the storm  
 Run through the lines in wild alarm;  
 Has felt the terror of the shock,  
 That like a loosened cliff of rock  
 Rolled back our lines, corps crushing corps  
 Swept onward by the tide of war;  
 Has seen the blinding whirling flash,  
 Has heard the booming and the crash,  
 Has felt war's hot and sulphurous breath  
 In this mad carnival of death.  
 Has felt within his struggling soul  
 The seething tide of anguish roll,  
 The crushing shame to own defeat  
 And panic, and confused retreat,  
 While backward on the battle-plain,  
 Where lie his comrades crushed or slain,  
 The plundering horde swarms in the vale,  
 And on the battle-tainted gale  
 Come hideous shout and fiendish yell.  
 But when at length a faint-heard cheer  
 Falls on his eager listening ear,  
 Passing along, from man to man,  
 Fast swelling down our broken line,  
 Cheer after cheer for Sheridan:  
 He saw the shattered squadrons wheel  
 Back into line, and serried steel,  
 And flying ball, and bursting shell,  
 Tread back the pathway of retreat  
 And bring forth victory from defeat.  
 The poet mingled with the rout  
 And strove to save, with sword and shout;  
 Retiring then from out the throng  
 Poured all his burning thoughts in song.  
 Thanks for thy picture! and thy name  
 We in our memories embalm  
 With double meed of bays and palm.

But how shall I, in fitting word,  
 My humble meed of praise accord  
 To our Alumni's youthful bard,<sup>o</sup>  
 In verse of mine, that never yet  
 Was pointed with one ray of wit.  
 His reckless hand, since schoolday's close,  
 Has dared to tweak Professor's nose,  
 And opened that Pandora's box  
 Of mischievous-making, college jokes,  
 Has quizzed the Senior's stately airs  
 And gossiped Freshmen's love affairs;  
 Nay, more, his impious hands would wake  
 The deep repose of buried Greek.  
 A bridge of cedar to make,  
 For his unbridled, fiery steed,  
 'Till faithless mire has checked his speed;  
 And then he trudges forth on foot,

With whip in hand and spur on boot,  
 And wins the goal of his pursuit.  
 Next came the off'ring of the man ||  
 Whose single life, at once may span  
 The chasm of years in Alma's story,  
 From wilderness to noontide glory;  
 And mem'ry's tendrils seem to twine  
 So fondly 'round that olden time,  
 It was a joy in truth to hear  
 That venerable pioneer  
 Upon his length'ning story dwell,  
 In praise of those he loved so well.

But at this Pentacostal feast  
 Not *one* but *five* must be released.  
 The active world demands again  
 Its quota of enlightened men.  
 Each gives, on subject of his choice,  
 His thoughts and sentiments a voice,  
 But, strangely, through them all there ran,  
 Unlike, and yet in unity,  
 The grand equality of man.  
 Our Mother gives them roll and seal,  
 Then lifts to Heaven a mute appeal  
 And sends them forth to woe or weal.  
 \*\* To-day, another has been here,  
 To pour his vials on the air  
 Till every vital breath we draw  
 Is freighted with the Higher law;  
 For like a halo round his head,  
 His Christian virtues seem to shed,  
 An atmosphere in which we read  
 "The noblest handiwork of God."  
 And last of all these savory dishes  
 Our \*\* Martin brings his "Loaves and Fishes,"  
 While I the last as well as least,  
 The lee-wines of this mental feast,  
 Would fain some fitting tribute bring,  
 Some wreath of blooms and bays, or sing  
 To wake a tremulous refrain,  
 Some mem'ry of the dear "Lang Syne"  
 A rosary of thought-pearls strung  
 Upon the silver thread of song;  
 Some earnest strain however rude  
 To show my sense of gratitude.  
 The wish is vain—not mine the power,  
 I only worship from afar,  
 I answer, but the social tie  
 That binds our loved Fraternity,  
 Delta Tau Delta! for thy shrine  
 The blooms and bays I strive to twine.  
 Around this shrine we oft have met,

<sup>o</sup> Earl A. Cranston, Poet; and

|| Dr. Hempstead, of Portsmouth, Historian of the Alumni.

§ Five graduates.

\*\* Judge Storer, of Cincinnati, delivered the University Address.

\*\* H. C. Martin, Esq., Orator of the Delta Tau Delta. Subject—"Loaves and Fishes."



Its lessons we may not forget,  
 Till crescents wane and stars grow dim,  
 Or wisdom's self shall cease to charm.  
 As flows our river to the sea,  
 We hasten to Eternity;  
 But as we pass adown the vale  
 Reflecting all the beautiful,  
 Let knowledge from each sparkling rill,  
 Increase our manhood's strength, and still  
 Give blessings forth on every side  
 To make the teeming valley glad.  
 Then, be life's pathway rough or even,  
 Live for a purpose—live for Heaven.

### MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 22d, 1884.

The first meeting of the Executive Council, after the change in the administration of the executive affairs of the Fraternity, has been regarded with a lively degree of interest by the whole Fraternity, and we herewith publish an abstract of the minutes of its proceedings.

The Council met, pursuant to the call of its President, Brother Bruck, at Akron, Ohio, February 22d, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Present—Prof. W. S. Eversole, Wooster, Ohio; W. M. Day, Cleveland, Ohio; Wilber Colvin, Springfield, Ohio; H. W. Plummer, Meadville, Pa.; J. W. Magruder, Delaware, Ohio; A. G. Pitts, Ann Arbor, Mich.; C. L. Edwards, Galesburg, Ill. K. B. Waite, Cleveland, Ohio, and Brother Plummer represented W. L. McClurg and H. T. Bruck, respectively, by proxy, making a full Council.

#### MORNING SESSION.

Brother Eversole was elected President, *pro tem.*, and the Council proceeded to business.

Brother Plummer submitted a series of rules, and interpretations of clauses of the laws, and the following were adopted by the Council:

*First.*—The transmission of all Reports, Term, Enrollment, Dismissal, or Expulsion, to and from the General Secretary; the demand for, and supplying of Badge Orders; the collecting of ballots upon the granting or withdrawing of Charters, shall be considered as "routine business," and shall be transmitted and transacted through the respective Division Secretaries.

*Second.*—Under no circumstances shall postal cards or unsealed envelopes be used in the transaction of the business, routine, or otherwise, of the Council.

*Third.*—The clause, referring to the payment of annual dues, "falling due in January of each year," shall be taken to mean that an annual tax of \$1.50 be assessed upon each active undergraduate member of the Fraternity, the date of such assessment to be fixed as the 10th day of January.

*Fourth.*—All communications to the Council, except routine business, shall be regarded as privileged communications, not to be divulged except upon consent of a majority of the Council; the name of the author or authors of any such communication not to be divulged without said author's consent.

*Fifth.*—All votes of the Council shall be regarded as confidential, only the result being made known to the general Fraternity; the vote of the individual members of the Council being known only to the Council.

*Sixth.*—Except where otherwise specified in the Constitution and Laws, a majority vote of all the members of the Council shall be necessary to pass any measure.

*Seventh.*—All ballots of the Council, when not in session, shall be collected by the General Secretary.

A message was received from the Second Division Conference, now in session, asking that the Council make some investigation as to prices of Fraternity jewelry. Brothers Day, Plummer and Magruder were appointed a committee to report upon the matter.

The matter of having the design of the Fraternity jewelry registered in the Patent Office, was put into the hands of the General Secretary, with power to act.

Motion adopted, that the Fraternity be incorporated under the laws of Ohio, in accordance with the action of the Pittsburgh Convention, and that the matter of preparing the necessary papers be left with the General Secretary.

Brothers Pitts, Edwards and Waite were appointed a committee on Order of Business for the afternoon session, and the Council adjourned till 2 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Committee on Order of Business reported as follows:

1. Report of committees on Chapters Beta Iota and Sigma.
2. Condition of other backward Chapters.
3. Discussion of plans of extension.
4. Report of committee on request of Second Division.



5. Election of delegates to the Pan-Hellenic Council.

6. Treasurer's report.

7. Other business.

Report was adopted as read.

The committee previously appointed to investigate the Beta Iota, made an elaborate and lengthy written report, showing a thorough investigation, and recommending the withdrawal of the charter. After a full discussion of the matter the report was adopted.

The committee on the Sigma made a partial report. The committee was instructed to complete its report, and a motion that the matter be then laid over to the Annual Convention, was laid on the table until the evening session.

An informal discussion of extension was had, and several first-class institutions in each division were favorably considered.

Adjourned till after supper.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The Committee on Jewelry reported as follows:

"The committee, in regard to the complaint of the Second Division, that J. F. Newman, Fraternity Jeweler, was charging too high a price for his badges, would recommend that a committee, composed of three members of the Council, be appointed to receive bids from other jewelers, and suggest to the next Convention the appointment of one or more additional jewelers.

"The committee, also, finds that Chapter Eta is proceeding unconstitutionally in purchasing pins, by procuring other than the adopted design; and, also, in obtaining them from other than the regularly appointed jeweler. The committee would recommend that the said Chapter be requested to abstain, in the future, from any such irregularities."

The report was adopted, and a committee to receive bids from other jewelers was appointed. Committee—Brothers Day, Plummer, and Magruder.

Motion adopted that the Council elect three delegates, and three alternates, to represent the Fraternity in the Pan-Hellenic Council.

Delegates elected: H. T. Bruck, H. W. Plummer, and W. W. Cook.

Alternates elected: Prof. J. N. Study, W. M. Day, and Prof. W. S. Eversole.

Motion adopted that committees of three members each, be appointed to investigate the condition of the Chapters in each division, each committee not to be members of the division that they are to investigate; committees to report at the next meeting of the Council.

Committees—First Division: Colvin, Magruder, Day.

Second Division: Pitts, Edwards, Bruck.

Third Division: McClurg, Plummer, Magruder.

Fourth Division: Colvin, Plummer, Pitts.

On motion, the General Secretary was authorized to procure such blank-books and blanks as he should need.

A bill by the Zeta was allowed.

Motion adopted that a permanent Finance Committee be appointed, to report upon all bills, said committee to act only between meetings of the Council.

Finance Committee: Brothers Eversole, Day, and Plummer.

Motion adopted that all necessary expenses of members of the Council, in attending this meeting, in excess of ten dollars, be paid by the Fraternity.

Treasurer's report was submitted by Brother Waite.

Motion adopted that in accordance with suggestions in said report, a committee be appointed to report at the next meeting of the Council, a plan for raising a sinking fund for the Fraternity. Committee—Brothers McClurg, Pitts, and Plummer.

The committee on the Sigma submitted a lengthy written report, recommending the withdrawal of the charter now. After a protracted discussion the report was adopted.

The entire minutes were read and adopted, and the Council adjourned at 11:30 P. M.

The meeting throughout was very harmonious



and business-like, and in every final action the Council was unanimous. In addition to the above, special reports were presented from all, excepting three Chapters, showing the Fraternity to be in a most prosperous condition.

### FIRST DIVISION CONFERENCE.

The Second Annual Conference of the First Grand Division, was held in the magnificent parlors of the Park Avenue Hotel, New York City, February 22d and 23d, 1884.

The Committee of Arrangements had previously sent out handsomely engraved invitations and printed programmes, containing all the necessary information concerning the arrangements which had been made, the location and mode of reaching the hotel, etc.

According to the programme, the Conference should have been called to order at half-past ten in the morning, but owing to an unexpected delay, the first session was not begun until twelve o'clock. This, however, gave the members, of whom there were a large number already present, a fine opportunity to get acquainted with each other, and, judging from the incessant hum of voices, sociability was not wanting.

These pleasant groups were at last interrupted by the Secretary, who called the Conference to order, and read letters from the President, Brother Thomas H. Harcastle, *H*, '80, and from the Vice-President, Brother William H. Mayburry, *T*, '83, who stated that they very much regretted their inability to be present at the Conference. Brother Mayburry had expected to be present, until the last minute, when he found that his health would not permit him.

Brother William W. Cook, *J*, '78, was then placed in the Chair, and, after a few preliminary remarks, called upon Brother John L. N. Hunt, *θ*, '62, one of the original founders of Delta Tau Delta, to deliver an address of welcome. Brother Hunt related the story of the founding of the Fraternity, and after following its steady development up to its present greatness, pointed out the surest and best method of advance in the

future. It is needless to say that he was heartily applauded. In the absence of Alpha's delegate, who was expected to reply to the address of welcome, the Chairman called upon Brother John Calvert, *H*, '76, who was taken more or less by surprise, but, nevertheless, acquitted himself admirably. Committees were then appointed to attend to various matters, and the afternoon session was spent in the transaction of routine business, most important of which was the adoption of a constitution, to take effect immediately, and to govern all future Conferences of the First Division. The Secretary read a greeting from the Second Division, in Conference assembled at Akron, Ohio, and a reply was telegraphed. A telegram of greeting was also received from Chapter Gamma.

In the evening the Conference attended the Madison Square Theatre in a body, and witnessed the play entitled, "Alpine Roses." The play in itself rendered great enjoyment, while those who had never been there before were much interested in the theatre, which alone is a work of art. Through the kindness of the proprietor, Mr. W. H. Mallory, after the performance was over our party remained, and the celebrated "double stage" was operated for us, and we were taken through the house from top to bottom and shown the very complete ventilating, heating and cooling apparatus. We then repaired to Clark's parlors, where a fine collation had been prepared.

It had been the aim of the Arrangement Committee to avoid the stiffness of a banquet, with which meetings of this kind are usually haunted, and substitute in its stead a more informal collation, served at a number of small tables, thus giving the guests a better opportunity of enjoying each other's society, and more nearly accomplishing the true aim of the meeting. After five-minute speeches had been made by nearly all of the Alumni Present, the evening was spent in music and song.

The meeting which was held on the next day was not so largely attended, due to the fact that it was not a legal holiday, and consisted in the



transaction of considerable private business, after which, at one o'clock P. M., the Conference adjourned finally.

Our hopes that this Conference would be as much better than last year's, as could be expected from one year's steady growth, were not disappointed, and we rejoiced to see the venture which last year was nothing more than an experiment, become an established thing, and apparently upon a foundation whose firmness would warrant us in the belief that it had existed for many years. All left with a feeling that this Fraternity to which they belong was a big thing, and that each year new facts were being developed and revealed, by which its strength was becoming increased.

The next Conference will be held in New York City, on Monday and Tuesday, February 23d and 24th, 1885, and the following are the officers:

President—Henry T. Bruck, *P*, '78.

First Vice-President—J. Parker White, *H*, '76.

Second Vice-President—Frank S. Elliott, *T*, '76.

Secretary—John A. Wells, *B I*, '86.

It seems evident that New York is the best place in which to hold a Conference of the First Division, if for no other reason than that here are centered most of our resident Alumni. Our register-book shows that the number of delegates and visitors present exceeded sixty, while last year there were but forty, and at that time we thought this a wonderfully large number. Should the yearly rate of increase continue in this manner, our Conferences, in point of numbers, will soon equal—or, if it is not treasonable to suggest,—even surpass the General Convention.

The following is a list of the Brothers who were present:

THETA (OLD ALPHA).—BETHANY.

1. Hon. John L. N. Hunt, '62.

ALPHA.—ALLEGHENY.

1. Chas. M. Richmond, '82.

TAU.—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

1. J. H. Gerhart, '86, Lancaster, Pa.
2. N. C. Heisler, '83, Easton, Pa.

RHO.—STEVENS.

1. John A. Bense, '84, New York City.
2. Will S. Breath, '82, Killingworth, Conn.
3. Henry T. Bruck, '78, Hoboken, N. J.
4. Louis J. Bruck, '78, Hoboken, N. J.
5. S. P. Bush, '84, Hoboken, N. J.
6. W. S. Chester, '86, Englewood, N. J.
7. W. J. Cooper, '77, Newark, N. J.
8. J. E. Deaton, '75, Hoboken, N. J.
9. E. H. Foster, '84, Englewood, N. J.
10. A. G. Glasgow, '85, Richmond, Va.
11. F. E. Idell, '78, Hoboken, N. J.
12. Theo. F. Koezly, '75, New York City.
13. W. L. Lyall, '84, New York City.
14. C. E. Machold, '85, Hoboken, N. J.
15. M. J. Martinez, '82, Brooklyn, N. Y.
16. Louis J. Mathey, '80, Hoboken, N. J.
17. M. McNaughton, '83, New York City.
18. E. P. Mowton, '86, New York City.
19. Chas. F. Parker, '84, New York City.
20. R. H. Rice, '85, Rockland, Maine.
21. L. W. Serrell, '86, Plainfield, N. J.
22. A. P. Trautwein, '76, Hoboken, N. J.
23. K. Torrance, '84, Tenaflly, N. J.
24. C. W. Whiting, '84, Pottsville, Pa.

UPSILON.—RENSELAER.

1. W. S. Tripp, '86, Troy, N. Y.
2. O. A. Zayas, '86, Troy, N. Y.
3. David Yieley, '86, Troy, N. Y.

PI.—LEHIGH.

1. D. B. Abbott, '87, Bethlehem, Pa.
2. Charles Bull, '78, New York City.
3. John Calvert, '75, Philadelphia, Pa.
4. Hughlett Hardecastle, '87, Easton, Md.
5. Robert P. Linderman, '84, Bethlehem, Pa.
6. Edward McIlvane, '85, Reading, Pa.
7. Milner P. Paret, '78, Norristown, Pa.
8. John B. Price, '80, Upper Lehigh, Pa.
9. W. R. Rathbun, '87, Bethlehem, Pa.
10. Wm. H. Sayer, Jr., '86, Bethlehem, Pa.
11. H. Toulman, '86, Bethlehem, Pa.
12. J. Parker White, '76, New York City.
13. Rollin H. Wilbur, '85, Bethlehem, Pa.

GAMMA.—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

1. T. J. Stevenson, '82, New York City.



## NU.—LAFAYETTE.

1. Julius D. Earle, '87, Brooklyn, N. Y.
2. John E. Fox, '85, Easton, Pa.
3. John M. Hanna, '87, Easton, Pa.
4. Orris Serfass, '82, Easton, Pa.
5. H. S. Taylor, '87, Pittston, Pa.

## BETA GAMMA.—COLUMBIA.

1. Chris. R. Carter, '84, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
2. Edward W. Clarke, '83, Tenaflly, N. J.
3. James W. Cleland, '85, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4. E. Carson Hunt, '85, New York City.
5. Alex. D. Keyes, '85, New York City.
6. John B. Lynch, '82, New York City.
7. F. F. Martinez, Jr., '82, New York City.
8. John A. Mills, '85, New York City.

## KAPPA PRIME.—POUGHKEEPSIE.

1. A. Klesick, '65, Brooklyn, N. Y.
2. W. A. Patterson, '60, New York City.

## PHI.—HANOVER.

1. Clarence E. Brandt, '81, Hanover, Ind.

## DELTA.—MICHIGAN.

1. William W. Cook, '80, New York City.
2. W. P. Paine, '79, New York City.

**SECOND GRAND DIVISION CONFERENCE.**

The Third Annual Conference of the Second Grand Division, was held February 21st and 22d, in Akron, Ohio, under the auspices of Eta Chapter of Buchtel College. To say that the Conference was a grand success would but feebly express it. Never before in any Division Conference has there been so many and enthusiastic Deltas assembled. At times, the attendance assumed the proportions and dignity of a National gathering. The average attendance was some fifty members, at times crowding Eta's new and elegant *suite* of parlors to their utmost. The presence of the National Executive Council, also, added *eclat* to the occasion.

The Conference was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M., on Thursday, February 21st, by W. P., Brother W. S. Ford, of Eta. A permanent organization was effected, by the election of Brother H. B. Swartz, of Mu, as President;

Brother Kent B. Waite, of Zeta, as Vice-President; and Brother W. E. Hugill, of Eta, as Secretary.

At the opening of the afternoon session, Brother A. B. Tinker, Esq., of Akron, made an address of welcome, which was responded to by Brother J. W. Magruder, of Mu. The remainder of the time was devoted to Chapter reports and other business. The evening session was a most interesting one. During the afternoon the Conference telegraphed greetings to the First Division, then in session in New York City.

On Friday, the 22d, a forenoon session was held, and much important business disposed of. An afternoon session was held from 1 until 3, when the Conference adjourned. These Conferences are now to be a regular thing, and officers will be voted to each Chapter. The Conference next year will be held with the Wooster Chapter.

After the adjournment of the Conference, the Deltas were given a reception by the ladies of the college, from 3 o'clock until 5. The following Deltas were present from abroad:

Messrs. Kent B. Waite, W. S. Pettibone, and W. S. Arter, from Adelbert, Cleveland, Ohio; Messrs. H. B. Swartz and J. W. Magruder, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio; Messrs. E. H. Stanley, W. C. DeFord, H. C. Hartshorn, H. L. Day, I. T. Hedland, and W. W. Hammond, from Mt. Union; Messrs. H. M. Kingery, Allen Krichbaum, John Waddell, Walter Rocky, and James Shellenberger, from Wooster University; P. Y. Pendleton, of Bethany, W. Va.; Prof. W. S. Eversole, of Wooster; Wilber Colvin, Esq., of Springfield, Ohio; H. W. Plummer, of Meadville, Pa.; C. L. Edwards, of Galesburg, Ill.; W. M. Day, of Cleveland, Ohio; M. E. Bourne, of Oxford, O.; Messrs. Charles Krichbaum and J. F. Marchant, of Canton, Ohio; and A. G. Pitts, of Ann Arbor, Mich.

All delegates, and nearly all visitors, were entertained by the Eta boys. There is probably no other Chapter in the Fraternity so well fixed to entertain, as Eta has a strong and influential



resident Alumni. Eta's reputation did not suffer any as a royal host, and she fully sustained that reputation, that two National Conventions and the First Annual Conference of the Second Division have given her. The hard work of the Conference having been completed on Friday afternoon, the delegates, visitors and Akron Deltas turned to the pleasant diversions of the evening, viz: the dedication of Eta's new hall, and ball and banquet. The following is a brief abstract from a lengthy account in the *Akron Daily Beacon*, of February 23d:

The dedication of this new hall, or more properly speaking, *suite* of parlors, has eagerly been looked forward to by the members of Buchtel Chapter and their numerous friends. The *suite* was planned by the Chapter and was embodied in the architect's plans, so that the rooms are up to the ideal Fraternity rooms. The *suite* consists of two parlors, each 20x20, divided by a 16 foot opening. This opening is supported by a central pillar, making two openings, each eight feet in width. In addition are two ante-rooms, opening into the parlors, and into the hallway. The rooms are on the fourth floor, well lighted and always easy of access by means of a passenger elevator. The rooms are heated by steam and lighted by gas. The furnishing of these parlors is simply magnificent. The floor is covered by an elegant pattern of Brussels in red and olive, and the two eight-foot openings have two pair of beautiful tapestry curtains in old gold, red and olive. The walls are finished in white, with an ebony and gold moulding. The chandeliers have colored globes, that shed a rich and mellow glow over the apartments. A large and beautiful French plate mantle mirror, 60 inches by 50 inches, in an ebony and metal bronze frame, adds to the general effect.

The furniture is all in ebony and plush, olive and red being the colors used with but two exceptions. The President's chair is upholstered in royal purple and silver gray plush, and also a wicker-work corner chair; these colors being the colors of the Fraternity. The style of the furni-

ture is all different in the upholstering, and so presents a rich and varied appearance. There are *tete-a-tetes*, sofas, window chairs, rockers, corner and easy chairs, and straight-backed, and various other styles; there is one plush-top center and one marble-top table, one beautiful album stand, and an elegant marble-top President's stand; and the two Secretary desks and chairs make up the principle furnishing of the parlors; but now follows a description of the things most dear to the Delta's heart, namely, the many elegant presents given by their friends to beautify their home. Mr. O. C. Herrick, an Alumnus of the Chapter and college, has presented the Chapter with a magnificent tilting silver water set, the value being not less than half a hundred dollars. From Mrs. Jackson, the teacher of painting at the college, came a beautiful painting in oil, "On the Delaware;" this little gem is encased in a heavy gold frame. From the Delta Gamma (ladies') Fraternity of the college was received a beautiful ebony cabinet, with a purple and silver-gray plush curtain; from Miss Helen Storer a magnificent pair of hand-painted vases; from the Misses Fell and Clara Slade, a fine steel engraving, entitled, "Off Portland;" from Miss Laura Garver, a rich and elegant table scarf in purple satin and silver-gray plush, hand-painted flowers; from Emma Cadwallader, a beautiful old gold and purple satin, hand-painted tidy; from Miss Anna Lees, an elegant embroidered satin wall banner; from Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Hyre, a rich Moquet rug; from Miss Carrie Hawk, a beautiful chair tidy. There may have been some presents omitted, but the others shall be noted in due time. We can, without hesitation, pronounce these rooms to be the finest society rooms in the city, and visitors from other institutions give Eta the palm. The two ante-rooms are neatly furnished with all appropriate toilet articles. The Deltas now propose to enjoy life, and not wishing to be alone in their glory will institute a series of whist parties and social hops. The Alumni Chapter of this city will also hold their meetings in this new and beautiful home.



Shortly after eight, the assembled Fraters, together with their lady friends, making a company of about eighty in all, were called to order by A. E. Hyre, of the Senior class at Buchtel. Mr. Hyre then introduced the Rev. H. F. Miller, of this city, and a member of the Fraternity, who invoked the Divine blessing upon the occasion.

Mr. James Ford, of the Sophomore class, was then introduced, who delivered the dedicatory address.

Brother Ford's address was excellent, and if we had the space we should be glad to publish it entire.

Mr. E. S. Rothrock, of the Sophomore class, then gave a very interesting history of Eta.

Mr. F. W. Garber, of the Senior class, was next introduced and gave the dedication poem. It was a very creditable effort, full of classical references, and paying a fine tribute to Delta Tau Delta and her work.

We hope to be able to publish this poem in a short time.

After the dedicatory exercises, the company repaired "next door" to Seiberling's Hall, where Lantz's Orchestra was in waiting. A most enjoyable time was had from 9 until 12 o'clock, a programme of some sixteen numbers being danced. Promptly at 12 o'clock the guests all repaired to the Empire House. At a few minutes past 12, some 80 and odd guests were all seated to an elegant banquet. The bills of fare were printed on royal purple satin in silver letters. This was enclosed in a folded bevel-edged card, with a strip of hammered silver across the card. A silver gray cord and tassel was cunningly looped in with the card. The whole of this was enclosed in a large gilt-edged envelope, upon which was printed, "Fourth Annual Reception and Banquet of Eta Chapter, and Dedication of Eta Hall, Arcade Block. Second Division Conference of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity." The tables presented a beautiful appearance, and a splendid *menu* was served in royal style.

A few minutes after one o'clock, A. E. Hyre, as Magister Epularum, called a halt on the attack on the tables, and introduced H. W. Plummer, of Meadville, Pa., who responded to the toast, "Our Fraternity;" he was followed by H. B. Swartz, of Delaware, who responded to "The Second Division;" "Eta's New Home and Annual Reception" was responded to by W. E. Hugill, of Akron; Kent B. Waite, of Cleveland, then spoke very prettily about "The Ladies;" Mr. Allen Krichbaum, of Wooster, gave a very able response to "Our Sister Fraternities;" W. W. Hammond, of Mt. Union, responded to "The Crescent;" Prof. W. S. Eversole, of Wooster, a member of the Executive Council, responded to the toast, "The Executive Council." This concluded the regular programme of toasts, but the Toast Master concluded that there was no rest for the weary, and called on Messrs. Pendleton, of Bethany, W. Va.; Edwards, of Galesburg, Ill.; Pitts, of Ann Arbor, Mich; Day, of Cleveland; and Colvin, of Springfield. Miss Carrie Hawk, a member of Delta Gamma, and Miss Lillie Moore, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, were called upon for remarks, and responded in very neat little speeches. At about 2 o'clock the guests were dismissed, and so ended another one of the Delta receptions, that have become the leading event in the social life of the college.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

Died: In New York City, March 17th, 1884, H. Morris Richmond—Alpha, '79.

No sadder event has it been our duty to chronicle, during the present year, than the recent death of Brother H. M. Richmond, of Meadville, Pa.

Brother Richmond was a son of Hon. A. B. Richmond, of this city, and a brother of Brothers L. L. and Chas. E. Richmond, of this Chapter. His life is a pleasant one of which to write. He was a man—a Brother. Although destined to travel but a few days' journey in the great walks of life, he leaves a record of exceptional purity.



His future seemed bright with promise, but the promises lie dead with him who sleeps to-day in the grave. The budding rose has dropped unblown from the stem, and has withered on the ground.

His friends were many, and with them we join our sad sympathy for his untimely death. Below we give a brief minute of the Memorial Meeting, held in the Fraternity Halls, Tuesday afternoon:

At a meeting of the Alpha Chapter, the following minute was ordered to be inscribed on the Chapter records:—

Again is the Alpha Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, called upon to mourn the loss of a Brother tried and true—Hiram Morris Richmond—who passed to his eternal rest, March 17th, 1884. He was born in Meadville, February 28th, 1852, receiving his primary education in the city schools. He entered Allegheny College, where he attended several years, but did not graduate. He united with the Alpha Chapter, January 21st, 1871. After leaving college he did not at once begin the study of his profession, but remained at home and attended to the business interests of his father. April 19th, 1878, he was enrolled as a student-at-law, and was admitted to practice in the several Courts of Crawford county, May 10th, 1880, since which time he had devoted himself to the practice of his profession. For the past two or three seasons he had also been Manager of the Meadville Opera House. On the 9th of December, 1879, he was married to Miss Margaret Fowler, daughter of Mrs. Daniel Fowler; and besides his wife he leaves a little daughter.

In the summer-time of life he passes from the world, and by his taking-off leaves a void in our Brotherhood difficult—nay, impossible—to fill. Though the cares of active business, and the duties of his profession, had naturally drawn him somewhat from the Fraternity and its immediate workings, nevertheless, his interest in our Order never abated, and whatever pertained to its advancement has ever received his most hearty

fraternal endorsement, encouragement and assistance. As an Alumnus resident in Meadville, there are many opportunities of affording benefit and aid to Deltaism, and in none has our dead Frater been backward. He was a regular attendant at all our banquets, and by action and word ever manifested a Brother's regard for his Fraternity. While death is inevitable, yet the dread summons brings with it sorrow most poignant to all intimately associated with the one mourned. Mindful of this, and conscious of the comfort which sincere, generous, and cordial sympathy brings, the Chapter presents this minute, the testimonial of our remembrance to those whom this sad hour has so sorely stricken. May it be to those bereaved, as beauty for ashes and the oil of joy, to those mourning.

C. M. BLAIR,

D. A. GILL,

J. A. ANDREWS,

E. E. BALDWIN,

E. W. DAY,

H. W. PLUMMER.

*For the Chapter.*

Died: In Madisonville, Ohio, March 9th, 1884, E. W. Hetzler—Mu, '82.

At a Memorial Meeting, held in honor of the deceased, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, We, the members of Chapter Mu, have learned, to our great sorrow, of the untimely death of our beloved Frater, E. W. Hetzler; and,

WHEREAS, By his death we sustain the loss of one who, on account of his noble character and untiring zeal in the promotion of our welfare, was an ideal Frater, and well worthy of our imitation; and,

WHEREAS, In our association with him, while in college, we were attracted by his genial disposition and the beauty of his Christian character; therefore,

*Resolved*, That, while we humbly accept the decree of a loving Father, who has called him Home at the beginning of a promising career, we are deeply grieved at his loss; and,

*Resolved*, That in testimony of our love for him, the badge of the Order be inverted and mourning be worn until the opening of the Spring Term.

*Resolved*, That in this hour of gloom, we extend to the family and friends of deceased our earnest sympathies.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the parents of deceased, as a last token of our love for their son—our Brother.

COMMITTEE.



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
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As we announced at the beginning of this volume of THE CRESCENT, it is our desire to make each number average twenty-four pages. We have thus far adhered to that plan, and reference to the last issue will show that the five numbers already published contain the necessary 120 pages, or twenty-four per issue. This change has, of course, been attended with considerable expense, and a prompt compliance with the request of the Business Manager to forward all monies due THE CRESCENT, is absolutely necessary to make the present size of our paper possible. It is just as easy to send this money now, as it will be later in the year, and by so doing you will attribute very materially in preserving THE CRESCENT from the unpleasant experience of retreating to the old sixteen-page issues of former years.

WE print elsewhere the poem "Around Athens," which Brother Jesse Van Law, B '62, delivered on June 21st, 1866, at the Anniversary Exercises of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, at the Ohio University. It was soon after printed in pamphlet form; a few copies only are now in existence, one of which through the thoughtfulness and kindness of Brother Augustin Boice, B '69, has recently come into our possession. We take pleasure in reprinting the poem at the request of

several of Beta's Alumni, and in order to give it a prominent place in the literature of Delta Tau Delta. It was one of Brother Van Law's happiest efforts, and was one of numerous poems which he contributed for the enjoyment of the Chapter and the Fraternity. Brother Van Law died, a clergyman in the Methodist Episcopal Church, on June 17th, 1877, at Somerset, O.

THE unusual, and we might say, almost unexpected success that attended the Conferences of the First and Second Divisions, held last month, is of more importance than we perhaps at first attribute to it. The attendance of visiting delegates at New York City, exceeded sixty, while at Akron the average attendance was about fifty, and of this number a large per cent. were alumni. These Conventions or Conferences have an end in view widely different from the Annual National Convention. They are not opposed to each other in any respect. Both are necessary. The Convention is legislative, the Conference social. The Convention is entirely a business body while the Conference unites the Divisions more closely, draws in the alumni, keeping them posted and interested in Fraternity.

Efforts are being made in the Third Division for a similar gathering, while the Fourth is carefully considering the same matter. We are glad to know that in the First and Second these meetings will be held annually hereafter.

WE fear the Corresponding Editors of some of our Chapters are becoming a little careless in the performance of their duties. In looking over the last two issues we find that several Chapters have not sent us in any report for two, and in one case three months. This is not right and needs a reform. We would like to publish a good spicy letter from each Chapter every month, but if this is asking too much, certainly for the Chapter's own good, not more than one issue should pass without a letter in the CRESCENT. Of course the alumni will read the doings of their old Chapter first of all in our paper, and when they have to look in vain for it for several months



in succession, they will conclude that there must be something decidedly wrong. If for no other reason than to keep your own Chapter Alumni interested in your welfare, it is important that your letters should appear regularly in *THE CRESCENT*. Besides the General Fraternity is interested in your progress and work, and it is but right that they should be informed of your prospects. A short letter is much better than none at all, and surely there is sufficient news to be reported in a creditable monthly letter. In this connection we would call attention to the fact that a few of our corresponding editors deserve the highest commendations. Several Chapters can point with pride to a communication, and a good one, in each issue up to date. Let all go and do likewise.

DURING this last year, over half of our Chapters have secured new halls, and are now independent owners of their own quarters. Doubtless, to the majority of these Chapters, the idea has been present of establishing a library and reading-room in connection with their other attractions. Being a Fraternity reading-room, Fraternity literature should hold an important place in your library. Now, while it would be burdensome for an individual member to subscribe for more than one or two Fraternity journals, the burden would be light if carried by the whole Chapter. Each Chapter ought to be informed, not only of the workings of our own, but of every other Fraternity. Believing that this suggestion will meet the approval of some, we publish below a list of the journals which will receive subscriptions from non-members, with the address and subscription price of each: *A Δ Φ Star and Crescent*; quarterly, \$1.; 53 Fulton Street, New York, N. Y. *A T Ω Palm*; quarterly, \$1.; Rev. O. A. Glazebrook, University of Virginia, Va. *Σ A E Record*; quarterly, \$1.; Col. J. H. Young, Farmdale, Ky. *Δ K E Quarterly*; 50cts. per number; 52 William street, New York, N. Y. *K K Γ Golden Key*; irregular, \$1. per volume; Miss M. T. Taylor, Greencastle, Ind. *Δ Γ Quarterly*; 50 cents; box 611, Amherst, Mass. *Beta Theta Π*; monthly, \$1; Frank M. Joyce, room 11, Apollo Building, Cincinnati, O.

AN ACCOUNT of the first meeting of the National Executive Council of the Fraternity, appears in another part of this issue. This meeting has been looked forward to with no little interest by the general Fraternity, for by its works alone could an accurate estimate of the practicality of the new system of government be formed. To say that the result has been highly satisfactory would but do justice to the careful and politic system adhered to by the council in their deliberations. Matters of great importance were presented for its consideration, notable among which was the report of the two committees appointed by the Indianapolis Convention to inquire into the condition of Chapters Sigma and Beta Iota. These Chapters have been considered as declining for some time, and it was generally understood that final action would be taken concerning their withdrawal at this meeting. After a lengthy and just discussion, the Council was unanimously in favor of withdrawing these two charters. Of course this action is not final, but the ready approval and ratification of the majority of the Chapters proves that the action of the Council is supported by the Fraternity at large. The appointing of permanent Investigating Committees is also a wise provision, from which we may confidently expect to reap many benefits. Throughout, the meeting was an harmonious and healthy one, and those who looked doubtfully upon the recent change in our form of government can reassure themselves that the Council, being of the Fraternity at large, will represent and consider the interests of all impartially and justly.

IN ANOTHER part of this issue of *THE CRESCENT*, will be found a letter from "A member of Beta Theta," relative to the withdrawing of charters. We are glad to give it a place in our columns, for it contains many good things, although we cannot accept its logic as true. The first argument that we find in this letter, is, perhaps, the strongest one that can be presented in favor of continuing poor and weak Chapters. We acknowledge its strength, but we cannot



help but see that it is not properly applied to the question at issue. We are advocating no war of Chapter against Chapter, or division against division. Our Fraternity, is not a number of unharmonious parts, it is a union, and such it must be, and as such only can we hope to perpetuate it. In no arrogance of superiority, do we stand aside and say to our Brother, go! We do not look at his shortcomings contemptuously, and dispise him for his inferiority; but we look far beyond him; passing over the individual member and the Chapter to which he belongs, we see the Fraternity. We are members of the Chapter, but the Chapter is a member of the Fraternity. We owe allegiance to the Chapter, but to the Fraternity must we pay the full homage of our hearts. The true Fraternal spirit will not judge Chapter, as compared with Chapter, but will studiously inquire into the relations existing between the Chapter in question, and the general Fraternity. The Fraternity as a whole, is but a large Chapter, in which the Chapters are but members. In our own Chapters then, we can study this question, as well as by endeavoring to study the policy of the whole body. When we take a man into our Chapter, we do so that he may be an addition to the Chapter. It is true, we expect to be able to benefit him very materially, but if we are not assured that the man will help to strengthen, and sustain the Chapter, he will never be admitted to our order. In extending our Fraternity, the same idea is present, only intensified. Do you suppose for a moment, that an application for a charter, would be favorably acted upon, if we were not convinced; that the Chapter in question, if established, would greatly increase the power, and strength, of Delta Tau Delta? This, then, is the duty that every Chapter owes to the Fraternity, that of adding to her strength and influence. As long as this obligation is met, and promptly fulfilled, the Chapter is a profitable one. As soon as, I care not for what reason, this obligation is passed by, and the Chapter ceases to be a support, it becomes an incumbrance, and should be removed. In our

Chapters, when a Brother goes astray, we seek in every way we can, to reclaim him, and to make him once more, a working member of our order. If, however, after many attempts, our efforts all are vain, it is a duty, which we owe not only to our-selves, but to every member of our Fraternity, to take from the man, the membership, which he can no longer maintain. It is exactly the same, in the general Fraternity. No Chapter, can sit in judgment on the life of a sister Chapter, but the Fraternity, recognizing the obligation, due to all the Chapters, will remove an unhealthy member, which instead of adding to, is constantly detracting from the reputation and standing, of the Fraternity.

### COMMUNICATED.

Since you have so kindly opened your columns to the discussion of the question of withdrawing charters, I cannot but take advantage of the opportunity to express my views of the subject. It is with deep regret that I see a movement made in the Fraternity for such a purpose. It is, I think, unfair to the Chapter thus rudely to tear away its charter, when, perhaps, it has been bravely doing its best, and only borne down by adverse circumstances. Does it not seem, that after we have solemnly pledged our honor to stand by them as brothers, we are playing a false part to thrust them away, and all for no fault of theirs; but because the institution in which they are situated does not occupy as prominent a place as *we* would like to see it? Because my brother's household is poor, and unable to hold the position or wield the influence I desire, I am to say to him: "I am better than thou. Disband your household; give up your Lares and Pennates. Since you cannot do as I do, I will no longer recognize you. But remember, if I ever get into trouble, you are sacredly bound to stand by me and assist me by every means in your power." Now, is this fair, or is it right? Is it just, either to them or ourselves?

For my part, I want my brother to be a man,



a true man; I care not whether he be learned in the wisdom of the age or not; nor do I care if he stands no chance of going to Congress, or of otherwise distinguishing himself. All this is good in its proper place, but the manhood must come first, and I think every true Delta will agree with me in that. And I know that we can find such men in the obscure colleges as well as in the most prominent. So far as I understand the principles of the Fraternity, we initiate men, not Chapters; and I think it would be decidedly wrong to deprive them, once initiated, of the privileges of active membership.

If some Chapters have proved unworthy, let judicious laws be enacted; upon their deliberate failure to comply with which, they may, by their own act, forfeit their charter. I offer this merely as a suggestion, and hope that my opinion may call forth an answer from those who advocate opposite views. I make no apologies for writing this, nor do I think any necessary, as I understand that the columns of THE CRESCENT have been thrown open to the discussion, and I think it is a matter which should be thoroughly canvassed before definite action is taken.

A MEMBER OF BETA THETA.

## CHAPTER LETTERS.

### ALPHA.—ALLEGHENY.

By the death of Brother H. M. Richmond, the Fraternity has lost a rising and already eminent man, and the Brothers, one who could clasp his hand as warmly and speak as earnestly as any loyal Delta. It was with very sad hearts we assembled in our halls, on the afternoon of the 18th, to heartily agree with and support the resolutions published elsewhere. Here could be seen the grave and sad countenances of many of our Alumni, who were with him in college and out; there the faces of the older actives and those recently initiated, all deeply affected by a common bereavement. The afternoon of the next day we again assembled and proceeded to the house, where we were allowed to take the last look at our friend and Brother.

Since the completion of our halls we have given two delightful little dances, informal affairs, but possessing those qualities which make them enjoyable to all. Being held on Saturday night, we could have only fifteen or sixteen dances, making just enough to satisfy everyone and tire no one. The last one, on the evening of the 15th, was graced by the presence of Dave Jameson, now of New Castle, who slid into town Saturday and away the next day. Dave has not made us a visit for many years, and his yarns of college days, in the time of *college papers*, were subjects of which he was never tired talking and we never tired listening.

Brother Powers, '69, of Pittsburgh, made us a flying visit a short time ago. Visiting the chapel, he was invited to a seat among the prof's, where the following dialogue is said to have taken place:

Powers—"When I was here before I was not thus honored, Doctor?"

Dr.—"Well! well! Mr. Powers, you were not often enough at chapel to receive any such honor."

It would seem that the old was not a whit different from the new.

Our three latest initiates have new pins, and the most handsome ones probably in college; but we notice one thing with sorrow—the girls have already captured one of them.

Brother Duff Merrick does not expect to be with us the greater part of next term. Business engagements will prevent.

Brother Bryan is absorbing book-keeping and love-letter writing, in Pittsburgh, preparatory to going into business.

Brother E. Merrick has passed through the successive stages of rage, despair, and settled grief and melancholy, and now blooms out once more, his hair smoothed down, his face shaved, and looks like a new man. It's strange how they all get it here in this city of beautiful girls.

The mustache fever has come and gone and left its poor victims gasping in its wake. Day has a tender affection for something on his up-



per lip, but no mortal hath ever seen it. Harry Dick can show a face that, when highly illuminated, has a few delicate protuberances. Brothers Porter and Barlow Cullum have not yet dared to insinuate that a hair ever needs a razor on their faces. The writer tried it, but he—alas! faltered and fell by the wayside.

We occasionally hear from the Brothers of '83. Brother Bert Blair is enjoying the comforts of a peaceful home and rural scenery at Aurora, Ohio. Brother Silver is making friends and money in the banking business in Wells-ville, Ohio.

Brother Jim McCready is striving after an M. D., in his father's office at Sewickley, Pa.

Brother Best is conducting the local department of the Meadville *Daily Republican*.

Brother Fish, now a full-fledged M. D., is in the office of Dr. Lashall, of this city.

Brother Jim Thompson, ex-'86, is reading medicine in Pittsburgh.

Brother Major C. E. Richmond, '82, recently delivered a lecture on "Carlyle," before the students of the Meadville Theological Seminary.

#### EPSILON.—ALBION.

We will trouble you with only a few lines this time.

Brother W. C. Walker has been chosen as one of the Commencement orators. Our two remaining Seniors, Brothers Terry and Knapp, will fill prominent places on the class day program.

We were pleased to grasp hands with our old Fraters C. E. Landon, who is studying medicine at Ann Arbor, and C. M. Kimball, who is now teaching the young mind at Martin. They still give the hearty grip of yore.

Brother C. H. Wray is studying philology at the University of Bonn, Germany.

Brother Ben. Bennett is editing a Paper at Sunborn, Dakota.

Brother C. A. French, having recovered his health in the Dakota blizzards, has again commenced to "push the quill" in the office of the Grand Rapids *Daily Democrat*.

Brother E. L. Parmeter, M. D., is caring for a \$14,000 practice in Albion.

Brother James Docking is preaching Methodism to the people of Galien, Mich.

How many of our Alumni will attend the Third Division Conference at Hillsdale? Hold up your hands.

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

After a two or three month's silence caused by the winter vacation, I again find myself engaged in the delightful task, of reporting Beta Theta's doings in a chapter letter.

Our boys have nearly all returned to the University, and seem thoroughly prepared for hard work again. The last three months have done us ever so much good.

Brother Black has not returned to us this term. He remains in Georgia till August, recruiting his health, but Brother Butt, who left us in the middle of last term, has put in his graceful appearance again.

We have been enabled during the past three months to do good work in our Chapter Hall, and have fixed it up very handsomely inside, as well as beautifying it with elegant shades of red and green outside. All the boys are enthusiastic over the said hall, and we hope that some of our neighboring Fraters will visit us, and examine our handiwork before long.

We hope to dedicate our hall in a formal manner shortly after Easter, when it is our intention to give a reception to our Sister Fraternities and our lovely ladies.

We have commenced this term with a Chapter of ten members, and have already held our first meeting with great success.

We duly elected our officers for the ensuing term, and our W. P. being a strong minded young man, intends to keep us pretty active in Fraternity matters.

Among our boys we have some splendid specimens of the *genus homo*. Our dear Brother G. G. Smith, of Kentucky, has been blossoming forth with great success as a leader in prayer meeting. "Let us pray!" Dear Brother Butt,



s brimming over with irresponsible wit, and has within the last few days given us some grand specimens of his talent.

"Our baby," Brother H. G. Smith, of Arkansaw, has not yet put in an appearance. We presume he will flat up the Arkansaw river some of these days. He is growing nicely and is a very promising infant. We expect him to cut his wisdom teeth on his return.

Were I to continue to recount the jovialities of our boys, I should take up too many pages of your valuable space. So you must wait for more eccentricities till next month.

We intend to bring before the notice of the Fraternity, through the pages of the CRESCENT, our opinion on certain matters which are now agitating the Fraternity, and we trust we shall gain a hearing.

#### GAMMA.—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

The last annual issued at at this college, was gotten up by the fraternities in the year 1875. Since that time several attempts have been made both by individuals and classes, but all proved failures. Recently a joint meeting of the seven Fraternities was called, at which it was decided to issue an annual near Commencement time, a representation of two men from each Fraternity comprising the editing board. The several Committees have been appointed and are now actively engaged in the work. When it is ready we shall be glad to exchange for other college annuals.

In the meantime the non-Frats, knowing nothing but supposing much, became highly indignant, held a meeting and decided to oppose it.

They say that an annual issued by the Fraternities should not represent the college, nor any of its organizations, and because they have no representation consider themselves insulted. Thus an ill feeling has been created between the two parties, the result of which will be felt for many years to come.

The college authorities have abolished the old custom of Senior final examinations and require

the electives to be pursued three terms, instead of two, as formerly. The Senior rejoiceth.

The present term closes on the 26th, with the annual contest between the two literary societies.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the *Rho Chronicle* and the *Beta Beta Reporter*.

#### IOTA.—MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL.

After a pleasant and profitable vacation the members of Iota are again in the traces and already at active work. We number eighteen men, Five Seniors, six Juniors, four Sophomores and three Freshmen. We commenced the term with but one member of '87, but as the fruit of our campaign we have secured two more men in this class, J. N. Estabrook and J. A. Saylor, both of East Saginaw. They are both made of the genuine material and were eagerly sought by our rivals. With this success the present campaign may be considered closed.

We are more than delighted to welcome back Brother C. B. Collingwood, once with '83. He left college during his Junior year and has since then been on a railroad survey in California. He is now with '85.

Brother John R. Shelton, '82, has been dangerously ill, but we are pleased to report him around again.

A strong desire has prevailed in the Chapter for some time to improve our rooms; true, we have now a very pleasant place in which to hold our deliberations, but it is not what we want it should be. We have, for several years, hoped that we should soon have a Chapter House, and as a consequence have done little toward the improvement of our present rooms. The day at which we can have a Chapter House is, however, several years distant, and we now feel that we will make our present rooms as pleasant as possible. This time we hope to make many marked improvements. As a plan of securing means for assisting the Chapter in this work, each member will, in the future, be required to pay upon graduation, five dollars, to be used in the improvement of the Chapter Hall. By this means, and the assistance of our Alumni, we hope soon to have the appearance of our Delta home much improved.



## MU.—OHIO WESLEYAN.

Brother Wright Durbin, '86, of Fredericktown, Ohio, was initiated March 15th. By his advent, we gain a strong foothold, in what has heretofore been our weakest place,—the Sophomore class.

While we have added one to our number, we have lost another. Sunday afternoon, March 9th, Brother E. W. Hetzer, '82, died of typhoid fever, at his home in Madisonville, Ohio. The news of his death was very unexpected. He had written to one of the boys, saying that he had contracted a severe cold, while aiding the flooded members of his congregation at Pendleton, but was getting better. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, and was largely attended. Brothers Hayes, Dimmick, Marchant, Crum, and Turril, attended from this Chapter.

Brother C. E. Jefferson, '82, Superintendent of the schools at Worthington, Ohio, is teaching several classes in elocution, here, and at the Ohio State University.

Brother Jay F. Close, writes that he was admitted to the Nebraska Bar, March 8th.

B. E. Cheney, formerly of *A T A*, has left college, and will take charge of his father's farm, near Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Rumor has it, that he will take charge of something else before long.

The Chapter of Sigma Chi, at Delaware, reported dead in the last CRESCENT, was at the head of that Fraternity, until last year, when executive authority was transmitted to a Council of Alumni. At the time of its collapse, the Chapter consisted of three men. Next to *θ* Chapter of *B θ II*, it was the oldest in the University. Its 200 Alumni, among whom are Governor Hamilton, of Illinois, Secretary of State, Newman, General Powell, and several other distinguished men, will probably petition the faculty to rescind its action. The charter, however, has been returned.

## PI.—LEHIGH.

The First Division Conference is a thing of the past, and has been voted a success. The next gathering of Delts., will take place at the Annual

Convention, to be held in August; at Watkin's Glen, and that too will be voted a success; but I am anticipating.

It will be remembered that the First Division was given charge of the XXVIth Convention, and now, the First Division have handed it over to Pi. Therefore any information or suggestions that the Brothers would like to have, or make, should be sent to us.

We were honored, several weeks ago, by a visit from the Rho Seniors.

Psi Upsilon has initiated her Chapter, at Lehigh, and the consequence is, that the "woods are full of them." The Opera House was hired for literary exercises, in the evening, and several excellent speeches were made.

This is the first charter that Psi Upsilon has granted, for some time, and the Eta Chapter may well feel proud of the success in obtaining it; but on the other hand—but no.

## OMICRON.—STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Last Wednesday, the S. U. I. Oratorical Contest came off, and Delta Tau took two of the three honors, Orator and Inter-Collegiate delegate, notwithstanding the whole school, Frats. and "barbs," did what they could to "lay us out."

## SIGMA.—MT. UNION.

Since our last letter the work of endowment has been going on. During the afternoon and evening of March 3d, an Alumni meeting was held in the college, and at that meeting we saw the enthusiasm which exists. Many Alumni were present, and almost all the attending students, besides professors and citizens, thus portending thrift and prosperity.

The term began on March 3d, with an attendance of about 250 students—and still they come. Many of the students, who were teaching during the winter, others who were rusticated, and still others who seem to have done nothing, have returned, looking fresh and vigorous. Among the number who have returned, we gladly welcome Brothers W. C. and W. M. Grafton, T. E.



Cramblett, and S. A. Kirkbride. There are also several others who would make first-class Fraternity men. Our list, which, during the winter term was seven, is now eleven.

Our relations with our rivals are the most pleasant that could be desired. Alpha Tau Omega has five men—all good. Delta Gamma has six of the best ladies in college. However, both they and we have resident members who are always present at our meetings.

The funeral services of Mrs. Ida M., wife of Brother John E. Morris, who died at her residence, in Garrettsville, Ohio, on March 15th, were held in the First Methodist Church, Alliance, Ohio, on Tuesday, March 18th, at 1 P. M. The sympathy of all the Brothers, and friends, is extended to Brother Morris in his bereavement.

Brother John Jeffers is at present in Massilon, instead of Cleveland, as formerly.

Brother Ed March has returned from Baltimore Medical College, and has entered upon his profession, at Nashville, Ohio.

Brother S. S. Bossinger is at Poplar Bluff, Mo., should like to hear from "Boss" occasionally.

In a recent election of class-day performers, Deltas were elected to the following positions: Salutatory, Greek Oration, English Oration, Prophecy, Latin Oration, also President of Senior Class, and Editor-in-Chief, and assistant of the class Arm.

#### RHO.—STEVENS.

There has been a dearth of news at Stevens of late, which will, in part, explain why Rho was unrepresented in the last CRESCENT among the Chapter letters.

We were unable to make any announcements, concerning the Conferences, in THE CRESCENT of the previous month, as our arrangements were not sufficiently completed to do so. Fortunately, we were able to make use of the *Chronicle*, aided by correspondence.

The Conference was, perhaps, most successful, regarded from a social standpoint. Rho was well represented, all but two of her men being

present, and those only absent from causes beyond their control. New York is very well situated for such an affair, being centrally located and possessing many attractions peculiar to herself, and next year we shall be able to rectify any little mistakes committed this year through our inexperience. Next time we shall make a strong effort to have every Alumnus, within reach of New York, present.

We have been in receipt of visits lately from Brothers W. W. Cook, *A*, '80; Wilson B. Paine, *K*, '79; T. J. Stevenson, *T*, '84. The Columbia Deltas, and several of our Alumni, anticipate an early visit from Brother C. E. Brandt, *Φ*, '81, now in New York City.

Although we have as yet initiated only one man from '87, we have several pledged, who will unite with us as soon as certain preliminaries have been arranged. We have been very conservative this year, as usual, and although this policy has caused us some anxiety, we shall be fully repaid, and shall have secured a fine delegation from '87, in the event of our expectations being realized.

We shall be happy to exchange our college annual, the *Eccentric*, which will appear about the middle of April, with other similar publications.

#### THETA.—BETHANY.

Old Mother Theta is in excellent spirits. The experience of the past few weeks has resulted in creating an exuberance of good feeling that renders her in danger of a collapse from very joy.

Brother Pendleton returned from Akron in full time for our Annual Banquet, and his good news from the Brotherhood was followed by a present of a beautiful banner from our Delta Sisters, worked after the most elegant style, in our Fraternity colors. It represents the Delta pin, and the fineness of taste and kindness of heart displayed by this token of regard, will long be remembered by the members of Chapter Theta. The present was made more impressive by a noble speech from one of our best lady friends, Miss Williamson, of Idaho.



In our last we said that Zeta Chi was founded at Miami, by six members of Delta Kappa Epsilon. We should have said Sigma Chi.

Theta Delta Chi expects soon to begin the publication of a journal. The enterprise will be in the hands of the Tufts College Chapter.

A movement is on foot to establish a Chapter of Phi Delta Theta at Ann Arbor, in the near future. They have five men in attendance.

Phi Kappa Psi has a standing committee on Necrology, whose duty it is to keep a correct record of all the deaths occurring in the Fraternity.

Phi Kappa Psi is contemplating an annual convention. Formerly their National Councils were triennial, but they are now held every two years.

Phi Delta Theta re-established her Nebraska Alpha Chapter at Lincoln, Neb., January 5th. The Chapter starts with seven men. Sigma Chi is already there.

The annual dinner of Kappa Alpha was held in New York, November 23d. We have *Beta Theta Pi* for authority that the Chapter at Hobart revived in 1879 by lifting a Chapter of Chi Pi, is about dead.

In the past there have been three societies known by the name of Chi Phi. The first was established in 1857, the second in 1858, and the last in 1870. They all united in 1874.—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

Phi Upsilon, at a meeting of the trustees of Union on the 22d ult., made application for a plot of ground on the college campus, promising to erect upon it an alumni hall to cost about \$17,000.—*Φ K Ψ Shield*.

Kappa Sigma's Chapter at the Alexandria High School, Va., has been killed by the principal. This Fraternity has a few good Chapters, but also has a number in schools for secondary instruction.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

Theta Delta Chi seems to be in a very bad condition, with the exception of the Chapters at Dartmouth and Hamilton. The Chapter at Lafayette is slowly dying; the one at C. C. N. Y., is following suit, and the one at Columbia was still-born. This is a fine Fraternity, and its condition is solely due to want of a proper form of government.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

Phi Kappa Sigma is trying hard to revive at Washington and Jefferson and Lehigh. The Psi Chapter hasn't initiated a man since 1876, but is still considered active. "If this is activity, what can inactivity be?"—*Beta Theta Pi*.

A number of Beta Theta Pi alumni, including Hon. Jno. Reily Knox, one of the founders of the Order, have contracted for nineteen acres of land at \$150 per acre, upon the banks of Chautauqua Lake at the northern part, opposite Mayville, for the purpose of establishing a summer resort known as "Woglin on Chautauqua." It is proposed to form a joint stock company to be incorporated with a capital of \$25,000. and shares to be sold for \$50. A Club House is to be erected and satisfactory board guaranteed at \$6 per week. "The Company to be composed of alumni members of good character and standing, and such persons only."—*Φ K Ψ Shield*.

## INITIATES.

### EPSILON.—ALBION.

Merton Ralph Carrier, '88, Lansing, Mich., January 12th, 1884.

Norris Almon Cole, '86, Union City, Mich., February 16th, 1884.

### IOTA.—MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL.

Justus Norris Estabrook, '87, East Saginaw, Mich., March 1st, 1884.

Thomas Albert Saylor, '87, East Saginaw, Mich., March 1st, 1884.

### BETA BETA.—DEPAUW.

Robert Perry, Allen Berryman, '86, Potato Creek, Indiana, January 12th, 1884.

### BETA DELTA.—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Obediah Lewis Cloud, Jr., '85, Wrightsboro, Ga., February 2d, 1884.

John Troup Allen, Jr., '84, Milledgeville, Ga., February 2d, 1884.

### DELTA.—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

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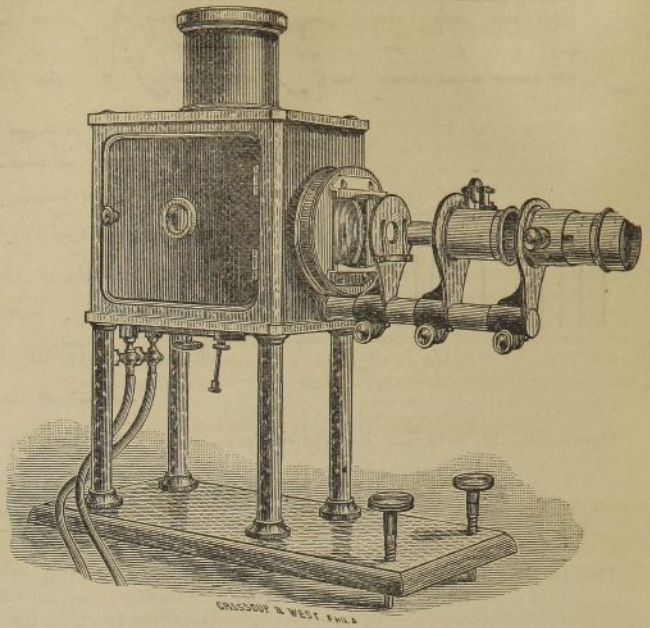
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