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
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ATLANTA CONVENTION

OF

THE S. A. E. FRATERNITY,

HELD JUNE 30, AND JULY 1 AND 2, 1881.

GEORGIA SENATE CHAMBER, June 30, 1881.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 12 M., Brother R. H. WILDBERGER, President of Grand Chapter, in the Chair. The address of welcome by Brother Van Epps was then delivered, and responded to on behalf of the visiting delegates by Brother Wildberger. Committee on Permanent Organization, consisting of Brothers Bunn, McBrayer, and Watt, was then appointed. The Committee on Credentials, consisting of Bros. Walker, Nixon, and Allen, being appointed, the Convention adjourned until 5 o'clock, P. M., to allow the committees time to report.

R. H. WILDBERGER, *Chairman.*

T. W. ALEXANDER, *Temporary Secretary.*

AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY.

Convention met at 5 P. M. The Committee on Credentials reported the following members as entitled to seats in this Convention :

Chi, Farmdale, Ky.

J. D. Allen,	R. H. Wildberger,
L. B. McBrayer,	R. J. Owen,
R. S. Goss.	

Tau Alumnus, Mobile, Ala.

J. N. Johnson.

Beta, Athens, Ga.

G. H. Nixon,	D. W. Meadow,
T. W. Alexander,	G. R. Brown,
C. H. Brand,	R. B. Russell,
S. N. Woodward,	T. J. Ripley.

Alumni of B.

R. H. Randle,	A. O. Murphy,
S. D. Smith,	E. P. S. Denmark,
Hugh N. Starnes.	

Psi, Macon, Ga.

W. C. Bunn,	P. M. Atkinson,
G. R. Lyons.	

Alpha Alumnus, Atlanta, Ga.

A. D. Smith,	Burgess Smith,
W. I. Smith,	O. E. Mitchell,
C. A. Collier,	Howard Van Epps,
W. R. Brown,	Jas. F. Neill,
Dan. Cabaniss,	H. C. Peoples,
W. T. Trippe,	E. F. Hoge,
G. A. Howell,	H. H. Tucker, jr.,
T. M. Elyea,	C. B. Walker,
O. H. B. Bloodworth.	

Omega Alumnus, Augusta, Ga.

W. B. Walker.

Ga. Delta, Dahlonega, Ga.

C. E. Watt,	C. R. Winship,
Prof. E. H. Beck,	Maj. G. S. Hoyle.

The report was adopted.

Committee on Permanent Organization reported as follows:

President—R. H. Wildberger, Chi.

Vice President—G. H. Nixon, Beta.

Chaplain—W. B. Walker, Omega Alumnus.

Treasurer—J. N. Johnson, Tau.

Recording Secretary—D. W. Meadow, Beta.

Assistant Secretary—P. M. Atkinson, Psi.

Door-keeper—R. J. Owen, Chi.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The officers elect, after offering appropriate remarks, then took their seats.

On motion of Brother G. H. Nixon, the following Order of Business was adopted, viz: (1). Prayer; (2). Roll-call; (3). Reading Journal; (4). Unfinished Business; (5). Reports of Committees; (6). Miscellaneous Business.

Brother W. B. Walker moved that all visiting members be granted the privileges of the floor in this Convention. The motion was adopted.

Capt. L. B. McBrayer, of Chi, who was elected orator at last Convention, then delivered an able and interesting address.

Brother W. B. Walker then submitted some remarks with reference to the difficulty of obtaining proper data from which to write the history of the Order.

Brother W. R. Brown moved that a committee be appointed to confer with the Historian as to the best means of securing the information necessary for writing the history, and report to this Convention. Carried.

President appointed on that committee Bros. W. R. Brown, H. Van Epps, T. W. Alexander, and R. S. Goss.

The President then announced the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Finance—G. H. Nixon, *Chairman*; P. M. Atkinson, W. R. Brown, R. J. Owen, S. D. Smith, J. F. Neill, T. J. Ripley.

Committee on By-laws—H. Van Epps, *Chairman*; W. B. Walker, O. H. B. Bloodworth, W. R. Brown, A. D. Smith, Charles E. Watt, L. B. McBrayer, W. I. Smith.

Committee on Constitution—T. W. Alexander, *Chairman*; W. C. Bunn, G. R. Lyon, J. D. Allen, J. F. Neill, J. N. Johnson.

Committee on Necrology—Burgess Smith, *Chairman*; O. E. Mitchell, H. H. Tucker, jr., A. O. Murphy, R. H. Randle.

Report of Grand Treasurer, Brother B. T. Farmer, was read, and referred to Committee on Finance. (See Exhibit A.)

Brother H. Van Epps moved that a Committee on the State of the Order be appointed, to report to the Convention to-morrow.

The motion prevailed, and the President appointed on that committee Brothers C. H. Brand, *Chairman*; H. Van Epps, G. H. Nixon, O. E. Mitchell, W. B. Walker, J. N. Johnson, C. E. Watt, and L. B. McBrayer.

Brother T. W. Alexander moved that the Convention return a vote of thanks to the authorities of the Means Military Institute for complimentary tickets to the closing exercises of the Institute at DeGive's Opera House. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Convention then adjourned until 10 A. M.

SECOND DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, July 1, 1881.

Convention called to order at 10 A. M. by President R. H. Wildberger, and opened with prayer by Chaplain Brother W. B. Walker. Roll was called, and the journal of yesterday read and approved.

A communication was read from Brother B. T. Farmer, Grand Treasurer, suggesting certain changes in the Constitution and By-laws, and expressing the opinion that certain papers belonging to the Fraternity, now deposited with the Librarian at the University of Virginia, should be placed in the hands of the General Historian. (See Exhibit B.)

The communication was referred—a part to the Committee on the Constitution, a part to the Committee on By-laws, and a part to the Committee on Conference with the General Historian.

A letter was read from Chapter Upsilon stating reasons for not sending a delegate to the Convention, and asking to be excused for her failure in this duty. On motion of Brother T. W. Alexander, the Chapter was excused.

Brother R. H. Wildberger then made his report on the RECORD, and offered some remarks in favor of the further publication of the RECORD at an early date. (See Exhibit C.)

Brother G. H. Nixon moved that the matter of continuing the publication of the RECORD, together with Brother Wildberger's report, be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the President, and that the committee report to the Convention at the evening session. Carried.

President appointed on that committee Brothers G. H. Nixon, L. B. McBrayer, and T. W. Alexander.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee to confer with the Historian made through its Chairman, Brother W. R. Brown. Received and adopted. (See Exhibit D.)

Report of Committee on Finance submitted by Brother G. H. Nixon. Received, and after amendments and much discussion, was adopted as amended. (See Exhibit E.)

Committee on State of the Order, through Brother C. H. Brand, reported no recommendation, but referred the whole matter back to the Convention. The report was received, adopted, and, on motion of Brother G. H. Nixon, the Convention went into Committee of the Whole to consider the state of the Order.

Committee of the Whole, through T. W. Alexander, Chairman, reported no definite conclusions reached, and asked leave to sit again.

Report received and adopted.

Convention then, at 1 P. M., adjourned till 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY.

Convention met at 3 P. M. After roll call, on motion of Brother G. H. Nixon, the Convention again went into Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the state of the Order.

Committee of Whole reported back to the Convention no definite results reached, and asked leave to sit again. Report received and adopted.

On motion of Brother W. R. Brown, the Convention adjourned to meet in breakfast-room at Kimball House, at 8:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

(Breakfast-room, Kimball House.)

Convention met at 8:30 P. M. After roll-call, on motion of H. Van Epps, Convention went into Committee of the Whole to continue the consideration of the state of the Order. Committee of the Whole, through Brother A. O. Murphy, Chairman, reported progress. Report was received and adopted.

In view of the fact that Brother W. B. Walker could remain with the Convention no longer, Brother Bunn moved that the Convention return to Brother Walker a vote of thanks for his services as Chaplain in the Convention. Motion was unanimously adopted.

Convention, at 11 P. M., adjourned to meet in Senate Chamber at 9 A. M.

THIRD DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, July 2, 1881.

Convention called to order by President R. H. Wildberger. Roll called. Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Brother Walter R. Brown offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That during the session of the Convention all speeches be limited to five minutes.

Unanimously adopted.

Committee on Publication of Record, through Brother G. H. Nixon, submitted its report, which was referred back to the committee.

Report of Committee on Conference with General Historian received and adopted.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Brother G. H. Nixon offered the following resolutions, which were received and adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Convention that it is expedient to raise funds to establish new Chapters throughout the South.

Resolved, That subscriptions from alumni and active members of our Order be solicited by the Grand Treasurer to further the extension of the Fraternity in the Colleges and Universities of the South.

G. H. NIXON,
WALTER R. BROWN,
T. J. RIPLEY.

Bro. A. D. Smith offered the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st. That each active Chapter of the Σ . A. E. Fraternity be directed to organize Chapters at all colleges designated and pointed out to them by the Grand Chapter.

Resolved 2d. That such State as may not have an active Chapter within its borders may be designated to active Chapters, named by the Grand Chapter, lying within the borders of other States, and that such designated Chapters be directed to organize Chapters at such colleges as may be pointed out to them by the Grand Chapter, and lying in such States as above described.

Resolved 3d. That from Convention to Convention be allowed these active Chapters for the execution of the above requirements.

Resolved 4th. That if any Chapter fail within the above specified time to organize Chapters at any such colleges as may be assigned to it, the Secretary of the Grand Chapter be required to confer with and instruct any Σ . A. E. who may be willing to organize Chapters at such colleges as may have been neglected by any active Chapter.

Resolved 5th. That each active Chapter that organizes any Chapter be requested to look tenderly over such Chapter while in its infancy.

Resolved 6th. That all expenses arising in organizing Chapters under the above instruction be paid out of the General Treasury.

Adopted.

At this point, Brother Howard Van Epps announced that, by telegram, news had reached the city of the attempted and probable assassination of the President of the United States.

The Committee on Necrology then submitted a sad report, stating the death of three of our beloved brethren, viz: Charles S. DuBose, Harry Bunn, and W. F. McLure, since last Convention.

Brother Walter R. Brown arose, and, with appropriate and feeling remarks, moved that the report be received and adopted. (See Exhibit H.)

Brother Howard Van Epps, by his fitting words so full of feeling for his collegemate and our lamented brother, Charley DuBose, moved the heart of every Σ . A. E. in the Convention.

Our Brother, Maj. G. S. Hoyle, himself only one month a brother in our Fraternity, having met the deceased but once some years ago, was so impressed by his many virtues as to pay a most high and noble tribute to his character.

After the remarks from the brothers, the report of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

Here Brother O. H. B. Bloodworth announced that, by latest telegram, the President of the United States was still living, but wounded severely, though not necessarily fatally.

Committee on Record then submitted its report, which was received and adopted. (See Exhibit F.)

The petition of Bros. G. H. Nixon, W. C. Bunn, and W. R. Brown, for a charter to found a Chapter at ———, was granted.

Brother W. C. Bunn offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That instead of appropriating any sum of money from the Grand Treasury for the expenses of a banquet, this Convention hereby appropriates, and directs the Grand Treasurer to pay out of the General Treasury the sum of seventy-one dollars and fifty cents to pay the actual hotel expenses of the regular delegates to this Convention, to pay the Janitor of the Hall, and the expenses of this Convention for stationery.

Adopted.

Brother Walter R. Brown offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following members are requested and instructed to cooperate with W. B. Walker, of Augusta, Ga., the General Historian, and seek out information in regard to the various Chapters in their respective States, and forward same to the Historian: Walter R. Brown, Ga.; G. R. Lyon, Ga.; L. B. McBrayer, Ky.; W. L. Broun, jr., Tenn.; J. W. Horton, jr., Tenn.; F. S. Kirkpatrick, Va.; T. R. Moody, Ala.; J. N. Johnson, Ala.

The resolution was adopted.

Brother O. E. Mitchell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That every Chapter in the different States lying on the line of the Southern States, and all other Chapters embraced in this Fraternity, be urgently requested to abolish the old custom of confining this Fraternity to exclusively Southern States, and that they be urged to press on their work knowing no South, no North, no East, no West.

Brother Howard Van Epps offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That a committee of five members of this Convention be appointed, whose duty it shall be to construct and present a well digested plan for the organization of the whole body of the alumni of the Σ . A. E. Fraternity, embodying, as a feature of said organization, a plan formed on the best models furnished by the Knights of Honor and Knights of Pythias, and other similar orders, providing for the payment of a premium on the happening of the death of any alumnus member of this order, of a sum of money to the family or personal representatives of the deceased, to be raised by the levy of an assessment per capita among the alumni, the amount of each levy or contribution to be fixed by law.

Resolved 2d. That the scheme thus devised by said Committee be submitted to the next session of the General Convention for their adoption or rejection.

Resolved 3d. That the several active and alumnus Chapters be directed to select and send up delegates to the next Convention empowered to express, by their votes, the sense of their constituents with respect to the adoption of a scheme looking to the end provided herein.

Resolved 4th. That a copy of these resolutions be sent down to the various Chapters, and the members thereof be requested to debate fully the legislation proposed, and favor the next Convention with their views and suggestions at length.

The resolutions, after free discussion, were adopted.

Committee on Constitution submitted the following report :

We, the Committee on Constitution, beg leave to submit the following report :

We recommend that section 3 of amendment II, to the Constitution shall be amended so as to read: "There shall be published by the Grand Chapter, annually, or as often as the exigencies of the case may demand, a *supplement to catalogue, etc.*"

T. W. ALEXANDER,
J. N. JOHNSON,
J. D. ALLEN,
W. C. BUNN.

On motion of Brother C. H. Brand, the report was received and adopted.

Brother O. H. Bloodworth offered an amendment to the Constitution, which was referred to Committee on Constitution.

The Committee reported adversely on the amendment. Report was adopted and the amendment lost.

Brother Howard Van Epps offered the following resolutions :

Resolved 1st. That in the judgment of this Convention, the interest and zeal displayed on this floor argues a season of great prosperity to our Order.

Resolved 2d. That each individual member of this Convention does hereby pledge himself to do all in his power to extend the numbers and influence of our beloved Fraternity, so that, upon the assembling of the next Convention, the spectacle may be exhibited of a season of prosperity in the Order hitherto unexampled in its history.

Resolutions adopted.

The following elections were made for next Convention, viz: As *Orators*—Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi; Hon. A. H. Cox, of Georgia. *Poets*—Burgess Smith and J. H. Alexander, of Georgia. *Essayists*—J. C. C. Newton, Kentucky, and S. Y. Tupper, jr., South Carolina. *Alternate Essayists*—R. S. Goss, Kentucky, and F. S. Kirkpatrick, Virginia.

Brother W. C. Bunn offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be extended to the *Alumnus Chapter* of Atlanta for courtesies extended to us; to Brother VAN EPPS for his hearty address of welcome; to Brother WM. B. WALKER for his zeal as Historian; to Brother L. B. MCBRAYER for his excellent address; to Brother BEN.

T. FARMER as Treasurer; and to Brother R. H. WILDBERGER for his earnest labors in behalf of this Order, and as an evidence of our appreciation of these labors; and to all the officers of this Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Fraternity be tendered the proprietors of the H. I. KIMBALL HOUSE for favors shown; and to His Excellency, the GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA, for the use of the Senate Chamber for our deliberations.

Brother O. E. Mitchell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That due notice be given anterior to the next Convention, by the Secretary of the Grand Chapter, to every Chapter, specifying time, place of meeting, and such other information relating to said Convention; and that our orators and poets may deliver their addresses in public, if circumstances justify, upon the assembling of the next Convention.

The resolution was adopted.

Pending the selection of a place of holding the next Convention, the Convention adjourned till 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—THIRD DAY.

Convention met at 3 P. M. After roll-call, Journal of morning session read and approved.

President R. H. Wildberger announced on Mutual Aid Committee Brothers Howard Van Epps, Georgia; Samuel F. Wilson, Tennessee; Walter R. Brown, Georgia; R. H. Wildberger, Kentucky (added by motion); and Charles Z. McCord, Georgia.

On motion of Brother T. W. Alexander, the Convention went into Committee of the Whole for thirty minutes, to consider the internal working of the Order.

The Committee of the Whole, through Brother T. W. Alexander, reported favorably upon the resolution of Brother W. R. Brown, which was acted on by the Convention, and rejected.

The following resolutions were then offered :

Resolved, That the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, in General Convention assembled, having learned of the attempted assassination of JAMES A. GARFIELD, President of the United States, hereby express our unqualified condemnation of this atrocious crime, and trust the perpetrator may be brought to speedy justice.

Resolved, It is the sentiment of this body, composed of delegates from all parts of the Southern States, that the nation can ill afford to lose so eminent a statesman, so distinguished a Christian and philanthropist.

The resolutions were *unanimously* adopted by standing vote.

Brother W. I. Smith moved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a memorial notice of Brother Charles S.

DuBose, for publication in the RECORD and in a memorial pamphlet. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The President appointed on that committee Brothers Howard Van Epps, Maj. G. S. Hoyle, and W. I. Smith.

At 5 P. M. the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

R. H. WILDBERGER, *President*.

D. W. MEADOW, *Recording Secretary*.

Exhibit A.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

To the Honorable Σ. A. E. Convention :

DEAR BROTHERS: You will find inclosed my statement of money that has passed through my hands since last year, also vouchers for same.

I have received a letter from Brother K. S. Tupper (*Upsilon*) since making my statement, stating that their dues will be forthcoming in a few days. I also ask your honorable body for instructions in regard to *Ga. Delta*. I lay before you their letter to me.

I wrote them it would be submitted for your consideration.

Their *Chapter dues* have not been received as yet.

Phi, Greenville, S. C., has not been heard from, and I presume that Chapter is doing no good, as your President will probably inform you.

Psi has not paid its Chapter dues, owing to the fact that some one stole the amount collected a few days before being sent.

I have received one dollar (\$1) back dues from *Beta*. Have to report *Psi* the most punctual and prompt Chapter we have. I propose that amendment III (dues), section 1, passed by last General Convention, be changed from two dollars and fifty cents to one dollar and fifty cents, as the former amount is, it seems to me, too much. Our dues are unnecessarily high, as we are not in need of money. Also that section 2, same article, Chapter fee of (\$3) three dollars be changed to twenty-five cents per member, as on the weak Chapters it falls very hard to have to pay three dollars Chapter fee.

These suggestions are submitted for your consideration.

I also propose that we loan out all money not necessary to the workings of our Order. I will give the Fraternity 4 per cent.

for the money (estimated monthly), and guarantee the payment of entire amount in sixty (60) days' notice at any time.

I thank you again for the compliment conferred on me, and trust my little mite will be of service to you in future, as I have tried to be in the past.

Hoping you a pleasant time, I am yours to command in *S. A. E.*

BEN. T. FARMER, *Grand Treasurer.*

STATEMENT.

1879.		RECEIPTS.	
December 25.	To cash on hand—statement to Convention December 25, 1879		\$191 18
December 29.	To cash Σ, November dues, 1879		8 00
1880.			
January 27.	To cash Ψ, January dues, 1880.		11 00
February 16.	To cash B, January dues, 1880.		10 00
February 16.	To cash Σ, January dues, 1880.		7 00
February 16.	To cash TENN. K, January dues, 1880.		5 00
February 24.	To cash MU, November dues, 1879		10 00
February 24.	To cash MU, January dues, 1880.		15 00
March 15.	To cash G. A. Δ, January dues, 1880		11 00
March 24.	To cash Ψ, March dues, 1880		11 00
March 29.	To cash ALA. IOTA, January dues, 1880.		9 00
April 1.	To cash, G. A. Δ, March dues, 1880.		10 00
April 7.	To cash, ALA. IOTA, March dues, 1880		7 00
April 17.	To cash G. A. Δ, May dues, 1880		8 00
April 17.	To cash Σ, March dues, 1880		6 00
April 17.	To cash Ψ, May dues, 1880		12 00
April 28.	To cash X, January, March, and May dues, 1880,		27 00
April 28.	To cash B, on back dues, 1878.		1 00
November 20.	To cash Ψ, dues for 1880-'81 (nine)		22 50
November 20.	To cash B, dues for 1880-'81 (fourteen)		35 00
April 1.	To cash B, May dues, 1880		11 00
April 1.	To cash B, Chapter dues, 1880-'81		3 00
April 26.	To cash X, dues for 1880-'81 (eight)		20 00
Total dues collected and cash on hand			\$450 68.

1880.

EXPENDITURES.

January 10.	By cash, draft of R. H. Wildberger for expenses of last Convention	\$62 00
January 27.	By cash, G. R. Lyon	2 45
February 4.	By cash, seal of Fraternity	7 50
February 4.	By cash, society emblem (cut)	6 25
February 4.	By cash, freight	75
February 4.	By cash, printing paper.	4 00
May 10.	By cash, supplement to catalogue	54 66
May 10.	By cash, stamps and express, B. F. & Son	5 07
May 22.	By cash, organizing Chapter at Greenville by T. W. Alexander	18 00
August 12.	By cash, express to Memphis, Tenn.	25
April 4.	By cash, express from Auburn, Ala.,	60

Amounts carried forward \$161 53

	Amounts brought forward	\$161 53	\$450 68
November 4.	By cash, G. H. Nixon, withdrawal charter GA. Δ	12 20	
March 25.	By cash, D. W. Meadow, reorganizing GA. Δ	14 60	
March 25.	By cash R. H. Wildberger, on account Record	4 05	
March 25.	By cash, printing Treasurer's receipts	1 50	
June 29.	By cash, B. Farmer & Son, stamps, express, postals, &c.	17 18	
June 29.	By cash, balance paid on Record	25 33	
	Total expenditures		236 39
	To cash, Chapter dues of X		\$214 29 3 00
	Balance total cash on hand		\$217 29

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand June 30, 1881	\$217 29
Dues from Beta, 1877-'78-'79.	53 00
Total resources	\$270 29

Liabilities—none.

Respectfully submitted,

BEN. T. FARMER, *Grand Treasurer.*

Exhibit B.

LETTER FROM BRO. B. T. FARMER.

HALL OF GRAND CHAPTER,
 FARMDALE, KY., June 24, 1881. }

To the Honorable Convention of

It behooves every member of our beloved Order to add his little mite to the upbuilding of our Fraternity; this is the only excuse I have to submit in penning these lines to you.

This is a solemn occasion to you. Holding the destiny of our Order in your hands, it becomes your duty to act, to do or die.

Surrounded by friends soliciting and asking advice, you are watched by many more whose hearts are with you in the noble cause, whose aid you will have, and whose earnest wishes you have. Deterred from being with you, and feeling a great interest in all the workings and future welfare of our Fraternity, I wish to make a few suggestions, which I hope you will hear with patience.

We have examined carefully every old paper, letter, and minute-book that we could find, and you will see from supplement

to catalogue that we have found some missing links in places of Grand Convention and orators. Do you not think another (if one has ever been made) effort should be made to find our missing papers turned over to the Librarian of University of Virginia in 1860? We understand the same gentleman is still occupying that office.

It is also submitted that some one be employed to go over and copy all old minutes into a book, and to procure books for the letters to be filed in, arranging them by years. There are a great many old letters and valuable papers that are liable to be destroyed, and no doubt many have already been, as they are loose, not even tied together when they came to us. No one has time or will do it unless compensated for his trouble. We found the minutes of '65 (first Convention after war) among waste paper, and so effaced as to be scarcely legible.

Also, if the magazine is to be published to finish out the year, two more numbers, that section two of a bill to found and establish a Fraternity Magazine be amended so as to read: "The General Convention shall biennially elect an editor-in-chief of the 'S. A. E. Record,' with a salary of fifteen dollars (\$15) per number, to be paid out of general funds of Grand Treasurer, on the publication of each number," &c., &c.

I recommend also that Brother Wildberger be continued as editor-in-chief, if his business so allows; if not, Brother W. R. Brown, of Atlanta, be elected editor-in-chief; and that T. R. Moody, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and J. C. C. Newton, of Kentucky, be elected assistant editors at large.

That section three of amendment to Constitution II (catalogue) be so amended as to read: "There shall be published annually (or as often as the exigencies of the case may demand) by Grand Chapter a *supplement* to the catalogue," &c.

We suggest this, as by the amendment it is necessary to publish a supplement this year, which will cost about fifty dollars (\$50), and I do not think the outlay judicious.

That a banquet be done away with, and the money necessary for it be used in extending the Order.

Also, that exhibit H, section one of acts enacted by last Convention, title "A bill to establish a Founder's Medal," be so modified or added to as to pay each member the sum of ten

dollars (\$10) in currency out of the general funds; also to pay his actual expenses, provided the Grand Chapter so orders, for the establishment of a Chapter under conditions of above named sections.

Respectfully submitted.

BEN. T. FARMER.

Exhibit C.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE RECORD.

To the Honorable Convention of Σ. A. E.:

I have the honor to submit for your inspection my books and the following brief summary of the financial condition of the RECORD:

RECEIPTS.	
For stationery.	\$37 50
For subscriptions	146 00
For advertisements	17 00
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Total	\$200 50
DISBURSEMENTS.	
For printing	\$180 86
For stationery	33 60
For expenses	11 37
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	225 83
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Balance paid out of Grand Treasury.	\$25 33

It will appear from the face of the above that the RECORD was not self-sustaining, but had to draw on the General Treasury for twenty-five dollars and thirty-three cents. I issued two numbers only—March and May, 1880—and was rapidly adding names to our subscription list when the Chapters and those to whom I looked for literary assistance failed me entirely in supplying material for the third number. My occupation was such that I found it impossible, even if it had been desirable, for me to furnish with my own pen forty pages of printed matter. I repeatedly tried to get material to fill creditably the pages of the organ of the Fraternity, but I failed to get enough to fill five pages. Finding I could not publish the third number, I made no further effort to collect any subscriptions or to add any names to the list of subscribers. It was my desire and intention to complete the volume of four numbers any way, paying any deficit by draft on the General Treasury, as the law warranted me in doing. There were enough subscriptions

unpaid to justify this draft on the General Treasury, with a reasonable hope of returning the same when collections were made; but I could not ask subscribers to pay for the year when I had no reasonable hope of filling out the four numbers. The subscriptions paid in were entirely voluntary, and we are in duty bound to supply to those subscribers the RECORD for the term agreed upon. It is therefore my opinion that the RECORD is not financially a failure; it did not suspend on account of want of funds. Humiliating as it is to write it, the suspension was entirely due to want of literary support on the part of the Chapters and the Fraternity at large. It is my earnest hope that this state of affairs may not longer be charged against the Fraternity. Shall it go unchallenged that the only distinctively Southern Fraternity, that has for years held the ascendancy in Southern colleges, has been unable to show in its ranks talent enough to conduct successfully, from a literary point of view, a forty-page quarterly magazine of Fraternity matters?

It *cannot* be said that the $\Sigma A E$ lacks in talent, or would yield the palm to any other similar organization, number for number! No! it is simply a fatal and destructive apathy that neglects to *do*, trusting others *may*. A few men do all the work in the Fraternity, and so long as they can possibly continue to do it, this fatal apathy on the part of the many will allow them to continue to do it. Not that the mass *lack interest*. Far be it from me to bring a charge so degrading against the rank and file of the Order. It is not that, as their ready subscriptions, and other evidences of interest, will attest. It is simply a wonderful trust that "all will come out right," "somebody will send in something, and my effort will not be missed." Of course, when this disposition becomes general, the expectant Editor-in-Chief gets no "copy," and no RECORD is the result. I believe the RECORD can be made self-sustaining, if it will only receive the literary support to render it otherwise a success, and I therefore strongly recommend its continuance, suggesting that in the selection of Editor-in-Chief a young professional man be selected, who can give it more time than I have been or would be able, from the very nature of my occupation, to devote to it, and that he be allowed some compensation for his labor.

Respectfully,

R. H. WILDBERGER, *Editor-in-Chief*.

(Exhibit D.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE WITH HISTORIAN.

To the Honorable Convention of $\Sigma. A. E.$:

Your committee appointed to confer with the General Historian of the Fraternity, and to ascertain from him the present status of the history in preparation, and the causes of delay attending the publication of the same, beg leave to submit the following report:

The General Historian, Mr. W. B. Walker, has been diligent in collecting material for the contemplated work; but the details in his hands with respect to the origin and history of many of the various Chapters of the Order, are wholly inadequate. A history embodying only such information as is at present in hand, would not give satisfaction. The difficulty seems to be in the neglect of the officers and members of some of the Chapters to supply information, although persistently urged to do so. But the facts now in the possession of Bro. Walker are valuable, and the publication of them would disclose inaccuracies and deficiencies, and probably result in the procuring of fuller details from Chapters dissatisfied with the history as given to the Brotherhood, and thus ultimately result in the collection of sufficient material in quantity and accuracy to warrant the publication of a formal history of the Order. Looking to the re-establishment of the official Magazine of the Fraternity, which we think will result from our deliberations in the further progress of this Convention, we are favorably impressed with a proposition made to us by Brother Walker. He proposes to furnish, from time to time, a series of papers for publication in our Magazine, embodying notes on the origin and history of the $\Sigma. A. E.$ Fraternity, and embracing all the facts now in possession of Brother Walker. We are satisfied Brother Walker has both the ability and determination to make these notes or letters interesting and instructive. By this means, we hope, before the meeting of the next General Convention, to have all the facts that have been collected in possession of every member of the Order, and the defects in the work all clearly manifested, so that these defects may be understood and supplied.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That Brother W. B. Walker, General Historian, be requested to supply to the journal, known as the Σ . A. E. RECORD, occasional papers, embodying the information heretofore collected, and in his keeping, as to the origin and history of the Fraternity, accompanied with such suggestions and reflections as he may think proper; and that Brother Walker be requested, if possible, so to shape these communications as to get all the known facts in print before the meeting of the next General Convention.

WALTER R. BROWN, *Ch'n*,
HOWARD VAN EPPS,
W. B. WALKER,
T. W. ALEXANDER,
R. S. GOSS.

Exhibit E.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

ATLANTA, GA., July 1st, 1881.

To the Honorable Convention of Σ . A. E. :

We, the Committee on Finance, beg leave to offer the following report:

We have carefully considered the *statement* of the Grand Treasurer, and approve every item.

In regard to the report written to the Grand Convention by the Treasurer, we make the following recommendations to the suggestions offered therein: We recommend that the individual dues of Chapter Ga. Δ be remitted, since that Chapter has been debarred the advantages, etc., during the greater part of the last scholastic term, derived from active membership, by the withdrawal of its charter.

We have no suggestions to offer in regard to Phi, at Greenville, S. C., but leave the collection, etc., of their dues to the discretion of the Grand Chapter.

In regard to the Chapter dues of Psi, reported to have been stolen just before being forwarded, we recommend the instruction of Brother Bunn, of Macon, to look into the matter, and effect its adjustment.

We advise that Chapter Beta be excused from all back dues for 1877-'78-'79.

In regard to loaning the funds of the Order, it is the opinion of your Committee that they should not be loaned, but remain

in the hands of the Grand Treasurer as directed by the Constitution.

In conclusion, we recommend that the individual and Chapter dues remain the same as at present—*i. e.*, \$2 50 per member, and \$3 per Chapter, annually.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. NIXON, *Chairman*,
WALTER R. BROWN,
JAMES F. NEILL,
R. J. OWEN,
T. J. RIPLEY,
P. M. ATKINSON,
S. D. SMITH.

Exhibit F.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION OF RECORD.

To the Honorable Convention of Σ. A. E.:

We, the Committee on the Publication of the RECORD, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. We recommend the continuation of the publication of the journal known as the Σ. A. E. RECORD, as provided for in the bill, entitled "A bill to found and establish a Fraternity magazine."

2. We recommend that section 2 of this bill be amended so as to read: "The General Convention shall biennially elect an editor-in-chief, with a salary of \$15 per number, and in case of vacancy," etc.

3. We recommend to amend the bill by adding to section 2 the words: "There shall also be elected at each General Convention five assistant editors, whose duty it shall be to assist the editor-in-chief in the management and publication of the Σ. A. E. RECORD."

4. We recommend the election of Maj. R. H. Wildberger as editor-in-chief.

5. We recommend the election of Brothers J. F. Neill, of Ga., Major G. S. Hoyle, Ga., J. C. C. Newton, of Ky., and Brothers W. R. Brown and W. B. Walker, of Ga., as assistant editors.

G. H. NIXON, *Chairman*,
T. W. ALEXANDER.

Exhibit G.REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE WITH THE
GENERAL HISTORIAN.*To the Honorable Convention of Σ . A. E.:*

In reference to the papers, periodicals, &c., belonging to the Fraternity, now said to be at the University of Virginia, your Committee report the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved. That Brother B. T. Farmer be authorized and empowered to write to the parties holding the papers, and ask that the same be forwarded to him, and, so soon as he procures them, that they be turned over to Brother W. B. Walker, the General Historian.

WALTER R. BROWN, *Chairman*,
R. S. GOSS,
T. W. ALEXANDER.

Exhibit H.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

ATLANTA, GA., July 2, 1881.

To the Honorable Convention of Σ . A. E.:

Your committee, after careful inquiry, learn of the death of three members of our Order since the meeting of the last Convention two years ago in Nashville, Tennessee, viz ; Chas. S. DuBose of Chapter *B*, Harry Bunn, of Chapter *A*, and W. F. McLure, of Chapter *Pp*.

CHARLES S. DUBOSE

Was a graduate of the University of Georgia, where he attained high distinction as a student and debater, and won a lasting reputation as a man of irreproachable character, as a gentleman in all the virtuous sense of that term, refined and courteous, gentle as a woman yet bold as a lion, universally beloved by students and faculty, a general favorite in the cultured society of which the city of Athens always so justly boasted. Leaving the University, he rapidly entered upon a lucrative practice of law ; in a year or two was honored by his county (Warren) as Representative in the State Legislature, and in two years more was elected State Senator from the counties of Hancock, Warren, and Taliaferro (the homes of the Stephensens). He was rapidly attaining an eminence in public life that but few men of his age ever won, when that fell destroyer, consumption, which so often

claims our brightest and best minds, cut short a brilliant and noble career.

Be it resolved, That in the death of Hon. Charles S. DuBose the Σ. A. E. Fraternity has lost one of its noblest members, Christianity and Morality one of their brightest exemplars, and the State and country one of their best and most honorable citizens, and that the Great Beyond has gained one of the brightest spirits of our terrestrial sphere.

Resolved, That the family of the deceased be furnished with a copy of these remarks and resolutions.

HARRY BUNN.

Harry Bunn was a graduate of the Kentucky Military Institute, whence he went to Louisville, where he had been engaged in mercantile life only a year or two, when he was suddenly called away, falling a victim to rapid consumption. Strong and active in college, he showed no symptoms of the disorder that so soon terminated his earthly existence. He was quite young, only 22 years of age, and in his adopted home had earned many friends by his loveable character. His death was deplored by the entire city of Louisville, his bright and happy life being proclaimed as a noble example by the newspaper press of the city.

Be it resolved, That in the death of Harry Bunn our brotherhood has lost one of its purest lights and one of its most promising lives. May his spirit find a brighter land.

W. F. McLURE

Was a graduate of Carolina Military Institute, at Charlotte, N. C. His attachment to our organization, as evidenced by his liberal donations for its perpetuation, is well remembered. He commenced the practice of law in Chester, S. C., near which place he had a mysterious death. He was discovered dead in bed on his farm near Chester, which he was visiting, two weeks, it is said, after death. He was personally known to members of the present Convention, who pronounce him a man of sterling character and marked talents.

Resolved, That in his death we have been deprived of a valued life, and that his memory shall ever be cherished among the members of this brotherhood. May he find a brighter and more peaceful life in the world to come.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to the family of the respective brothers herein named.

Very respectfully, &c.,

BURGESS SMITH, *Chairman.*

ON EXTENDING THE FRATERNITY.

BY J. HAGOOD ARMSTRONG.

Owing to the fact that our Order has been confined in its operations to the South, it is not as powerful in numbers as other Fraternities with which we have to compete. There is power in a large membership; and where we have had to contend with it, our success was attributable solely to a high moral and intellectual standard. On these two qualities we challenge the Union for superiority.

Now, just how to keep up our standard and extend our Order, is a most momentous question. All our Alumni have a kind of passive interest in this subject, but lack both the time and enthusiasm of actual members. What is done in extending our Order must depend on those who are actual members. The Alumni will lend a helping hand, no doubt, when not put to too much inconvenience. At least this is our experience. If our extension, then, depends on the enthusiasm of actual members, the question is, how to direct it in the establishment of Chapters.

In the first place, before any new Chapter is organized, as good, if not better, men than are found in competing Orders should be *required*. If they can't be had, don't organize. Secondly, can we get good men? It may be accomplished by the Grand Chapter or the Chapters in each State. Let the Fraternity arrange to keep constantly on hand catalogues of all first-class colleges. At the first opportunity, let all names be referred to Chapters of the State of the student. Some one can be found to give his calibre; and act on this as far as practicable. Great care should be exercised. We are very apt to start on too low a basis. Our Order must be kept in first-class colleges, or we will go backwards. It may require greater energy and vigilance to establish ourselves where great odds are against us; but it will pay in the long run. One mistake in locating a Keph will cost more than our Order can sacrifice. We have been in existence since 1858, and, generally speaking, have not done very much to extend our Order. This has been caused by a lack of material; and, so far, our experience has taught us that, in establishing new Chapters with opposition, the risk run rather intimidates us.

ALUMNUS CHAPTERS.

BY A MEMBER OF OMEGA ALUMNUS.

The Phinizy amendment, so called because introduced by Brother Leonard Phinizy, of Georgia, was enacted in the Convention of 1871, which assembled in Nashville, Tennessee. It authorized the formation of Alumnus Chapters wherever the constitutional number of members might be found. The reasons for the passage of this law were many, but chiefly to meet a long felt want in the elasticity of the extension of our Fraternity beyond college walls and life. Those who had known by experience the benefits and pleasures of active membership in college would carry into post-graduation life like opportunities of profit and pleasure for mind and heart. Once a Fraternity man, ever a devoted friend and brother, is the individual history of each of the more than six hundred "Sigs" in the Southern States. While to Brother Phinizy belongs the honor of having introduced this measure, it originated in the mind and heart of the whole Alumni.

The original founders of the Order evidently intended the *Σ. Α. Ε* Fraternity to be a College society for the *moral, social, and intellectual* improvement of the students—a complementing power to the authorized powers that be in the College faculties and trustees. A power working from within to that without, which approved and forwarded that which was done by the educators for the student; and I think that the educators in the Colleges wherever a Chapter of our Fraternity has been, will bear me out with their testimony in saying that our Fraternity is a positive benefit to their Colleges, and to them individually, in its work. For it is the object of the Society to encourage everything that cultivates true manhood, and discourage everything which would detract from the same in the student. Major Hoyle, of the North Georgia College, volunteered testimony to this effect in his words of approval of the Fraternity upon the floor of our last Convention. And the worthy President, Chancellor Mell, and the ex-Chancellor (Lipscomb) of the University of Georgia, encouraged by their membership and presence the workings of the Fraternity in their institution. Noble in its character; laudable in its design; successful in its workings has been the history of the *Σ. Α. Ε* Fraternity from its origin in 1855 to the present

as a college Fraternity. But who will question its future of greater usefulness in its present field of greater opportunities for activity. The few noble men who met in May, 1855, at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, then the seat of the Alabama University, to commence the formation of a society of higher motives than conviviality, felt the importance of the undertaking; an effort to give no partiality to student clubs. The design of these men is much better learned from the record in the Constitution, which ever excites the admiration of presidents in its enforcement—true manhood. Little did these men think that they were legislating for the future which would appropriate their work as an agency in its growth and success. Influenced by the ideas colleges have of their time, they would draw that line of demarcation between collegiate and post-graduate life which the present ignores. College life is but a stage in the graduate of the higher education of the present—live and learn is its motto. Life to-day, business to-day is a school. Experience is the teacher, at whose feet, with open book, the pupils, young and old, sit.

The formation of Alumnus Chapters is a higher conception of the object, and a decided advancement in the workings of our Fraternity. It is using in the cause of humanity the experience of our Alumni—the veterans who have grown skillful in battling for the right.

The benefits which are to be derived from Alumnus Chapters are many to Fraternity and individual. To appreciate this, consider the character of the material to be used. It is the seasoned material of which we would build. Why not utilize in carrying out the objects of the Fraternity the more than six hundred young men of our Alumni? They are living in every Southern State, in almost every city and county. They are of the first in social and political honor—occupying positions of influence. Let the reader run over in his mind the names and vocations of the Sigs in his vicinity. Take the catalogue in which the Alumnus Chapters are given; mark the names and positions of the men composing these Chapters. There, thanks to the law which authorized it, is a summary of power, which, if interested in any cause, could be a power. For instance, suppose Alumnus Ω , or A were enlisted in the cause of education—by thought,

word, and deed, the members, individually, were to work for some particular object. You appreciate this power. The fact of their diverse vocation is an advantage. It is the acting influence of society brought to bear on one object.

Alumnus Chapters are a tie between Alumni and their Alma Maters. The colleges of the South need the support of her graduates. The young men are a power of great efficiency in the land. While they have not sons to educate, they have companions and friends to influence. They are advertisements of their Alma Mater. If the young men, say of Atlanta or Augusta, graduates of the University of Georgia, felt an active interest in the success of that institution, they could promote it. Now, the best way of exciting this interest is to establish Alumnus Chapters in these cities. This has been done, and we find that there is a special tie between Atlanta, Augusta, and Athens, the seat of the University. Sigs in Atlanta or Augusta endeavor, by all honest means, to influence students to go to this college, and endeavor to secure for their Fraternity the best men. They are in full sympathy with the faculty and trustees in wishing the success of this University, because its success is the success of their Fraternity.

Alumnus Chapters may be made a substitute for the club life of the cities. Those who have seen the characters of the two, club life and the *S. A. E.* Fraternity, can contrast them, and draw the conclusion. The result is a strong argument in favor of the latter, because it stands in line with all the defenses of morality and probity. Therefore it is to the interest of the community that the young men find in the meetings of this character that social intercourse they crave—in a healthy atmosphere. As these Chapters have all the powers and privileges of the Fraternity, they can initiate. Thus they may select from the young men of the town, who are non-Fraternity men, congenial ones, and draw around themselves a company honorable and pleasant. They are allowed to dictate their own diversions and objects of organization. The Constitution wisely left this to the peculiar circumstances of each Chapter.

Make these Alumnus Chapters honorary degrees to which the collegian is entitled upon graduation. Their successful management, which will give them this character, will determine the

advantage in being received into such a body. The privilege should be great, as it certainly is an honor coveted by all to wear the badge in college, to be received into membership, to be known as a member of the Fraternity. It should be a greater honor to be received into the social life of a community, and introduced into the business relations of this higher life, to which college life is the preparation, by *men* of standing and influence. The cadet at West Point or Annapolis is ambitious to stand well among his classmates, but he aspires to a position in the army or navy.

As I have said, these Alumnus Chapters at the seats of learning can become acquainted with and influence the most promising youth in the schools to enter their Alma Maters, and seek admission, or, rather, be anxious to be admitted, to the Fraternity; the character of the graduates, *those who have been* benefited by membership, will give character to their impressions of the respective Fraternities.

The encouragement which Alumni can give the college Chapters, by word and letter manifesting interest, would be highly appreciated, and become incentives to greater activity in class and societies for standing and merit. And then the experience learned dearly by those who have preceded them can be valuably used for their benefit in advice.

These are but a few hastily considered reasons for the establishment of Alumnus Chapters wherever two or three Sigs meet together to talk over old times. I feel that a response of approval will be given me everywhere. Thank you; but this is a day of great activity. In letter we have pushed our way over the line of the past; our Fraternity has given us the power, and awaits our action. Shall we use it? Dare we refuse? Duty to self and duty to God is also duty to our fellow-men. We owe this to the youth of the land, particularly to younger members of our Fraternity in colleges. Let every city and town where there are Sigs organize Alumnus Chapters; let them send delegates to the Convention; open a correspondence with every Chapter in the Fraternity; discuss in the Fraternity RECORD its interests; be vigilant; be active; and the result will prove *the wisdom of the Phinizy amendment.*

GREEK FRATERNITIES IN THE SOUTH.

We are more than pleased to note the continued and increased harmony that exists among the Greek Fraternities having Chapters in our Southern colleges. The *Σ. Α. Ε.*, being the oldest and largest Southern Fraternity, is in a position to tender some excellent advice and words of caution to Fraternities already having Chapters and those contemplating the extension of their Order in the Southern States. The spirit that actuates the Southern Fraternity man is one of exceeding frankness, liberality, and the highest honor. There should, of course, be the greatest rivalry among the Fraternities, but there should be a limit to our zeal. It is not numbers which make the best and most honored Fraternities. The quality, not quantity, should be scrupulously estimated in selecting members. No Chapter should permit any of its members to do that which would in any way hurt or throw public discredit upon other Greek Fraternities. That which injures one tends to the impairment of all the others in some degree. No Fraternity can be permanently prosperous or its members contented, which disregards either of the foregoing principles. It is greatly to the injury, if not dishonor, of any Fraternity which endeavors in the slightest degree to kill off a rival. There are many ways in which this can be done, but we conceive that feature of any Fraternity which permits it to absorb or amalgamate with other Fraternities, tends to its chief harm. No man should be allowed to belong to more than one Greek organization; he should have only one, and that his first love. We know that the views entertained by every *Σ. Α. Ε.* are expressed in the foregoing, and we trust that the sentiments of all other Greek Fraternities have been voiced; and more especially do we hope that the views here presented are in accord with the Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Gamma Delta, and such others as have Chapters in the Southern States. If we all agree upon certain fixed principles in regard to our conduct with one another, our mutual esteem will be thereby augmented. With this end in view, we have penned this article, and believe that the opinions expressed will be heartily indorsed by every Greek Fraternity.

A LETTER FROM A BETA ALUMNUS.

EDITOR RECORD: It is with much pleasure that I add the expression of my appreciation to the general satisfaction with which your efforts are received. In a trite phrase, THE RECORD supplies "a long felt want," and in such a satisfactory manner as can but elicit the thanks of our entire brotherhood. With its general "get up" I am exceedingly well pleased, and can not but think that it is equal in merit to any publication of like character I have ever seen. Its office is one of eminent usefulness and practicability; it acts as a medium between individuals and Chapters of the brotherhood, and is a link binding the Alumni to the active members of the various college chapters. This is to my mind its chiefest characteristic, and in this feature should commend itself to the good will and assistance of every $\Sigma A E$. in the land. It should be fostered, and now in its infancy should be tenderly watched and ministered to by loving hearts and gentle but firm hands.

It has often been a source of regret to the writer, that after the brief months of college life we should leave associations so pleasant and profitable, and become so absorbed in the engaging duties incident to active life and constant employment, that our members should drift apart and manifest no lively interest in the welfare of our beloved institution. This does not arise from any lack of real interest; but the Alumni have been so circumstanced as to make a manifestation of zeal most impractical. But your RECORD affords an opportunity for the display of devotion to those principles embodied in the Constitution of our Fraternity, and enshrined in the heart of each and every brother. It presents a field in which, by discreet and judicious labor, a glowing possibility of future good and glory opens up before us. I comprehend that now we are encompassed by many difficulties, but the RECORD can yet be the lever with which our brotherhood, with the fulcrum of truth, may give an impetus to the influence of its principles that will enable us to overcome all obstacles.

I know that every member of our Order, it matters not with what devotion he may regard his Alma Mater, yet feels for his beloved $\Sigma A E$. more endearment. This, to us, seems meet and proper; and though it may not be comprehended by those

without the "magic circle," yet it is the natural result of associations so replete with moral influence. Some of the sweetest recollections of a period filled with treasured memories relate to our noble band, who struggled amid the conflicting storms of temptations incident to college life, with a love that knew no diminution of ardor, to be of mutual assistance. Though we frequently forgot our duties, and never lived up to the full measure of our obligations, yet the influence of those principles inherent in our Order would draw us back like the gentle influence of Divine grace encircling and constraining the wayward sinner.

I am anxious that the RECORD may become noted for its literary excellence, and I can see no reason why this desirable end may not be fully attained, for the *Σ. Α. Ε.* has upon her roll men of eminent merit, and I can conceive of no better use to which they can put their talents than elevating to a high plane of literary excellence the organ of our brotherhood. It only appears necessary to enlist their sympathies in its behalf to secure their services.

I can offer no suggestion as to the conduct of your journal, but trust that one of its features may be the discussion of questions with practical bearing on the business of active life, and which engage public interest of a general character. It shall be my pleasure to do all within my feeble power for you, and your success can excite no one's gratification more sincerely than mine.

OUR DEAD.

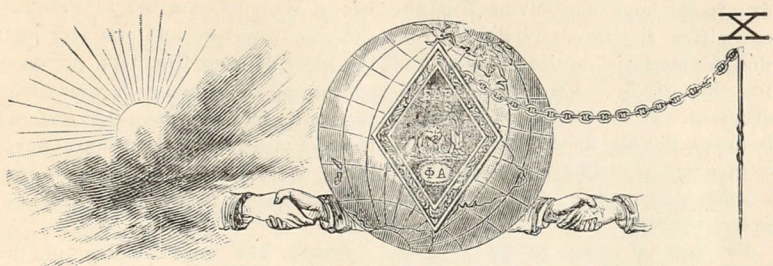
We want to try to get a complete and accurate list of our dead. To this end we publish the names of those marked in our catalogues and elsewhere as deceased. We ought to have in permanent shape a record of the life and death of these brothers, and we ask those who have the facts at hand to give us proper sketches of those whose memory has not been thus honored. The list is doubtless incomplete, and we ask every brother's assistance in rendering it accurate and complete:

ALLEN, R. R., Iota, 1859, died 18—.

ATKINSON, R. E., Iota, 1858, died 18—.

BAKER, J. W., H, 1860, died 1867.

- BAKER, JERMAN, Nu, 1860, died 18—.
BANCROFT, E., JR., Beta, 1872, died 18—.
BARTLETT, E. S., Omicron, 1876, died August 16th, 1879.
BRIDGFORD, J. R., Chi, 1861, died 18—.
BUNN, H. V., Chi, 1878, died February 27th, 1881.
CAMPBELL, W. H., Rho rho, 1877, died 18—.
CHESTER, ROB'T I., Tenn. H, 1872, died 18—.
COOPER, B. S., Nu, 18—, died 18—.
COOPER, C. D., Nu, 1876, died 18—.
DESHER, C. W., Psi, 1873, died 18—.
DEVOTIE, NOBLE L., Mu., 1855, died February 12, 1861.
DISMUKES, G. T., Iota, 1860, died 18—.
DUBOSE, CHAS., Beta, 1868, died 1881.
EWING, CLAY S, Iota, 1858, died 18—.
FORNISS, THAD. K., Kappa, 1859, died 18—.
GAILLARD, J. S., Chi, 1861, died 18—.
GAINES, T. C., Sigma, 1870, died 18—.
GOEICHUS, E. W., H, 1860, died 18—.
GROGAN, KENNEDAY, Omicron, 1861, died 18—.
HALBERT, HENRY P., Omega, 1859, died July 5, 1863.
HARDY, W. J., JR., Omicron, 1861, died 18—.
HARRIS, A. L., Iota, 1859, died 18—.
HEALEY, ELLIOT M., Omicron, 1860, died 18—.
HURT, BENJ. K., Nu, 1859, died 1861.
JACKSON, W. ANDREW, Chi, 1861, died 18—.
JARMAN, W. H., Omega, 1870, died 18—.
KENT, J. B., Chi, 1861, died 18—.
KINCKLE, WM. H., Sigma, 1870, died 18—.
MANLY, B. R., Phi, 1871, died 18—.
MARSTON, J. G., Chi, 1861, died 18—.
MATTHEWS, J. EDWARD, Lambda, 1868, died 18—.
MCLURE, W. F., Rho rho, 1877, died 1881.
MCMORRIS, C. C., Nu, 1870, died 18—.
SPRING, HILTON, Epsilon, 1870, died 18—.
STAFFORD, C. A., Psi, 1874, died 18—.
SULLIVAN, R. W., Psi, 1874, died 18—.
TAYLOR, MAJ. H. F., Chi, 1872, died 1874.
WHETFIELD, R. C., Iota, 1858, died 18—.
WRIGHT, JNO. H., Rho, 1859, died 18—.
WRIGHT, WM. S., Rho, 1859, died 18—.



Editors' Portfolio.

The suspension of the RECORD, as will be seen by the report to the Convention published elsewhere, was not for want of funds, but for want of suitable matter to publish. It will be well for the brothers to remember that the Editor-in-Chief has a very busy position in a very busy school, and that, in addition to these duties, has considerable work on his shoulders as President of the Grand Chapter. Take it all in all, he hardly has the time to fill these forty pages with his own pen, four times a year! Neither has he the time to sit down and write to every man in the Fraternity, asking for a contribution of so many pages. You all know it takes "copy" to supply the printer and fill your RECORD; then why wait for him to write you? An invitation is here extended to you *individually* to contribute something—anything, from a personal or poem to a twenty page dissertation! Send in anything that is in your line; you will appear before a varied audience, and will find some hearers. Give the Editor pigeon-holes full of letters, piles of personal notes, and bundles of heavy articles to select from, and then he can edit the RECORD with some satisfaction to himself and to its readers. When does he want

"copy"? *Now*; all the time; send it in any time; it must be very fresh, if it will not keep awhile. Don't sit down and wait until he writes to you for it: he hasn't time to do that; if he had, he could sit down and write the articles himself! Give him the material, and the RECORD shall not fail; but don't expect him to write it, and edit it too, for then it will certainly stop again!

THERE ARE several Fraternities waiting around to pick the bones of Σ A. E.; but we'll go to some of *their* funerals yet! Σ A. E. is not dead, and not going to die; *please don't forget that*. We are not even sick. It's very complimentary to be always receiving offers of union with other similar bodies, but its very destructive to a Fraternity which means to live to sit down and discuss such offers, or to listen to them. The Σ A. E. henceforth will hear nothing of such offers—of *any* offers that have not for their sum and substance an offer to come to us. This need not be considered as a bid for that kind of offer, either. We are content as we are; on this point we simply want to be let alone! When we sit down to our funeral feast we'll invite you all—just wait till we do!

We have delayed publication several days in the hope of receiving from the committee appointed by the Convention the memorial notice and sketch of the life of Bro. CHARLES DUBOSE, deceased. It has not been received, however, but we hope to lay it before our readers in our next as a tribute to a noble life worthy of all imitation by every true Sig.

For lack of space in the *Portfolio* we are compelled to lay over for next issue our "Other Fraternities," "Exchanges," and "Personals," with encouraging extracts from numerous letters. The issue exceeds our regulation, forty pages, by several pages.

TO THE ASSISTANT AND ASSOCIATE EDITORS.

Imprimis, you are all old enough to know that "copy" must be written on one side of the paper only; nevertheless, one half of it comes written on all sides. Result, your Editor-in-Chief must *copy* the odd sides. He objects to this; he did not engage to squander his talents on *copying*: he was to *edit*, not copy for the printer. Moreover, it engenders a species of profanity that does not accord with the revised version—doubly prolific: in the Editor-in-Chief because he has to copy, and in the printer because he did copy it, and he (the printer) can't read it. So don't do it; now mind that!

Second. Do not wait for a letter from the Editor-in-Chief begging for copy; this is notice that he wants it, and wants it badly. When? Now, right now; so get to work on your sketches, biography, travels, romances, histories, essays, and disquisitions on anything in creation, orations, or poems; finish them, and send them along without waiting. Notice will be given whenever an alarming surplus of available matter has accumulated.

Third. In the colleges give the news

about your college, its condition, number of students, number of Fraternities, their names and membership; the news of your Chapter; personals concerning the Alumni of your Chapter; try to find out where they are, and their occupations. Many have never heard of the RECORD, and we desire their addresses, to bring it to their notice.

Fourth. The next number of the RECORD will be out between October 10th and 15th. All copy intended for that number must be in the *Editor's hands by October 1st* at the outside. Bear this in mind, and remember that each one of you is expected to furnish from ten to fifteen pages (more if possible) of manuscript for that issue without further notice.

CONVENTION NOTES AND PERSONALS.

The Convention spent an hour and a half trying to choose the next place of meeting, or, rather, settle on some place to recommend, since the Chapters finally decide the question. Atlanta, Charleston, S. C., Louisville and Frankfort, Ky, each had sufficient following to prevent any one place securing a majority of the votes. After several ballots, dropping the lowest, it was narrowed down to Atlanta and Frankfort, when the Convention adjourned without choosing.

The Convention passed a resolution directing the Grand Treasurer to solicit from the Alumni, contributions to a fund to be used exclusively in extending the Order. He will issue his address soon. When *you* get it, read it, and then give as you may be able, and the Sigma spirit moves you. It's the first contribution Σ . A. E. ever asked. Let the response be hearty, and in amount to do some good. The Order needs it.

Our young friends from *Beta* consumed a good deal of each session of the Convention airing their knowledge of parliamentary law, much to the amusement of all. The President finally settled them by stating that parliamentary law was meant to expedite business, and with that end in view, he proposed making and enforcing his own law; and he did.

The Convention neglected to re-elect a Grand Treasurer, so that the filling of that office will devolve upon the Grand Chapter. Of course Bro. B. T. Farmer will be re-elected for the fifth term.

No changes of any importance were made in our Constitution, the only amendment being to leave it discretionary with the Grand Chapter when to publish supplements to the catalogue.

Now we just want to whisper something in your left ear. You missed the biggest thing of your life by not attending the Σ . A. E. Convention at Atlanta. It was the liveliest concern of the season.

The late Convention in point of numbers was ahead of any that has been held for the last ten years. Three Chapters that still have charters were unrepresented, *Phi*, *Sigma*, and *Upsilon*. The latter sent in her excuse, which was a good one, and accepted. *Phi*, at Greenville, S. C., was not heard from at all. *Sigma* was not expected to send a delegate so far, as she has only four members. *Beta* Alumnus, of Albany, Ga., was also unrepresented.

VAN EPPS, Howard, of *Beta*, 'way back in 1869 delivered the address of welcome at the late Convention. To those who know him it need not be said that his magnificent voice and elegant command of language made

him from the moment he began a central figure in the Convention of '81. As was to be expected from a man of his brain and experience, his address was agreeably out of the long approved and well-beaten track.

His face reminds one constantly of the great Napoleon, the resemblance being heightened by a saddened expression, due to his recent great affliction in the loss of two beautiful children.

Bro. Van Epps is a lawyer of large practice in Atlanta, has served several terms in the Legislature, and is well known as an orator of ability. His eulogy of Bro. DuBose was most appropriate and elegant.

BROWN, Walter R., attorney-at-law, 9 Whitehall St., Atlanta, as a member of the Convention of '81, made an indelible impression on every delegate present. Besides being one of the handsomest men in the Convention, he was indispensable as a manager and provider of everything to make things agreeable and pleasant for every member present. W. R. Brown is, moreover, one of the most enthusiastic Sigs. in Georgia, and now that he has been stirred up to active work, he will make things lively in that State for the coming year.

HOYLE, Maj. G. S., 2d Cavalry, U. S. A., now Commandant of Cadets at Dahlonga, Ga., is a most enthusiastic Sig., and one of those big-hearted, noble men, whom we must love at first sight. (Mrs. H. will understand that *men*, only, wield the editorial pen of the RECORD.) At the Convention, Major Hoyle never took the floor but every ear was attentive, and every listener sorry when he would sit down. He has an incisive way of going to the bottom of things, and in the heartiest and most pleasant way of probing everything thoroughly. We have the

promise of something from his pen, and are sure our readers will be satisfied we have not overdrawn him. The Major is another witness to the fact that our Order is a powerful agent for good, and in promoting law, order, and discipline.

WALKER, Rev. W. B., pastor of an Episcopal Church in Augusta, Ga., represented *Omega* Alumnus in the Convention. One half the pleasure in attending such meetings is derived from coming in contact with such genuine whole-souled Sigs. as Bro. W. He has been heart and soul in the cause since the day of his initiation, and though he has been away from college halls these ten years, his zeal, activity, and enthusiasm in the cause, and his knowledge of Σ . A. E. matters, will put to the test that of the most active college member. It does one good for a long time to reflect on the words and devoted acts of such a Sig.

One of the enjoyable features of the visit to Atlanta was the ride over the city late one afternoon. The Atlanta Chapter had a dozen or more carriages drawn up in front of the State House after one afternoon session, and we spent three hours or more sight-seeing in that thriving city.

There was a personality and individuality about each member of the Convention that left its impress, and lack of space alone prevents personal notice of each one, and comment on his part in the proceedings.

A. O. MURPHY, of Barnesville, Ga., is always on hand, of course, when there is to be a reunion or Convention. We met him first at the Richmond Convention in 1877. As the years roll on, he has taken a wife, and is now a happy father—but he still sticks to his first love, the Σ . A. E.

Remarkable, isn't it? But it never requires any champagne to get up enthusiasm at an Σ . A. E. Convention. There's always of plenty enthusiasm, but it isn't of the effervescent sort!

To the proprietors of the H. I. KIMBALL HOUSE the delegates to the late Convention are indebted for reduced rates and most hospitable treatment during their stay in Atlanta. The hotel is well kept—one of the best in the South. We want to go there again.

OUR CHAPTERS.

A ALUMNUS, ATLANTA, GA.

WALTER R. BROWN, ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

Below I give you a full list of the Sigs now resident in Atlanta:

P. M. Atkinson,
 W. R. Brown,
 O. H. B. Bloodworth,
 C. A. Collier,
 H. B. Collier,
 Dan. M. Cabaniss,
 T. M. Elyea,
 Walter S. Gordon,
 L. J. Hill,
 G. A. Howell,
 Col. E. F. Hoge,
 O. E. Mitchell,
 C. B. Mitchell,
 L. L. McClesky,
 J. F. Neill,
 J. R. McKeldin,
 H. C. Peeples,
 A. D. Smith,
 W. Ira Smith,
 Burgess Smith,
 Sam P. Sparks,
 J. S. Todd, M. D.,
 W. T. Trippe,
 H. H. Tucker, jr.,
 Howard Van Epps,
 C. B. Walker,

total twenty-six. Quite a little army of Sigs alone. We have not got through

singing the praises of the late Convention which met with us last month. It was certainly a fine body of men, and an honor to the Fraternity. The meeting will be productive of much good, throughout Georgia especially, for it has put the Atlanta Sigs to work, and it will not be long before you will have plenty of results to chronicle. I give you a few notes on what our Atlanta Sigs are engaged at—will complete the list in my next.

L. J. Hill is President Gate City National Bank.

J. S. Todd is a physician of extensive and successful practice.

Wm. Ira Smith, A. D. Smith, and O. H. B. Bloodworth are all engaged in teaching.

Walter S. Gordon is a director in Georgia Pacific R. R.

H. L. Collier is connected with same road.

G. A. Howell, H. H. Tucker, jr., Howard Van Epps, and W. R. Brown all are practicing law.

C. B. Walker is connected with a printing establishment.

J. R. McKeldin is in the shoe and hat trade.

Sam P. Sparks is a salesman.

BETA, ATHENS, GA.

PIRONIUS H. BELL, ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

The members of *Beta* who return next fall have much to make them hopeful of a prosperous year for the Chapter, and to inspire them to the planning of vigorous work. Ten men of last year's stock will pack trunks for a return in October—ten as true souls as ever donned a badge or fingered a grip.

Four college classes and all sections of the State will be represented. The roll will stand—

1. Joseph B. Alexander, Marietta, senior.

2. Pironius H. Bell, Atlanta, senior.
3. Davis Freeman, Savannah, junior.
4. Julian P. Field, Savannah, senior.
5. Henry L. McClesky, Athens, junior.
6. John D. Mell, Athens, sophomore.
7. John D. Pope, Albany, senior.
8. T. J. Ripley, Atlanta, sophomore.
9. A. W. Van Hoose, Senoia, senior.
10. S. N. Woodward, Barnesville, law class.

With such a list, no Chapter should lack for cheer to go forward to the brightest success, even though the organization were a mere adventure; but with a past history such as we have to think on, and the present high College record we have attained, we may not be charged with vanity in entertaining reflections the most complacent.

During the last year B has not failed to maintain her accustomed place in the front rank of achievement, as a review of the honor roll will testify. Amongst the graduates we find the names of Bros. T. W. Alexander, Augusta; C. H. Brand, Logansville; G. R. Brown, Canton; D. W. Meadow, Madison county; G. H. Nixon, Augusta. Bro. Nixon took the second honor of the class. All the balance, except Bro. Meadow, received "speakers' places" on scholarship. Twelve speakers' places were awarded. Out of the ten speakers' places in the junior class, the "Sigs" got five, being represented by Bros. Alexander (1), Bell (2), Pope (1), and Van House (1)—5; and the sophomores took their share of the places given for declamation. In the prize contest between the sophomores at commencement for best declaimer, Bro. Davis Freeman walked off with the medal tied to the blue ribbon. From the champion debate invitation you may see that Bros. Nixon and Meadow figured on the rostrum in that contest, and Pope and Van Hoose carried man-

uscript forward when the spring debate occurred in June. Bro. G. R. Brown represented the Phi Kappa Society last year as anniversarian.

I might mention various and sundry triumphs in the field where the festive heart-breaker exerts his wiles, but to do so might compromise Gwinn and "Jno. D.," and "Jule," and Davis and "Pi." "David" wouldn't like to be told on, I know. Henry and Johnnie hardly ever go with the girls. Henry was waiting till he got to be junior, and John didn't think the little "fresh" could make much headway. The last time I heard from "Soph." Alexander he was still in Athens. He said he was going to stay over there to "get up his books;" but some of the boys I've met around casually think he was "going over to see Gwinn." Tom will always be a good "Sig," though, no matter what "responsibilities" he may assume. The girls all say that Gwinn is the "handsomest" Σ. A. E. ever at Athens. It's rather dangerous, though, to broach the subject to him. He says it isn't so.

Please send us, when college opens in October, a copy of the proceedings, resolutions, &c., of the Convention at Atlanta. You may depend upon the boys at "B" doing all in their power to carry out the measures which the wisdom of that body saw fit to adopt. We shall enter on our duties as Sigs next year with a determination to illustrate the nobility of the grand Order we are pledged to maintain, firm in the belief that in the pure spirit of our beloved Constitution there are depths of inspiration from which may be drawn the fires to kindle the noblest sentiments of the noblest manhood, and to make the pathway of life sparkle in the glow of the beauty of love. Already has the genial warmth welled up in our souls. It cannot de-

part. Never by our hands shall the altar tumble in the dust.

BETA ALUMNUS, ALBANY, GA.

J. S. DAVIS, ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

Our list of members is as follows: R. T. Hanks, J. W. Walters, A. H. Alfriend, J. S. Davis, S. R. Sims, R. H. Warren, Lott Warren.

We applied for a charter June 16th, 1880, and received it at once, since which time we have been in organization.

I must give some account of the few of us whom Providence has gathered in this little city. "We are seven," and all in the full enjoyment of life, health, and activity. One is pastor of the Baptist Church; one an editor; one a clerk in the post-office; one a railroad employe; two are lawyers, and one a school teacher, the principal of the high school. All occupy positions of respectability, and most of them so situated as to be able to cultivate fields of usefulness, and from the established characters of those, I am proud to write that they are now, and will continue to exert influences of permanent good and lasting results. Our Alumnus Chapter in Albany has not been long established, but we will endeavor to make its features of practical benefit and inure to the good of each one of us. It shall be our purpose to occupy a short space in each RECORD.

GA. DELTA, DAHLONEGA, GA.

JAS. I. COLEMAN, ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

Preparing for commencement has prevented me from writing you sooner. Our Chapter is in a flourishing condition, and has been ever since the return of our charter. We have eight in all, *i. e.*, active members. We have taken in five in all this year, and one honorary member, Maj. G. S. Hoyle. There have been no badges or prizes offered this year. There will be some

offered to cadets for proficiency in drilling at our commencement, which commences to-morrow. All of the members of Σ . A. E., with the remainder of the school, have an opportunity to contest for them. Brother Power will receive the medal offered to the school for the best deportment during the year. Brother Watt stood second.

PERSONAL HISTORIES.

Brother C. E. Watt, a charter member, has been Captain Co. A. during the year; was on the Fall term public debate from the Decora Palaestra Literary Society, and delivered the anniversary address of the same in May; will deliver the valedictory address of the graduating class this year—'81.

Brother C. R. Winship, a charter member, was appointed 1st Sergeant Company B in January. General deportment good, and is a universal favorite.

Brother C. G. Power has been 1st Lieutenant Company A, and Adjutant Corps of Cadets ever since first of October, '80; was on Fall term public debate in February from the Price Literary Society; delivered the anniversary address of the same in May; will receive the medal for best deportment at commencement, at which time he will graduate.

Bro. Jas. I. Coleman, admitted September 11th, 1880; was on the Fall and Spring term debates from the Decora Palaestra Literary Society; was elected by the same to deliver the commencement oration in 1881. Appointed 4th Sergeant, Company A, in January.

Bro. W. H. Key, admitted October 26th, 1880; was on the Fall and Spring term debates from the Decora Palaestra Society. Appointed 2d Sergeant, Company B, in January.

Bro. C. H. Green, admitted Febru-

ary 26th, 1881; was on Fall and Spring term debates from the Price Debating Society. Is a champion debater at commencement between the Price and Phi Mu Literary Societies. Appointed Corporal, Company A, January, 1881.

Bro. M. A. Brazeal, admitted April 16th, 1881; was appointed 2d Sergeant, Company A, in January, 1881. President Decora Literary Society. Is a general favorite.

Bro. A. B. Howell, admitted April 23d, 1880. Is a general favorite of the ladies and the school.

Bro. G. S. Hoyle, an honorary member, admitted May 7th, 1880. Is Commandant Corps of Cadets, and 1st Lieutenant 2d Cavalry U. S. Army.

ALA. IOTA, GREENSBORO, ALA.

A letter from Bro. H. A. Young gives the following complete list of members from the organization in 1878 to date, with their present address:

Walker Bancroft, Tuskegee, Ala.

J. H. Bell, Quitman, Miss.

E. W. de Graffenried, Greensboro, Ala.

E. Y. Dent, Eufaula, Ala.

Prof. C. A. Grote, Greensboro, Ala.

S. P. Hand, Nashville, Tenn.

G. L. Hawkins, Dayton, Marengo county, Ala.

W. P. Hurt, Millview, Fla.

T. H. Jack, Havana, Ala.

J. M. Kendall, Eufaula, Ala.

W. A. McCann, Newberne, Ala.

W. A. McLeod, Jackson, Clark county, Ala.

F. A. Rodgers, Forest Home, Ala.

J. M. Spurlock, jr., Eufaula, Ala.

W. N. Whitfield, Ramsey Station, Sumter county, Ala.

C. B. Walker, 19½ Broad street, Atlanta, Ga.

H. A. Young, Eufaula, Ala.

Bro. Young says they were unable to organize, although having three

members present, there being no material in College to justify it. He continues: "I feel sure we cannot reorganize next year, and may be not for two or three years." The charter and all papers have been returned to the Grand Chapter.

ALPHA MU, AUBURN, ALA.

The charter of this Chapter was withdrawn last fall, at which time the Chapter numbered ten members. For some reason they became disheartened and dissatisfied, and the Grand Chapter at once suspended the charter. Immediately afterward all save two (we believe) entered the *Phi Delta Theta* Fraternity, by which act they, of necessity, were expelled from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon. We have not an accurate list of their names yet, and will not publish them until we have, for fear some injustice may be done those who did not go over to the other Fraternity. Their conduct was disgraceful in the extreme, and has brought upon them the well-merited contempt of all true Sigs. More contemptible still was their act if, as has been suggested, they were wheedled into it by their rival Fraternity. Much joy may they give their new brothers.

SIGMA, LEXINGTON, VA.

A letter from F. S. Kirkpatrick explains the present status of this Chapter and its prospects. He says: "Sigma did not reorganize this year because the general character of our freshmen was not of such a nature as to justify it. We have a reputation at Washington and Lee University as one of the best (if not the best) Fraternity that has ever been there, and we did not care to take men who would impair our former reputation. We are certain that such a course was the best and only one we could have adopted

under the circumstances. Other Fraternities reorganized, and took in a good many members, but we have no reason to envy them. We had four members at College this year: L. L. Carlisle, W. K. Carlisle, Samuel Graham, and F. S. Kirkpatrick."

Two of us will be back next year to college, and two more will be in town, so we can reorganize if we think we will be justified in so doing. The Sigs were't prolific in college honors this year, or remarkable otherwise. W. K. Carlisle graduated in law at the head of his class. I was first debater from one of our literary societies at the intermediate celebration. The question we debated was, to say the least, very original, and was entirely different from the hackneyed subjects with which audiences are accustomed to be "augered" on such 'momentous and monotonous occasions.' We recommend it to other literary societies. It is this: "Which has the most influence, the bonnet-box or the ballot-box?" Strong arguments can be had, on application, from me in favor of the bonnet-box. But enough. I wish that God's choicest blessings may be showered upon all true Σ . A. E. boys everywhere.

TAU ALUMNUS, MOBILE, ALA.

F. P. QUINLAN, ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

"HISTORY OF TAU ALUMNUS, MOBILE, ALABAMA."—A charter was applied for the above by Bros. M. S. Andrews jr. and F. P. Quinlan, both of Chapter Alpha Mu, in November, 1879. Granted by action of convention, December 24th, 1879; was received January 14th, 1880. Owing to circumstances a Chapter was not formed until April, 1880, by Bro. M. S. Andrews, jr., of Alpha Mu; Bro. W. F. Kirk-

bride, Chi, and Bro. F. P. Quinlan, Alpha Mu.

Thinking the proper mode of strengthening our band was to take in outside men as members, we took in our first new member, Geo. O. Murrell, of Mobile, Alabama, on April 29th, 1880; also Bro. J. N. Johnson, Alumnus of Beta, April 29th, 1880. We had several splendid meetings up to June 15th, when Bros. Andrews and Johnson returned home, and Bro. Kirkbride was called away for the summer, when we were partially disbanded until October 8th, 1880, when the absent brethren returned to the city, and we again went into active operation.

From October 8th, 1880, until March 14th, 1881, our little band fought faithfully against fearful odds from outsiders, as well as unfaithfulness among the members. When everything was again settled into quietness March 14, 1881, we increased our number by taking in two new men Mr J. G. Oliver, of Montgomery, and Mr. L. P. Hurter, of Mobile, Ala, and on May 3d, 1881, we received into our midst Mr. R. H. Burton, of Mobile, Ala. Later on in the month, finding that there were several Alumni in town, a committee visited them, and they willingly joined. They were: Mr. Frank L. Ross, Alumnus of Σ ; Mr. M. F. Kirkbride, Alumnus of X; Mr. E. B. Kirkbride, Alumnus of X.

Not feeling ourselves able to engage a hall, we have been meeting in the room of Bro. M. S. Andrews and the Corresponding Secretary. We meet twice a month, the first and second Tuesday nights. Our election of officers is held every six months, excepting for the Corresponding and Recording Secretary, which takes place only once a year. We conduct the initiation of members in the same way it is con-

ducted in college Chapters. Our Chapter was wrapped in regret at the loss of its mother Chapter, Alpha Mu, which, through the treachery of some of her members, was compelled to give up her charter and papers. Our officers at the present time are: J. N. Johnson, *President*; R. H. Burton, *Vice President*; F. P. Quinlan, *Corresponding and Recording Secretary*; G. O. Murrell, *Treasurer*. The Secretary holds the office of Historian.

The members are eleven in number, viz: 1. E. B. Kirkbride, Alumnus of X; 2. M. F. Kirkbride, Alumnus of X; 3. W. F. Kirkbride, Alumnus of X; 4. Frank L. Ross, Alumnus of Σ ; 5. J. N. Johnson, Alumnus of B; 6. M. S. Andrews, jr., Alumnus of Alpha Mu; 7. F. P. Quinlan, Alumnus of Alpha Mu; 8. Geo. O. Murrell, member of Tau Alumnus; 9. L. P. Hurter, member of Tau Alumnus; 10. J. G. Oliver, member of Tau Alumnus; 11. R. H. Burton, member of Tau Alumnus.

UPSILON, CHARLESTON, S. C.

K. S. TUPPER, ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

To Brothers Armstrong and S. Y. Tupper, jr, we owe the praise for having established Chapter Upsilon of the noble order of the Σ . A. E. Fraternity.

At the re-establishment of Chapter Phi, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, it was proposed to establish a Chapter at the College of Charleston, and Brother Hagood Armstrong, of Beta, was appointed to carry out the plan. He communicated with Brother S. Y. Tupper, jr., of Nu, as to its feasibility, receiving a favorable response. Brother Armstrong came to Charleston, and, with the co-operation of Brother Tupper, founded Chapter Upsilon on the 8th of April, 1881, with the following members who immediately after chose their officers, as follows:

Julius M. Bacot, *President*; John B. Gadsden, *Vice President*; Kirby S. Tupper, *Corresponding Secretary*; Wm. H. Parker, *Secretary*; Henry A. Lachicotte, *Treasurer*; Wm. A. Caldwell.

At the next regular meeting of the Chapter, Brother E. Kennerly Marshall was initiated to our noble Order, and was elected Historian of the Chapter.

To record our history is simply to mention that we are in existence, and determined never to make our beloved Fraternity ashamed of our actions. Our Chapter is composed of active and ex-members of the Charleston College. At the annual commencement of '81, Brothers Bacot, Marshall, and Tupper graduated from the class with great distinction. Brothers Marshall and Bacot took the first and second honors respectively.

At the commencement of the Chrestomathic Literary Society, Brother K. S. Tupper was awarded the salutatory address and Brother Marshall the valedictory.

Brothers Parker and Caldwell lead the present senior class, with Brothers Gadsden and Lachicotte in the second grade.

We close our brief report with our best wishes for the Chapters throughout the South, and the long and continued prosperity of the Σ . A. E. Fraternity.

PHI, GREENVILLE, S. C.

It is as impossible for the Grand Chapter or the editor to hear from this Chapter as if they were dead and buried. No form of communication can entice from them any response, so what they are doing is left to dim conjecture and, summed up in one word, is probably—*nothing*. We have no means of discovering the condition of the college, or the prospects for next year.

We would be glad if some Sig not a thousand miles from Greenville, would go over there and see if total annihilation has been their fate.

CHI, FARMDALE, KENTUCKY.

L. B. McBRAYER, ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

It is a pleasant duty for me to give a report of Chapter Chi at the close of our collegiate year, for never in the history of the Chapter has better work been done than in the year just ended. For Chi, it certainly ought to have been, and was a season of rejoicing and satisfaction.

In point of numbers, harmony, and interest manifested by each and all the brothers, our Chapter has never known the like before. We give the names of our active members of the last year, that many of our neighbor Kentucky members who graduated or attended school at the K. M. I. may know who they are; they (the Alumni members) having known them in the happy days of college life.

List of members for years 1880 and 1881:

Lieut. J. D. Allen, Missouri.

W. S. Farmer, Kentucky.

Capt. R. S. Goss, Kentucky.

George Hall, Kentucky.

Claude Johnson, Kentucky.

W. T. McDaniel, Missouri.

James McGinnis, Kentucky.

Capt. L. B. McBrayer, Kentucky.

Lieut. R. J. Owen, Kentucky.

C. H. Sayle, Arkansas.

L. A. Trumbo, Kentucky.

J. S. Wheless, Missouri.

C. Witherspoon, Kentucky.

Maj. R. H. Wildberger, Tennessee.

We add the names of our worthy Grand Treasurer, Ben. T. Farmer and Capt. H. C. Carmer, both of whom reside in the immediate neighborhood of the Kentucky Military Institute, but are not active, attending members of the

Chapter. It is not needful that we eulogize the enthusiasm manifested, and the work done in the interest of our noble Order by Bro. Ben. T. Farmer; and our Bro. H. C. Carmer is as good a Sig as ever was, and always ready to labor for the cause adopted by us all.

Our relations to the other three secret fraternities in the college are of the most pleasant nature. The Superintendent, Col. R. D. Allen, feels indebted to the several Orders for the orderly and manly conduct of the members, and there is not only self government in the Fraternities, but they are instrumental in preserving order and securing promptness.

Again Sigma comes to the front in the number of honors won during the collegiate year. There was not one Sigma but honored his college and Fraternity in the final examination, but we have only space to mention those who happily wear a medal.

First in order of time comes our facetious friend and brother, L. A. Trumbo, the winner of the Second Declamation medal given by the Philomathean Literary Society. J. S. Wheless, whom we all admire, distances a field of three contestants for the First Declamation medal offered by the same literary society.

Again, our master mathematicians, W. T. McDaniel and Clarence Witherpoon, win a medal that is seldom won. Their examination in several branches in mathematics was simply marvelous.

Our graduates numbered but two, Capt. R. S. Goss and W. S. Farmer. This small number is due to the fact that the previous year we graduated one-half dozen Sigmas. The supply is exhaustible, but if we had just a few more K. M. I.'s it wouldn't be. Next year we bid fair to graduate five or six Sigmas.

Another evidence of Chi's enthusiasm in the promotion of Σ . A. E. principles is her delegation in attendance upon the Atlanta Convention.

The regular delegates were two, but Major Wildberger, Captain Goss, and Lieutenant Owen traveled five hundred miles to the Convention, without a single expense of the trip defrayed by the Fraternity.

Others there may have done the same thing, and I know the Fraternity will join me in thanks to these brothers for their warm and earnest zeal. We thank our Atlanta brothers for the kindnesses shown us. We were pleased, too, with the appearance of their city.

In this issue of the RECORD I would like to call the attention of active members in the various Chapters to the practice of Chi in increasing her membership. For the last two years we have not confined ourselves strictly to the College in the selection of members.

We now have three or four members, and good ones too, in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, distant seven miles from the Kentucky Military Institute. The greater number of these never attended the K. M. I., and some who did were initiated after leaving the College.

It is certainly an excellent way to increase the membership of our Fraternity, and not at the cost of quality for quantity either.

Those Sigmas who have it in their power to do us good in that way, we hope will seriously consider our plan. Let us try to extend our influence to convenient adjoining towns to the Colleges where we are organized. Our start for next year is as good as we could wish, and the prospects for a full school are very flattering.

In concluding our letter we cannot omit to thank our zealous officers and admired brothers of Chi for their

promptness and thoroughness in the performance of every duty. Our Chapter recognizes the obligations it and our Fraternity are under for the labors of Bros. Maj. R. H. Wildberger and W. S. Farmer. The ladies have remembered us kindly, and we tender our heartfelt thanks to our lady friend, Miss Madge Thomas, of Harrodsburg, Ky., for some fancy needle work to adorn our Chapter Hall.

Hoping that our beloved Fraternity may continue to prosper, I am, yours, very truly,
L. B. McBRAYER.

PSI, MACON, GA.

C. E. BATTLE, ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

The following is a list of the names and residences of our members:

C. E. Battle, Lumpkin, Stewart county, Ga

W. C. Bunn, Cedar Town, Ga.

R. E. L. S. Branham, Eatonton, Ga.

M. T. Davis, Perry, Ga.

F. B. Gregory, Lumpkin, Ga.

F. H. Greaves, West Point, N. Y.

Thomas Grier, Griswoldville, Ga.

G. W. McCall, Hawkinsville, Ga.

J. O. Hamilton, Hawkinsville, Ga.

J. B. Walker, Macon, Ga.

We have for the current year ten names upon our book, of which number nine are now present. Although our number is small, still the boys have worked with that zeal which should characterize every true Sig; and to no one of our number is more honor due than to Bro W. C. Bunn, whose wise counsel has aided us no little.

We have initiated two members this term: Robt. L. Branham, of Eatonton, Ga., and M. T. Davis, Perry, Ga. The former was initiated 25th September, 1880, the latter in February, 1881.

The officers of the Chapter are as follows: *President*, J. O. Hamilton; *Vice President*, W. C. Bunn; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, M. T. Davis; *Treasurer*, Cor-

responding Secretary, *Recording Secretary*, and *Associate Editor*, C. E. Battle.

A good many of the boys shared the honors and distinctions offered by the college and literary societies. Brother Bunn (who stood third in his class of twenty-five) was elected prophet by his class, the prophecy to be delivered at "Class Tree" exercise during Commencement. J. O. Hamilton was chosen as one of the champion debaters of the Ciceronian Society. F. H. Greaves was elected anniversarian of the same society, and he would have taken the first or second honor, but he had to leave us. This was the opinion of the President of the college. He is now in West Point. F. B. Gregory and the writer of this were awarded junior places.

The number of students in the college this year is smaller than usual, and at one time the prospects for an increase next year were very discouraging; and it was for this and other minor reasons that the boys thought once of returning the charter. But thanks to Brothers Atkinson, Jelks, Palmer, Freeman, and other Alumni members for the encouragement they give us, we no longer entertain any such notions, but, with a number of four (4), we will begin next term, and do all in our power to raise the Σ . A. E. standard, and work for her welfare and her good. As Patrick Henry once said, "the battle is not with the *strong* alone, but with the *vigilant*, the *active*, the *brave*" We have not the numbers, but if there is any truth in the above quotation, and there certainly is, *we will succeed*.

We hope to hear flattering reports of the other Chapters, and, with the assurance that "only to him who worketh will the reward be given," *we* will nerve ourselves for the cause, and do battle for the right.

OMEGA ALUMNUS, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.

REV. W. B. WALKER, ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

At the time we go to press, Brother W. B. Walker is off on his annual vacation, and hence we have no letter from this Chapter, which numbers 23 active Sigs, engaged in almost every branch of business in the thriving town of Augusta. We shall expect a report of their occupations for our next issue.