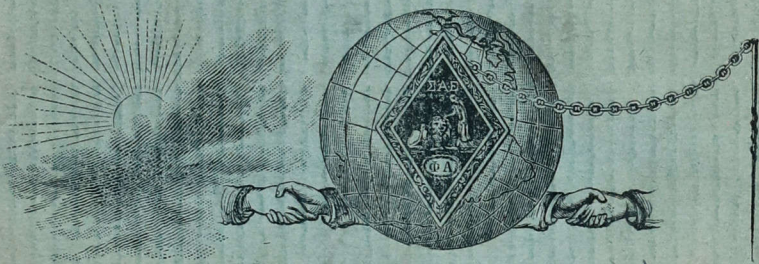


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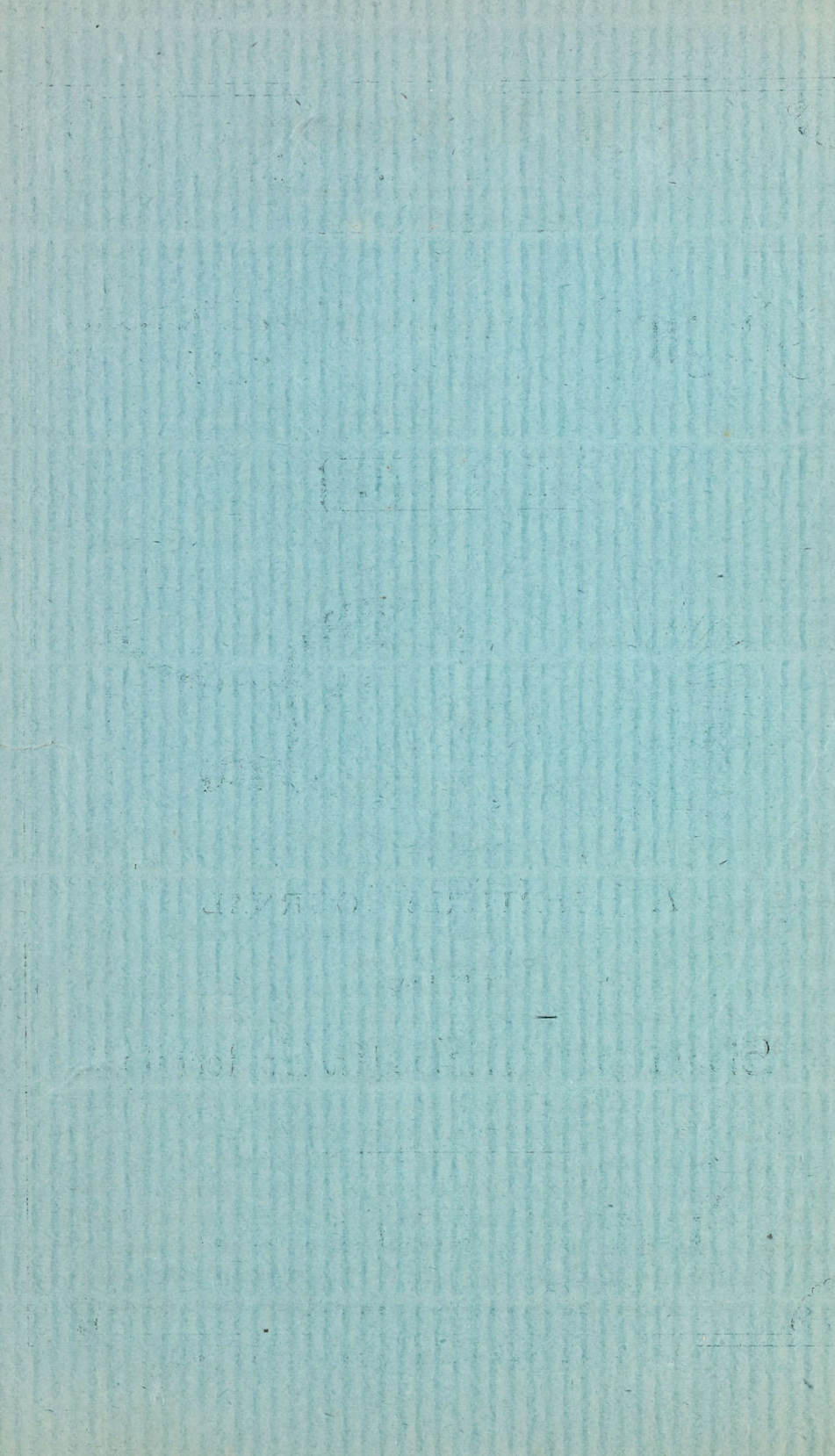
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Editorial.

THE CONVENTIONS.

The Constitutional Convention will assemble in Columbia, S. C., at 10 o'clock, A. M., Dec. 27th. The General Convention meets at the same place, Dec. 29th.

The Railroads composing the "Southern Passenger Association" grant reduced rates to delegates. Delegates will pay full fare going, and purchase return tickets in Columbia for one-third the rate paid going to the meeting. The "Southern Passenger Association" includes all roads east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio River.

To obtain the benefit of reduced rates, delegates must go to the nearest coupon ticket point on one of these roads and purchase a straight ticket to Columbia. The agent who sells this straight ticket, (upon your stating to him that you are a delegate to the S. A. E. Convention) will furnish a certificate entitling the holder to reduced rates returning. This certificate will be countersigned in Columbia by the E. S. A., and when presented to the ticket agent in Columbia will entitle the delegate to a return ticket for one-third the same paid for the straight ticket going. Without these certificates no one can obtain reduced rates, and these

certificates can only be obtained from the agent who sells the straight ticket to Columbia, and at the time the ticket is purchased.

Wright's Hotel favors delegates with a reduced rate of \$1.50 per day. If they prefer it, delegates can obtain rooms at the College free, and take their meals at the College boarding house for 75 cents per day.

Nearly all the chapters have arranged to send delegates.

The Convention will deal with important questions, vitally affecting the welfare of the order. It is therefore the interest and duty of every chapter to be represented.

THOS. S. MELL, E. S. A.

When the present collegiate year opened, and all the chapters were organized, the desire was expressed on all sides that one issue of the "Record" be published before the general convention met at Columbia. Therefore in accordance with the generally expressed wish the "Supreme Council" awarded the work to "Beta." Our intention was to have the "Record" out by the 1st of Dec. but the tardiness of some of the chapter letters delayed the publication.

THE CONVENTION.

Meets at Columbia, S. C. on the 27th and 29th of Dec. The constitutional convention on the 27th, and the general convention on the 29th.

Chapter Delta has been making elaborate preparations both for the entertainment and the comfort of the visiting delegates, and expects to have the pleasure of entertaining as large a no. of sigs. as ever gathered in the interest and for the perpetuation of their beloved order.

As the Convention meets at a time when all of us have holiday, there is no reason why every chapter should not send a large quota of delegates. Every chapter should send at least one representative, as questions of vital importance to the future of the Fraternity are to be discussed, which demand the careful attention of every chapter.

The Constitution which has been in operation since the Nashville convention is being revised by a committee which will make its report at the constitutional convention. As the present constitution is not at all proportioned to the size and scope of S. A. E., being too restrictive in many things and not explicit enough in others, there will necessarily be many radical changes. The most important topics for consideration will be the method of government, extension, the "Record," and the publication of the catalogue.

The method of government is a live issue and one which deserves the careful consideration of the convention.

The present form of government has many arguments in its favor and

a few against it. To promote concert of action and expedition of business the "one man power" is unsurpassed, but to those who live under a republican form of government and have imbibed dogmatic ideas as to centralization of power it might be distasteful.

Investing the power in one chapter has been tried but not with as much success as the present government. It now remains for some one to propose a form of government which will be a happy medium and one which will be permanent.

The introduction of S. A. E. into all the institutions of learning in the North is the fondest hope of our northern sisters. All their letters breathe the energy and the enthusiasm which they are willing to expend for this great end if they are only seconded by their Southern sisters. S. A. E. has too long been dormant, let us be up and doing, and carry our invincible arms to the utmost boundaries of the American Union. Let the Fraternity adopt a progressive policy and not be content until our banner floats over every college of long standing in the North and West. A local organization was not the ideal of our founders; but a Fraternity which would embrace every State in the Union and yearly gather around its altar worshippers from far and near.

THE RECORD

rises sphinx-like and confronts us at every turn. It is a puzzle how to make it a financial success. A good journal is invaluable to the interests of a Fraternity, it is the only perfect means of communication. It is the link that binds the chapters together. The "Record" should receive a proper share of attention at the convention and should be established upon a firm financial basis.

The catalogue should be published every four years at least, as the Fraternity is continually growing and a number of Chapters are every year added to its roll. Since the publication of the catalogue, charters have been granted to six regular Chapters, viz: Mich. Alpha, Tex. Beta. La. Zeta, Miss. Theta, Tex. Psi, and Pa. Omega, and to two Alumni Chapters viz. Ohio Alpha, and Ala Mu. Thus it will be seen that in four years time there would be quite a number of Chapters not represented in the catalogue.

In conclusion we desire to express our thanks to Bro. P. A. Stovall for his scholarly contribution, written for the "Record." We also thank the different Chapters for their valuable assistance in the way of letters and personals.

IN MEMORIAM.

At his home in Fordyce, Ark., on the sixteenth of October last, died Wiley Newton Hampton, in the twentieth year of his age. A young man

of the purest morals and possessing more than ordinary intellectual power, the future lay before him rich with promises of happiness and success. He had but passed the vestibule of life, when death's chill hand was laid upon him and stilled forever his young heart ere manhood had reached its prime. Among his college mates he was universally beloved and admired, and stood equally high in the esteem of his Professors. His strict integrity and earnest regard for duty were the most striking features in his character. By diligent application he placed his name upon the honor roll in all of his classes, and we are constrained to believe that in that day when the last muster shall call us all home, his name will be among the honored ones. In this day, when the tendency is to liscence in all departments, such men as he gave promise of being are sorely needed. None can feel his loss more deeply than we his brothers in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, who met with him about the altar of friendship and fraternity. He was true, earnest and faithful always, and his unlooked for death has caused a vacancy in all our hearts. He is the first who has been thus taken from our little band, and we feel and know that Zeta will never lose a more loyal son nor one who wore our colors more worthily. Though it came very suddenly death did not find him unprepared. Among the last words he said were these, that although he would like to live he was not afraid to die. Such men need no marble shaft, no mausoleum. To cherish the memory of their shining worth is the most fitting tribute we can give them. Their lives are in themselves monuments of the most exquisite beauty.

RESOLUTIONS.

PASSED BY SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON FRATERNITY.

WHEREAS; Since it has pleased God in his inscrutable Providence to take from earth to a brighter and happier home above, our beloved brother, Wiley N. Hampton, we, the members of Zeta Chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, while bowing our heads in sorrow, knowing that God doeth all things well, would yet believe our loss to be his eternal gain; and do

Resolve 1st. To tender our heart-felt sympathy to his family in sustaining the loss of one whose character could but render him one of its loveliest members, and one to whom the future promised the highest hopes.

Resolve 2nd. That we, as a Chapter do express our deepest regrets at his loss since he proved himself worthy of the trust bestowed upon him.

Resolve 3rd. That these resolutions be published in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon "Record," and in the Southwestern Presbyterian, University Journal, and that a copy of these be forwarded to his family.

J. H. PATTON,
W. L. STEWART,
J. R. WILSON, JR.
Committee.

In Memoriam,

At the residence of his father, Hon. H. D. McHenry, at Hartford, Ky., on Sunday, Oct. 16, at 11 o'clock, A. M., Henry McHenry, Jr., breathed his last. For four long years consumption had preyed upon him, and despite the devoted care of loving tender parents, generous friends and skillful medical aid, death claimed him and eternity held a noble soul. Henry McHenry was no ordinary young man. From early boyhood to the day of his death he was distinguished by all those traits of character which mark the true man and christian.

He graduated at the Kentucky Military Institute in 1880 with honors to himself and credit to the Institution, after leaving which, he practiced law with flattering prospects for a brilliant future.

Upon hearing of his death the members of the bar and officers of the Court passed appropriate resolutions. His death though long expected cast a deep sorrow and gloom over the community at large.

List of E. E's.

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- Texas Psi—E. V. Cox, Georgetown, Tex.
- Pennsylvania Omega—A. L. Boush, Meadville, Pa.
- Tennessee Omega—H. T. Smith, Sewanee, Tenn.

LEE and LINCOLN

[For the S. A. E. Record.]

BY PLEASANT A. STOVALL, "Alumnus of B."

Two years ago, in a Western city, I looked upon the picture of a critical period in the civil struggle. There were present in Chicago party men from all States of the Union, who had gathered to select standard-bearers in a National campaign. Far from the heat and din of party conclave in that bustling city, some of us had wandered to the cyclorama where the glowing canvas held the principal views of that memorable fight at Gettysburg. Every adornment of art and illusion of optical science was employed to make the picture speaking. On the ground beneath were piles of cannon, splintered trees, broken muskets and empty canteens, so that it was difficult to tell where the real actually stopped and the picture began. On the platform in the centre of the cyclorama stood veterans who had fought in both armies on that memorable field. Perched above them was an old Union soldier who had been wounded at Gettysburg, and who gave a graphic recital of the events which were retained by artist's brush. The gathering was so thoroughly national, and both sides of the war were so evenly represented, that had the loquacious lecturer shown any disposition to be partisan, I believe he would have been mobbed. But he did not abuse his station or make any effort to blur the magnificent work of art. Glowing tributes followed the figures of Longstreet as of Hancock—and the valor of Federal and Confederate was treated in impartial terms. I never realized before how thoroughly the civil war was a part of the Nation's history, and how valuable would be a faithful record and impartial estimate of this great drama and its lordly characters.

The time has come when everything pertaining to that struggle must be of National interest. The war is too distant for a review and discussion of its characters to provoke bitterness, although an adjustment of its merits may be left for a later day. Veterans of both armies are uniting and staking off battle fields. Our best literature is unraveling the tangled thread of martial recital, and gathering evidence from witnesses, whose interrogatories we shall soon be unable to secure. There is thirst in the popular mind for full and authentic particulars, and all that the raconteur may write, or the artist may throw upon the page of history, has been done to illumine that dramatic era.

So it would appear that he who allows partisanship to interfere with history, or is unable to make a fair estimate of the figures of that drama, is not an American—and seems to me to be an unworthy descendant of the man who urged that contest on either side. Undoubtedly that struggle opened the eyes of the world to the vigor and the valor of American people—and the tranquility which we have enjoyed and the rank we have reached among the nations of the earth may be partly owing to the example which the civil struggle gave to the world. What battles the armies of Northern Virginia and of the Potomac could have fought with forces combined and leadership united! Who lives in the Union to-day with vision so blinded or soul so narrow, who cannot read with pride of the men who dealt the deadly blow for the Confederacy at Cold Harbor, or the forces which held the Union trenches at Antietam, or who so

prejudiced that he will not revere the two examples of statesman and soldier which that heated ordeal fashioned and tempered and dedicated to mankind—Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee?

I have never heard these two men mentioned in the same breath before. Possibly specimens more dissimilar could not be drawn from that rich deposit left by the lava of civil war. But when we make up our estimate of that struggle these figures force themselves upon us. The North had soldiers, but no man was so identified with the contest as President Lincoln. And in statesmanship he towered above them all.

The South had statesmen, but in her failure to establish a civil government her prestige must be drawn from the field, and of all these we must accept the estimate of that historian and cotemporary who declared that from the moment Lee succeeded to the command of the armies of Virginia, he was facile princeps in the war, towering on both sides as the pyramid in the desert. Steadfast to the end he held the waning fortunes of the Confederacy. At the surrender his greatness and dignity made of his adversary but as humble accessory; first commander in battle, first gentleman in the South, he is the most beautiful model of manhood in secular history.

It is a versatile civilization which can furnish in one decade two such remarkable characters. Lee was born in Virginia, January 19th, 1807. Lincoln was born in Kentucky February 12, 1809. Phrenologists who contend that men are made with certain bumps and certain characteristics about the same time, will find much to interest them in drawing parallels in characters apparently so unlike. And yet men are not so vastly different as circumstances seem to make them. The Lees and Lincolns were Virginians. The early struggles of the country doubtless saw them both in the same column repelling Indian invasion or beating back the British foe. Both families were products of the unsettled and revolutionary periods of the country, and early history is too dim to give with certainty the marked traits of both. The Lees were a brave but a domestic race; the Lincolns restless and venturesome. The Lees were loyal to their State government, one of the earlier soldiers, indeed being conspicuous in saving the Colony for the crown, and possibly beating back some discontented Lincoln into subjection. The Lees took the greatest possible pride in their State, as all Virginians did, and after the Revolution looked upon the commonwealth as the head and front of the confederation and of the Union. So thoroughly had they become imbued with the doctrine of State rights, that it must have been startling for the Lincolns of 1850 to declare from Illinois to the Lees of Virginia that the Union was larger and stronger even than the State, and that the Confederation of States had grown into a Nation. And yet it was but natural for the Western States which had been fresh hewn from the forest, without prestige or State pride to cling to the form of Union with the older States.

The Lincolns, filled with thrift or adventure and following the lead of Daniel Boone, left Rockingham county for the trackless West, and made an incursion into a region to which nothing but war would ever have tempted the Lees. On the one hand was the enterprising spirit of the pioneer which has made the country vigorous and wealthy; on the other was the robust but tranquil temperament of the early settlers—loving home and honor, aroused only by the invador—and which has given the country much of its strength and conserva-

tism. It was a queer picture which afterwards made Lee appear the rebel and Lincoln the pacificator; but a moments' thought will show that the Lees were fighting for the old order of things.

Thus separated by the essential difference of early ancestry the character of the two men yet unborn, is already in the mould. Physical and social influences were at work which should produce distinct and antagonistic types of manhood in the great crisis of the country.

Abraham Lincoln claimed the forest of West for his home. Poverty stood sponsor at the bedside; loneliness marked him in his youth, and the child grew into stalwart but gawky manhood a remarkable combination of mirth and melancholy. His biographer says that he lived a solitary life in the woods, retiring from his lonesome little games to a cheerless home. His father was a shiftless man. His mother a lovable woman who was borne down by unfavorable surroundings, and but for the thrift and tact of his step-mother, young Abe would never have been reared. He grew up in the fertile but unhealthy soil of the West, himself a rank and ill-ordered growth—with a nature serious and clownish by turns; but with a strong frame and a vigorous intellect and stout heart and great soul. To the mother he was the best of children. Among his companions and colaborers he was a model of strength and good nature. But he was far from being a well balanced man, as his record shows. He never recovered from the effects of the thick malaria of the fresh hewn forests. Although sickness never clouded his intellect nor sapped his strength, he emerged for his long isolation with a melancholy and a touch of superstition which he never shook off. We find him on the eve of his marriage haunted with strange fears—a feeling which few men may confess, but many have felt—and just before his second inauguration he was chilled with vivid presentments which were taken as precursors to his assassination.

But Abraham Lincoln, as his biographer declares, was made of better clay than those about him. His propelling sentiment was a stern, tyrannous sense of duty. There can be no doubt that Lincoln's private life was a pure and a pathetic one, and that his public policy was high minded and sincere. I do not conceive that he was capable of demagogery or of hatred. I accept the formula that he felt charity towards all and bore malice towards none. I believe he was the uncompromising foe of slavery because he believed slavery was morally and politically wrong, and that he was for the Union because he believed that without the Union the destiny of this people would never be wrought with its full measure of glory and prosperity. I do not grudge the abolition cause the reflection that when the moment was ready for action it found a stalwart champion in the West—full panopied for execution. Strong in action, direct in method, sincere in conviction, rough but noble in nature, Abraham Lincoln was to his party and his time a Hildebrand and an Ignatius Loyala. Alexander H. Stephens said that with Lincoln, "the Union arose to the sublimity of a religious mysticism, and that he believed himself an instrument raised by Providence to free the black race." History will record how much of fanaticism and how much humanity there was in this crusade against slavery. Both were in the mind of Lincoln. History will record too that the civil war grew from a germ which would have unfolded, had slavery never existed at all; but history and humanity will search long before they find a man of sterner sense of duty, more wakeful and inflexible conscience, or of such womanly tenderness of heart, as Abraham Lincoln.

It will not need close analysis to see that Robert Lee was wrought in a finer mould than Lincoln. The most symmetric character in modern history is that of the Southern Chieftain. His biographer writes that he was not remarkable for genius or any overruling adaptation. His head lacked the knot and his career shunned the eccentricity of Lincoln's. His was a just mixture—a perfect balance of qualities. There was a natural development of mind, a precise adjustment of virtues and a harmony which precluded brilliancy. There was but little ambition in his nature—Lincoln had a full measure. His prominent part in military life was wrought from a sense of duty, and he seemed to lack that vigorous selfishness which puts a strong imprint upon the page of history. Gen. Lee combined to a rare degree clear judgment and fine executive power. He was not creative or original. He lacked self-assertion and was wanting in strong aggressive power. Dick Taylor said that the genius of Lee for offensive war had suffered by too long a service as engineer. Yet his lofty character compelled public confidence. He shared personally in all privations of war and was absolutely unshaken of fortune. Not only was he destitute of vulgar greed for fame, but he would not extend a hand to welcome it when it came unbidden.

But in strength and grace of figure and character, in comeliness of person, in calm courage and quiet dignity—uninflated by victory and unshaken by defeat, he was a paragon of men. His statue was Godlike. As Buddha was pictured as the "Light of Asia," so Lee was worshipped as the knightliest figure in modern warfare.

Possibly no man made greater sacrifices in entering the Confederate army than Robt. Lee. His young manhood had been spent in the service of a flag which his father had fought so valiantly to establish. He followed its victorious cause from the Indian frontier to the Halls of the Montezumas. He was the trusted aid, the military adviser of Gen. Winfield Scott, and when he returned to Washington at the outbreak of hostilities was offered the supreme command of the armies of the Union, if he would espouse that cause in the civil struggle. Gen. Lee had diagnosed the cause with his calm judgment and declared that he saw no necessity for the secession of the States. But his hesitation was not from selfish motives—rather for a desire to follow consistently his line of duty. The secession of Virginia settled the matter for him, and he gave his sword to his native State. He not only surrendered the highest station in the army, but the junction of Confederate forces with the army of Virginia reduced him still further in rank—and his position during the early years of the war was a subordinate one. He bore the brunt of defeat in the unequal contest on the rugged plains of Virginia. He suffered without complaint a retirement to minor offices on the coast, and his great soul was modest and uncomplaining under taunts which were crushing. Lincoln and Lee had much in common here. Political defeat in Ohio overtook the sage of Sangamon time and again, and his opponents drew heavily upon his strength and magnanimity. Great souls—they both knew how to "suffer and be strong."

Gen. Lee's campaigns in Virginia were models of defensive warfare. His strategy was admirable. He seemed to make a study of the character and temperament of his opponents, and one after another, overthrew the best commanders of the North. Lee never lost his poise. There was no theatrical machinery about him. He never hurried his troops, or exposed himself dramatically in battle. He studied his plans thoroughly, apportioned out the

work to his aids, and it is reported of him that he never issued an order on the field. His voice never showed anger, and his sympathy for his troops was warm, without ostentation, and he was the soul of sincerity and simplicity. His dignity was of an order that disarmed familiarity rather than repelled it—and so great were his proportions and so lordly his character, that he accepted upon his broad shoulders all the blame for the mistakes in his campaigns. He lacked assertiveness, and was hardly a match for the ruthless methods of letter warfare. He allowed his Generals at Antietam and Gettysburg to disobey orders without dealing summarily with them, and in his campaign of invasion into Maryland and Pennsylvania probably showed too much delicacy for a soldier. His fault lay in conscientiousness, not in timidity.

“Great souls,” says a well known writer, “meet trial with alacrity. Their cheerfulness is an inspiration.” The surrender found him faultlessly dressed, with his gold-hilted sword at his side, and in all the details of that eventful day he was the matter-of-fact man of business, without undue show of feeling—without a shadow of disappointment or bitterness. After the surrender he set a noble example to his people by showing a lively acquiescence in the new order of things. To sum up the character of General Lee—it has been said—He was a gentleman by habit, instinct and descent.

While Lincoln's family were tossed along the tide of wandering pioneers in the West, the Lees remained quietly about the old manor in Virginia, with all the conservatism of the Cavalier, and all the ease of an accomplished civilization. The active campaigns of the West and South had bronzed the cheek, but had not altered the character of the dashing and finished soldier who fought upon the approved maxims of war—a graduate of the most approved schools. He defended slavery not because it was a cherished, but an established institution. He gave his sword to his State, not because he wanted to disrupt the Union, but because he had always believed that the State was sovereign and had the right to secede. Lee was the champion of law and order as he understood it, and his first duty as he had lived was to his State.

Gen. Lee had none of the fanaticism, the superstition, the melancholy which marked President Lincoln. Impending disaster seemed to cheer, not to cloud him. But he lacked the sterner stuff which made the Luthers and the Lincolns. He would have fought against the Reformation with all the ardor of a Spanish Prince. He was not a man to go into crusades for sentiment, or to be beguiled into abolition from mere humanity. Lincoln conceived that slavery was morally and socially wrong, and his tyrannous sense of duty moved him to fight it with ceaseless vigor. Lee probably loved it as little as Lincoln but his conservatism made him the champion of the system instead of its emancipator. But the world needs both types of manhood, and only once in a while is its giving good ascribed to the victory of the Lincolns over the Lees.

But why compare or contrast these two men, simply because they were thrown together at the same time and in the same great drama? I think that the characters of Lee and Lincoln were typical of the forces at work in the great civil war. It was the Puritan of the North who linked with the pioneer of the West to force this struggle. Without the West the war had never waged—hardly, at least, with such success to the Union arms. But in this great revolution it was the Lincolns who rebelled against the Lees, not the Lees against the Lincolns. Lincoln first declared that this nation could not exist “half slave and half free.” Up to that time it had so existed—acknowl-

edged by the Constitution. This was the first open challenge to the States that State lines would not be strong enough to uphold the institution of slavery, which portions of the Union were so prejudiced against. It was not only a caveat to slavery, but it was a rebellion—open and defiant—against what, up to that time, had been the very principle of free government—the reserved rights of every State. The elder Lincoln had left his old homestead and hewn his way to a new habitation in the West—now the young Lincoln plunged to the East and proclaimed a new order of government to the old homestead. Even the zealots of New England were astonished at the audacity of the principle and more than once protested against the conduct of the bloody war. But the flag had been torn from the hand of the harmless Boston lecturers and placed in the control of the hardy pioneer of the West. It was a revolution—a rebellion, if you please, against slavery and States rights—two principles that the Constitution had guaranteed with scrupulous care. In this battle the Lees defended the old order of things and the laws as commonly construed.

I am not inclined, at this day, to regret that Lincoln's aggression triumphed over Lee's conservatism; that the old regime was overturned; that human liberty found a wider meaning, and that the American Union was given greater compactness and a fresher impetus. It may have been better that the Lincolns moved from Rockingham county in that early day to court hardier growth and imbibe newer ideas in the West. America needed both stripes of men—both classes of civilization—the Lees and the Lincolns. She needed the clash of these types of mind, the fresh infusion of blood and brain—the newer birth of the Nation. She needs both types of men to-day, and we may hope that she may still be strong enough and great enough to give them to the country in all their striking diversity; for, to borrow a euphemism, America can still prosper, half Lincoln and half Lee.

Chapter Letters

Of thirty-two active Chapters and ten Alumni, twenty-six regular Chapters wrote letters, and two Alumni chapters. The active chapters that failed to write letters are, viz. Tex. Beta, Ala. Mu, Va. Pi, Tex. Rho and Va. Tau. The only two Alumni Chapters that answered are Ohio Alpha and Ga. Beta.

MICH. ALPHA.

Last year closed most auspiciously with us and the vacation seemed to deepen and extend the genuine, cordial, fraternal spirit existing among the Sigs. and to increase their zeal and activity. Our boys seem full to overflowing with love and admiration for old S. A. E., and a determination to make her influence here among Greeks and Barbs alike, strong and for all that is noble and good. By energetic and assiduous work, we find ourselves

in excellent condition both as regards numbers and quality. We have at present twelve enthusiastic men who are bound together by the firmest brotherly spirit and who are zealous in all Fraternity matters. The idea of furnishing a room for ourselves, mentioned in the last letter has been culminated and we have rented a suit of rooms in the city and will furnish them as speedily as possible.

Michigan Alpha takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity three recruits, Messers. Priddy, Harton and

McCafferty, who are fine students and have all the high qualities of true Sigdomism.

We captured the Horace and English literature prizes last year and have no intentions of permitting our record in this line to be lowered.

The officers of the Keph are as follows: S. M. Rinehart, E. A., F. G. Cadwell, E. D. A., C. D. Wightman, E. R., H. H. Cowan, E. C., H. C. Rorick, E. T., W. L. Lowrie, E. ch. as Ed. H. L. Layman, E. W., N. L. Jones, Herald., Guy Varney, Chaplain.

MO. ALPHA.

To every S. A. E. throughout sigdom Mo. Alpha sends greetings and hails with delight the Record propection. Coming as it does from that "Sunny South" it seems to thrill us with a spirit of warmth and vivacity, and I hope it will be put on a firm basis, for as we cannot mingle with and shake the hands of our brothers across the Miss, we love to hear from them through the Record as a medium. "A friend who relates his success talks himself into a new joy" We feel that Mo. Alpha's path is brighter than ever before, although three of our boys true as steel, left us last spring. we now have three more, two, Bros. Harrison and Wilson, initiated this term and Bro. R. P. Ingram, a "Sig" from Tenn. Lamba, who intends to stand by us through thick and thin. Our brother is old in the service, the other two I doubt not will prove loyal knights of "Purple and Gold." If we are to consider bros. Mack and Ingram as fair representative Sigs. Send us some more.

Bro. Turner was made editor in chief by the students at large of the "University Argus," a monthly paper, and was the only fraternity man put on the staff of editors. Bro. Turner has broke siege against the "Agricultural Department" of this school, and the president. I am not sure of the reason but rumor has it, that a bright eyed beauty from one of the colleges has completely captivated him, and I know he has lately become a regular attendant at that Sunday school. Bros. Barrow and Burnham wore the laurels at the open session of the literary society as orator and declaimer respectively. Barrow as orator made

an impression. I am exceedingly uneasy about him, he is so extremely busy he dosent have time to eat. We are also represented at a fashionable resort (the dancing masters hall) by bro. Hale. Bro. Ingram and sister are very kind to the S. A. E. boys.

Officers at present are as follows: E. A., O. H. B. Turner, E. R., C. E. Burnham, and E. T., E. C., W. B. Hale, E. W., Harrison, E. H., R. P. Ingram, E. D. A. and E. His., W. G. Haydon.

ALA. ALPHA MU.

DEAR RECORD—As associate editor it becomes my pleasant duty to let the sister chapters know something of the present condition of Alpha Mu.

At our first meeting of this collegiate year only four of our seven members of last year answered to their names. Brothers Mall and Blakely took M. S., last year, and brother Haralson is now at Howard college.

We have had splendid success in the selection of new men. We have initiated the following: C. W. Ashcraft, Ashland, Ala., P. H. Jones, Auburn, Ala., W. A. Marshall, Marietta, Ga., W. G. Harrison, Talladega, Ala., H. M. Taylor, Auburn, Ala., and L. A. Smith, Oak Bowery, Ala.

Brother Ashcraft entered the Senior class. Our officers for the ensuing year are: B. H. Greenshaw, E. A., C. W. Ashcraft, E. D. A., A. W. C. Dunstan, E. R., T. H. Jones, E. T., W. D. Dunlap, E. C., F. M. Fontaine, E. Chr., W. G. Harrison, E. H., W. A. Marshall, E. W.

Alpha Mu will make every effort to send a representative to the convention.

We are in favor of all active members being required to subscribe to the "Record," and that the subscriptions be collected as regular dues. If this is not enforced the fraternity will never be able to support a first class journal.

In the promotions of officers in the corps of caedts, S. A. E. received a full share of honors. S. A. E., ranks as follows: B. H. Greenshaw, 1st Sergeant, senior officer of his class; H. M. Taylor, 1st Sergeant, second officer of his class; L. A. Smith, color Sergeant, fifth officers of his class; F. M.

Fountaine, second Corporal; W. G. Harrison, second Corporal.

GA. BETA.

The present collegiate year dawned without a cloud to obscure the social or political sky of Ga. Beta. By last year's graduating class we lost eleven as true Sigs. as ever wore the "old gold and royal purple." They are as follows: W. L. M. Austin, Greenville, S. C., J. H. Blount, Macon, Ga., C. Finch, Quitman, Ga., C. P. Fuller, Atlanta, Ga., W. H. Hammond, Thomasville, Ga., C. C. McGehee, Atlanta, Ga., W. Peacock, Thomasville, Ga., B. H. Thompson, Atlanta, Ga., C. M. Walker, Monroe, Ga., J. H. Walker, Monroe, Ga., W. W. Wimberly, Bullards, Ga.

Brothers W. H. Hammond and W. Peacock, took the first and second honors, respectively, while brothers J. H. Blount, B. H. Thompson, C. M. and J. H. Walker graced the stage as senior speakers. In short, all graduated with credit to themselves, and honor to Beta.

Our new initiates are: J. B. West, Savannah, Ga., S. Sanford, Milledgeville, Ga., T. Gerdine, Athens, Ga., and H. L. Jackson, Atlanta, Ga., all of whom are well worthy the love of every brother in Sigdom.

Brother Garnett Basinger, of Ga. Delta, has entered the Junior class, M. A. You may look out for him when the honors of '89 are distributed among her most deserving sons.

Brother J. F. Cann, who joined during last commencement, will enter the law class after Xmas.

With the above additions our number is now eighteen. A more devoted band of Sigs., I dare say, can not be found in all "Sigdom."

Although the college year has barely began, our political aspirants have received their share of political honors. Brother G. A. Mercer was elected Prophet of the Senior class, and brother C. Mell, secretary and treasurer of same. Notwithstanding the many the contestants for Aniversarian in the Demosthenian Society, she saw fit to bestow her highest honor upon brother John D. Little. Brother J. M. Mitchell was elected Private Anniversarian of the Phi Kappa society.

"Our boys" all stand well socially. No fraternity at the University of Ga. has more of the fair sex wearing its colors than S. A. E. We will be well represented at the next convention by brother J. C. Mell.

There are many radical changes in our government that the next convention should make, especially, on the subject of "Extension."

May the time speedily come when the standard of Sigma Alpha Epsilon shall be carried into every State in the American Union. When at our general convention we can clasp hands with brothers representing every section of our broad government, then, and not till then, will the brightest dreams and fondest anticipations of her founders be realized,

BETA ALUMNUS.

There was general rejoicing among the members of our chapter when it was ascertained that another number of the Record would soon be issued. Cut off, as we are, from active participation in the affairs of the fraternity, and having but scanty opportunities to learn of its progress and condition, the Record is more essential to our prosperity and enthusiasm than to the active chapters. The tidings, which its pages bear of the prosperity of our sister chapters, and the news of conquests and victories on all sides for S. A. E., serve to rejuvenate us in the "cause," and to stimulate our enthusiasm.

Although our's is an alumnus chapter, we consider that it is quite an active organization. We have no regular time for holding meetings, but assemble together as our inclination prompts. These meetings are characterized by the same fraternal spirit which pervades the active chapters, and the proceedings are always marked by a unity of purpose, namely, the advancement of S. A. E. It has been a matter of regret to us that in our limited sphere of action we have been unable to accomplish any material benefit to our fraternity at large. We intend, however, to perform faithfully all the duties that to our chapter appertain, and thereby set an example for some of our other alumni chapters

whose organizations seem to have lapsed into a state of desultude.

Our chapter is now in a good, healthy condition, and has been since its revivification. We have a good sum of money in our treasury, and propose to always keep on hand a reserve fund to meet any exigencies which may arise.

We are now making elaborate preparations for our second annual hop, which will be given at Tift's hall, in this city on Friday evening, December the 23rd. As we don't like to anticipate matters, we will reserve a detailed account of the same until a subsequent letter. Suffice it to say, that it will be an elegant affair in all of its appointments, and will in no wise detract from the social prestige won for our chapter on the occasion of its inaugural entertainment and hop.

One important addition to the membership of our chapter has been made since our last report to the Record. We take especial pride in introducing our new brother, Henry A. Tarver, Jr., to the fraternity. Though his membership in S. A. E. has been of brief duration, he has already become one of our most ardent and zealous members, and the love which he manifests for the fraternity is proof positive that he will not be a "drone in the hive."

Several of our members are very anxious to attend the convention, but business engagements will likely prevent. We will certainly be represented by one delegate, however, and expect to send more.

Brother M. W. Tift, Beta '89, has again cast his lot with us, having discontinued his connection with the University on account of his eyes. Our chapter thus becomes augmented by a very valuable addition. Our chapter roll consists of the following members, viz: Joseph S. Davis, Robert H. Warren, John D. Pope, Robert S. Patillo, Henry A. Tarver, Jr., Joseph B. Beall, Frank Sheffield, W. A. Strother, Jr., Burton L. Western, Maurice W. Tift, W. E. Wooten.

In conclusion, "Beta Alumnus" sends greetings to the sister chapters, and trusts that the new collegiate year has dawned propitiously for each and every one of them. More anon.

MISS. GAMMA.

Miss. Gamma extends a warm wel-

come at the beginning of another collegiate year to her sister chapters. We are glad to know that the Supreme council has decided to publish an issue of the "Record" before the convention meets, under the supervision of chapter Beta. We are proud of the success of all chapters that we have as yet heard from. As for Miss. Gamma she is holding her ground alongside of the eight other college fraternities that are represented here. We started in with ten men. The present officers of the chapter, viz: I. W. Provine, E. A., J. B. Gully, E. D. A., L. E. Oldham, E. R., J. W. Farr, E. C., J. N. Ware, E. T., W. B. Faison, E. W.

We are sorry to have brother Dixon leave us. He carries with him Gamma's sympathies, and we hope that ere long the health of his sister will be such that he can return and finish his education. Gamma hasn't much to relate, owing to the smoothness of affairs as they now exist in the University. We must say that she is prospering, and that the generally good conduct of the students is such as was never before equaled. Now, with loving hearts, we will close, until another time.

GA. DELTA.

It is with great pleasure that I assume the position of associate editor of Ga. Delta chapter. Our warfare has ended, and we have come off victors.

Only one of Delta's men returned this session, and she was left in a very precarious condition, but by perseverance, and with a determination never to give up, she has, at last, resumed her rank. She now numbers six, five of whom are new initiates. Their names are as follows: J. S. Fouche, W. S. Basinger, Jr., J. K. Stewart, J. M. Almand, W. E. Brown.

We have one man in Junior, two in Sophomore, and three in Freshman. Every man of them is striving his utmost to lead his class, and will do so if hard and honest study will do anything towards it.

We have written to every chapter in the "Frat.," none excepted, and have only received about a dozen letters. Delta intends to do her part in keeping the grandest, noblest, and purest fraternity always in the lead. We

meet every Friday night and have the usual literary exercises.

Our election of officers resulted as follows: E. H. Almand, E. A. and E. C.; W. E. Brown, E. D. A.; J. S. Fouche, E. R.; J. K. Stewart, E. T.; W. S. Basinger, E. W.; J. W. Almand, E. chr.

As we did not have enough men to fill, your humble servant has the honor of filling two, such a fill as it is.

We are looking forward to the meeting of the convention, although we will not be able to go this year, but we will have our representative there. I take this time to ask all the E C's., who may see this letter, to write to our chapter, and I will be delighted to answer their letters.

I am very glad that the "Record" has been revived. I always looked forward to the time of its arrival, and then read its pages with great interest.

I thank our noble E. S. A., for valuable information furnished our chapter by him. Long may he live!

For the second time in her history Delta is without a cadet captain, but we hope in the near future to have two; such as she had in '86.

With best wishes for the fraternity at large, I am,
DELTA.

S. C. DELTA.

S. C. Delta had on her roll at the beginning of the present collegiate year two names. Brother Withers, of class of '87, in capacity of tutor of history, and brother Woodard, of the class of '85, as a law student, being with us. Since then three names have been added, and Delta can boast of as fine "infants" as can be found.

We are all busy preparing for the convention which meets here, as you know, on the 27th and 29th Dec.

We are preparing for it, both as regards entertaining the visiting brothers and in becoming fully informed on all the important matters (and there are many,) which will be brought before the convention. We realize, and would have every delegate to realize, the influence the next convention will exert upon the future of the fraternity, and we hope each delegate will come fully acquainted with and ready to discuss and vote upon every measure.

Arrangements have been made with

one of the finest hotels in the city for the delegates to be accommodated for one and a half dollars per day, or they can get their meals at the college boarding house for seventy-five cents per day and have the use of the students rooms free.

We expect a large crowd of visiting brothers from different parts of this State, and, judging by reports, there will be an unusually large crowd of delegates.

GA. EPSILON.

As assistant editor of Epsilon, it becomes my duty to furnish her quota for the Record, and through this means make known to the Fraternity her condition.

We are but six in number, but this does disturb us. The first requisite of a good chapter is by no means numbers.

The opening of the collegiate year found but two of last year's men on the field, the majority having dropped out. We were reinforced, however, by two members of former days, and have since initiated two new men, brothers Graves and Wilkins, both of this State, brother Graves from Social Circle, brother Wilkins from Waynesboro. They were eagerly sought by all the fraternities here, and are acquisitions of which we are justly proud. Each one of them will prove an honor to our order.

The standard of the chapter has always been high, and it has always been characterized by a conservative spirit, which has kept our membership down.

We shall certainly be represented at the convention in Columbia, and trust and believe much good to S. A. E. will result from the deliberations of that body.

Epsilon is not dead yet; nor is she dying, and still loves the fraternity that gave her birth.

Our officers at present are: W. E. Baldwin, E. A.; J. L. Graves, E. R. and E. T.; J. A. Rudolph, E. C.; Bros. T. H. Goodrich, A. Ed., W. A. Pharr.

Epsilon sends greeting to all her sister Keps. and to every Sig. wherever he may be.

LOUISIANA ZETA.

DEAR RECORD—Many are the days that have glided by since we sought quiet repose in our sanctum sanctorum to contribute our prorata of news and general gleanings to your dear old columns. To say that we have missed your cheerful countenance would be but a very mild manner of expressing our regret at your temporary visit to the land of the *defunct*, whence such travelers as you always return. When I told the boys, this morning, that you were coming to see them again, they fairly yelled, and then and there proposed three cheers and a tiger for the "Dear old Record" and the enthusiastic devotion of Beta, which were responded to by deafening manifestations of appreciation.

We reorganized with the opening of the scholastic year, and five of our royal band failed to answer "here." Brother R. Billiu is attending the University of Mississippi, and now constitutes one of Gamma's mystic few. We miss him very much, and long to see him back here paying his *devoirs* to the reigning queen of Zeta. Brother McD. Campbell is in business in Selma, Alabama. We hear from him quite often, and he seems very well pleased with his new location. Brother T. D. Campbell is reading law, preparatory to entering some University—we think he intends going to Sewanee, Tenn. He resides temporarily at Jefferson, Texas, but is with us this week and will remain through the holidays. Brothers Fullilove and Ford are still in the city.

Everything is moving smoothly this year, and our boys, if possible, are more enthusiastic than ever. On the first of January we will go into our hall, which is being furnished, and where we will remain until a monument to our devotion, in the form of a chapter hall, which, we dare say, will not be inferior to Omega's, has been erected. The hall which we are preparing for our temporary abode, will be as handsomely furnished as any club house in the city.

We have the pleasure of introducing to the favorable notice of our brothers, two worthy young brothers, S. H. Hill, of Robelue, La., and W. L. Young, of this city.

We elected officers for the ensuing term with the following results: E. A.,

G. R. Bell, D. E. A., J. H. Thatcher, E. R. and E. Chron., J. H. Sutherlin, E. C., R. M. Ogilvie, E. T., R. M. Penick, E. W., S. H. Hill. To the above add J. P. Ford, T. D. Campbell, McD. Campbell, W. J. Fullilove, R. Billiu, J. B. Stephens, J. L. Bell, and W. L. Young, and you have the total of Zeta's membership.

Since the first of October brother J. B. Tullis, of Va., has been in our city, employed by a leading drug house. He is an enthusiastic Sig. and has made a number of fast friends among us and our loyal sisters. We hope he will locate here permanently.

Brother J. J. Kline, of T. Omega, who left the University on account of failing health, is, we are happy to state, rapidly regaining his accustomed good looks and geniality, and always greets us with a merry smile and a hearty grip. We predict that he will enjoy the holidays in spite of his feebleness.

Misses Annie Cutliff and Rebecca Marks, two loyal sisters whom our North Carolina "buds" know quite well, are home again after several years absence at school.

Well, we must close, dear RECORD, and haste is our excuse for such a short letter. After the convention we may contribute an article or two on some subject relating to S. A. E. ism. For the present, we say good bye, and with greetings to our brothers, one and all, and with best wishes for your success, we are yours in the bonds forever and aye.

TENN. ZETA.

With the opening of another session at S. W. P. U. Zeta reorganized with an efficient force of thirteen men. We were unfortunate in the loss of a number of our best members who did not return to college, but were consoled with the knowledge of being just double in strength of any of our rivals. Our brothers who returned are: John H. Patten, Watertown, Tenn., W. A. Nisbet, Atlanta, Ga., W. L. Stewart, Natchez, Miss., J. R. Wilson, Jr., Clarksville, Tenn., P. C. West, Jr., LaGrange, Ark., C. C. Parish, Greenwood, Miss., H. J. Woods, Meridian, Miss., R. A. Horden, Mansfield, La., R. F. Bunting, Jr., Clarksville, Tenn., W. M. Bunting, Clarksville, Tenn., E. E. Reese, Pensacola, Fla., J. N.

Craig, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., H. S. Bunting, Clarksville, Tenn.

Brothers Patterson, Elwang and W. B. White, are pursuing the theological course at the Columbia, S. C. Seminary. Brother W. F. Tims has dropped out a year, and is teaching school at French Camp, Miss.

S. J. Foster, after returning to college, was called home to conduct his father's business, who was ill for a season. We regret very much that it was impossible for him to return again, and in his absence we sustain the loss of one of our most loyal and energetic members.

It is with sorrow that we chronicle the death of our late brother, Wiley N. Hampton, of Fordyce, Ark., who had entertained bright hopes of returning to us this session, but was prevented by sickness, which ended in a sudden and lamented death.

We have revealed S. A. E.'s mysteries to three men who have proven themselves gallant knights of the "royal purple and old gold." These are: Marion V. P. Yeaman, Henderson, Ky., Hugh Foster, Union Springs, Ala., Gustavus W. West, LaGrange, Ark. Brother E. E. Reese was initiated just before the close of last term.

We take pleasure in announcing the addition of two honorary members to our roll who are valuable acquisitions to our cherished order: Rev. R. F. Bunting, D. D., and Mr. George S. Bowling, both residents of this city.

Zeta elected brother P. C. West as her delegate to both conventions, and will also be represented by brothers Patterson, Foster, S. J., Elwang and White, W. B., who have been active members of Zeta for an entire year since our last convention. We must make it the grandest convention and most energetic and progressive set of "Sigs." ever assembled! Since the beginning our chapter has had a hard struggle to surmount difficulties which were opposed to her progress, but the characteristic grit of S. A. E. has carried us over them all in safety, and we trust will continue to do so as they may arise in the future.

Considering it as our imperative duty, we were forced to the extreme measure of expelling one of our former number, W. G. White, from our order for violation of our constitution,

Notwithstanding our adversities, we came in for the "lion's share" of com-

mencement honors, three, of six, gold medals falling to our portion.

C. C. Parish was awarded the Spencer Greek Medal, H. J. Woobs won the Stewart Literary Society Improvement Medal, and H. S. Bunting was awarded the Washington Irving Society Improvement Medal; while our boys did credit in the remaining contests, a full number of "Sigs." being orators, marshals, degreemen, etc.

In the literary societies we hold a large number of the important offices, and will likely be well represented in the contests for honors this year.

Our E. C's have been doing faithful work, and have succeeded in getting responses from nearly all the chapters.

After a correspondence with brothers at Jackson, Tenn., brother J. F. Jarmon re-established old Zeta, and I am satisfied has placed her on a foundation which will be lasting. Our young brothers of Eta have manifested much zeal, and they deserve credit for their response to our calls.

Zeta is truly proud of Province E! Numbering five chapters at as many Tennessee Universities, each chapter stands first or prominent, at her institution of learning; we possess one of the handsomest chapter houses in the South; we have organized "*An active and Alumnus State Association*," which met at Nashville on last May 8th, and will meet annually hereafter: and with these evidences of our enterprise, we may ask, where is the peer of Province E.?

S. W. P. U., has given birth to a new chapter within the last few days wearing the emblem of Southern Kappa Alpha, May she be successful at our Univeasity, and the customary good will exist between us.

The attitude of our "frats" here toward each other is commendable. There is a total absence of all hard feelings existing between them and us, and as our societies have adopted methods of selecting orators by the aid of uninterested judges in a public contest, merit will get its just deserts in the future.

With greetings to all Sigdom, we will retire till December 27th, 1887, at 10 a. m. Adios!

TENNESSEE ETA.

Tenn. Eta was reorganized Oct. 11th, 1887, at the Southwestern Baptist

University, Jackson, Tenn., under the auspices of Messrs. Frank Jarman and B. P. Bourland, ex-Sigs. of Tenn. Eta. As yet Eta is weak in numbers, but strong in spirit. We feel confident that we can build up here an excellent chapter, and are encouraged to make Old Eta hold her place among the best in the land.

The new members are fully aroused to their duty, and from them we hear the most gratifying expressions.

The new initiates are: H. E. Powell, Eureka, Maywood county, Tenn.; C. L. Barton, Jonesborough, Ark.; A. J. Barton, Jonesborough, Ark.; E. L. Parker, Pine Bluff, Ark.; R. H. Prescott, Bunty's, Shelby Co., Tenn.; W. T. Young, Jackson, Tenn.; A. T. Davis, Andrew Chapel, Madison Co., Tenn.; J. W. Meadows, Bradford, Gibson Co., Tenn.; A. D. Milean, Memphis, Tenn.

N. C. THETA.

DEAR RECORD—We shall be delighted to welcome you into our circle. For some time we have been deprived of information on many subjects which can only be obtained through your columns. It seemed to us that at the present there is lack of union in our fraternity, and we attribute this partly to the fact that we have not a proper journal through which we can communicate with each other and make suggestions to the fraternity at large. We admire the spirit which has prompted the brothers of Ga. Beta to take this matter in hand, and we promise them our hearty support.

Theta has been moving along calmly and serenely in fraternity circles at Davidson. Our relations with the other fraternities here have been very pleasant since the reopening of college in September, while with the "non-frats." We flatter ourselves that we are on better terms than any of the other fraternities.

In politics our standing is good. We usually get our full share of honors both in the societies and in college, though recently we, as well as the other fraternities, suffered a reverse in one of the societies on account of a "clique" amongst the "non-frats." But we do not anticipate a repetition of this in our next elections. Our

numbers have diminished considerably in the last two years. We had seven men to graduate in June '86. This was a severe loss and fell very heavily upon us from the fact that there has not been material in college from which we could replace them. At present we have only seven men. However, when we realize that numbers do not always constitute strength, we do not feel discouraged, but are rather enthused with greater zeal. The standard for membership has been strictly maintained, and no one has found his way into our fold who does not possess those qualities which are necessary to make him an honor to the fraternity.

During the year 1886-7 we initiated only two men; brother J. E. Thacker, of Greensboro, N. C., and brother W. J. Jones, Jr., of Goldsboro, N. C. This year we have received only one, brother B. C. Clark, of Clarkton, N. C. All three of these have proved themselves worthy of the name S. A. E., and are honors not only to Theta chapter, but to the whole fraternity. Our officers for this year are as follows: S. R. McKee, E. G. A. and Ass't, Ed. J. K. Smith, E. D. G. A. and E. G. T., W. H. Baker, E. G. C. and E. G. Hist., W. J. Jones, Jr., E. G. R.

ALA. IOTA.

This being my first attempt as an editor, I feel a delicacy in appearing in the Record as Iota's editor. I feel that it would take a more gifted and experienced writer than I to do our much beloved Iota justice in the Record; but she has seen fit to bestow this honor upon me, and I shall endeavor to render such service as I may be able.

Again we have unfurled our banner of "purple and gold," and are endeavoring to wave it triumphantly on every battle field this session.

Already we have taken one of the highest honors offered by our college, and have shared in two others. Brother G. M. Sellers is editor-in-chief of our Monthly, and also one of the challenge debaters. Brother J. M. Glenn is an associate editor. All of these are positions of honor at Southern University. We hope to take our

share of the other honors when they are offered.

We are glad that the Record will be published, and hope the convention will place it on a firm basis; for without it we feel that a very potent factor of fraternity has been canceled, that a strong tie that binds us together has been severed. We cannot well afford to dispense with the Record. Let us have one worthy of our loved fraternity. E. G. A.—G. M. Sellers, E. G. D. A.—T. E. Knight, E. G. R., E. G. C., A. E.—O. C. Hand, E. G. T.—C. A. Jones, E. G. W.—E. A. Dannally, E. G. H.—J. Bancroft, chaplain—L. A. Hanson. In addition to our officers we have on our chapter roll the following, viz: W. Y. Dent, J. M. Glenn, E. S. Jack, E. C. Tavant, F. M. Gillespie, J. B. Wood, S. H. Bell, E. S. Crawford, and E. H. Trammell. Brother Knight expects to leave us soon to take a course in law. Iota wishes him much success.

KY. KAPPA.

At the beginning of the present collegiate year it seemed as though irregularity would characterize our meetings, but the gentle steps of time has entirely banished such a delusion. The enthusiasm which should animate every grand chapter, I am now fully persuaded, urges our little band "onward and upward" in the pleasant task allotted it by our "glorious union." We have strong and substantial reasons for rejoicing this thanksgiving, as honors continue to be bestowed upon us by our energetic brothers. Our financial condition is also reasonably good. During the present year we have seen fit only to raise the "mystic veil" to one new man. The horrible phantasm and horned delusions that always float through the imaginations of the uninitiated was manifested in no small degree this year when we received among us one other human being whom we subjected to a critical examination. We hence satisfied ourselves that we had one man to whom we could trust the golden keys of our order. There are strong probabilities that others will be initiated before the close of the session. On Nov 12, we held our meeting for the election of officers which resulted

as follows: J. C. Bedinger, E. G. T., L. L. Bright, E. G. A., G. T. Barbour, E. G. chaplain, C. L. Bean, E. G. R., G. F. Bedinger, E. G. C.

We would specially call attention to our personal list, and as we rejoice in our prosperity, Kappa earnestly desires me to extend to all our dear brothers its heartiest greetings.

TENN. LAMBDA.

A short time since I received a letter informing me that the Record was to be published before the meeting of the convention in Dec., and requesting that I send in my chapter letter at an early date.

I regret that I have not acted according to the request ere this. but it has been next to impossible to comply so busily engaged have I been during the past few weeks. However, at this, my earliest convenience, I pen a short letter for Lambda. There were present at the opening of this year nine of last year's numbers with the addition of two brother "Sigs." Of '85, all of whom I will presently name. We have initiated eleven new men, increasing our membership to twenty-two, whom I will name according to the request of the editor-in-chief. Names of the old S. A. E.'s who returned this year are the following: T. J. Alexander, '88, J. J. Blair, '88, H. Brown, '89, J. O. Cameron, '88, C. A. Lanier, '88, E. E. Woody, '90, J. M. Kennedy, '90, T. H. Neelly, '89, J. P. Stewart, '88, W. E. Howard and J. P. Halsell, members of Lambda in '86 now members of the class of '89.

The names of our new initiates are the following: J. B. Ballard, 89. H. J. Brown, '88, Z. I. Brown, '88, W. B. Greenlaw, '90, E. T. Lawrence, '89. W. A. Provine, '89, J. M. Pinkerton, '90, J. W. Mount, '88, S. J. Everett, '88, P. M. Fitzgerald, '89, T. E. Halbert, '91.

Since the establishment of S. A. E. in Cumberland University, in 1885, never has she opened under more favorable circumstances than at the beginning of the present year.

Although we were surprised by the introduction of a new fraternity (K. S.) in our University, still we have not been impeded in our progress in the least. We are not on best of terms

with our rivals, but are constantly watched by them, and taken advantage of at every opportunity which presents itself. Still, notwithstanding all this, we have survived, and made most remarkable progress, and to-day we have more friends among the citizens, professors and non-fraternity students than both our rivals. At a joint entertainment to be given by the three societies of the University during the Xmas holidays. We are represented by two S. A. E's, the best speakers on the programme, and one acknowledged to be the best debater in college.

I suppose it would be well to give our officers in this letter. They are: T. J. Alexander, E. A., J. O. Cameron, E. D. A., W. E. Howard, E. R., C. A. Lanier, E. C., J. J. Blair, E. W., T. E. Halbert, E. T.

I should not have written so much as I have, and hope you will excuse its length. With best wishes for all S. A. E. enterprises, the Record, and with fraternal greetings to each and all our sister Keps. I remain, etc.

SOUTH CAROLINA LAMBDA.

No doubt that we are behind in our letter, but to be candid, it was not our fault, as we did not know when our letter was due.

The "Sigs." in our dear old institution are still of such material as the fraternity at large should be proud of. No nobler set of boys ever existed in any similar institution; they not only are the most popular, but hold most enviable positions in the corps of cadets, and will continue to hold them until "Sigdom" shall cease in our institution, and God forbid that it shall ever do so.

Although a few of our noble band graduated last year, all with the rank of distinction upon their arms, (which is, by the way, the place where the badge of distinction is worn in a military school,) we still have, as I have said, some worthy boys left, and these few, by shrewd and studied strides, have taken into the protecting arms of S. A. E., three more as true and noble youths as the State of South Carolina, or any other State could produce. These are, namely: M. A. DeLoame, Dovesville, S. C., D. G. Dwight,

Winnsboro, S. C.: and last, but not least, our little "rat," as the new men are called here, A. M. Brailsford, Fulton, S. C.

We are still at work with the good of our noble cause at heart, and I hope the time will never come when we shall take in among our numbers a man who is not worthy to be called by the true and noble name of "Sig.," and thus shall cause a stain or blemish upon the now fair and spotless banner of "Sigdom."

I spoke of the enviable positions our boys hold in the corps, and I now name them: one stands first in Senior class; another second in Junior class; and the others stand near the head, and none are drags upon their respective classes by any means, but tend to help them on more than anything else. Their respective offices are: Geo. H. Cornelson, Capt.; Alex. N. Brunson, Capt.; Frank M. Elmore, 1st Lieut.; William W. Lewis, 1st Sergeant; Robert B. Cunningham, 1st Sergeant; H. Arthur, DeLorme, Capt.; Davis G. Dwight, Capt.; A. Moultrie Bradford, private. The last named is our "rat," but he will "get there" when his time comes, which is not far off.

You see we have only eight, but our eyes are open upon a few more men in the corps.

We will not be able to attend the convention on the 27th and 29th, on account of our not getting our usual Christmas holidays, but we intend sending men, to represent us from the list of our alumni. It is a great disappointment to us.

In conclusion, I would like to say this to the boys, that all letters or packages addressed to us, should contain no evidence whatever on the outside, of the character of the contents, as our faculty is very hostile to fraternities, and if discovered, would cause us to be expelled, according to the regulations. I hope all will take notice of this.

With best wishes to the fraternity at large from Lambda, I must close.

SOUTH CAROLINA MU.

As assistant editor of Chapter Mu, it is my pleasant duty to respond to the call of the editor-in-chief of the S. A.

E. Record, and to make answers to his inquiries as best I am able. In the first place, I desire in the name of S. C. Mu to express our approval of the plan which has been set on foot, and wish Beta all the success she deserves in her efforts to revive the official organ of our Fraternity.

In regard to our general status I would say *emphatically* that we still hold our own in Erskin. The winds have blown and the rains have descended and beaten upon Mu, but yet she has fallen not.* We began work this year with only six men—one in the Senior class and the remaining five in the Junior. Since the opening of the session we have been fortunate enough to unveil the hidden mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon to three of the uninitiated many. The new initiates are Mr. W. C. Brice, Woodward, S. C., who is in the Sophomore class, and Messrs. M. T. Coleman and H. R. Murchison of Coronaca, S. C. both of whom are Freshmen. These new brothers have already exhibited no small degree of enthusiasm and a stern determination to do all in their power for the advancement of the cause in which they have enlisted. So you will see that our prospects, though not so encouraging as could be desired, are nevertheless far from discouraging. With nine (9) enthusiastic determined men, there is no reason why we should not be successful in our work.

Our present officers are: E. A., R. G. Brice, '88; E. D. A., W. O. Sample, '89; E. C., C. W. Moffat, '89; E. R., W. W. Bradley, '89; E. L., R. B. Wilson, '89; E. W., W. W. Bradley; E. H., P. W. Moffatt; Ass't Ed., R. B. Wilson; E. Chr., R. B. Wilson.

Besides the new initiates we have but one other member, R. H. Henderson, who fills the position of an assistant on the staff of correspondents.

Our E. C. has opened up a lively correspondence with the different Chapters and the reports are, for the most part, very encouraging.

With fraternal greetings to all loyal Sigs. We are, yours in bonds of S. A. E.

TENNESSEE NU.

Although only eight of last year's Sigs responded to the first call of Nu's

"mystic roll," three others have since returned.

Our Chapter was reorganized with prospects brighter than ever before. Fraternity spirit among its members seems to have increased rather than waned during their separation. The following are those who have returned: S. M. Meek, B. F. Cheatham, J. W. Moore, B. W. Dodson, John Early, John A. May, J. L. Teague, F. E. Shipp, W. E. Dean, F. M. Usher and Jas. R. Hamilton.

Bro. May graduated last year in the Biblical Department, but he has returned to pursue post graduate studies.

Nu has been very much strengthened by the presence of Bro. W. E. Edmondson who comes to us from North Carolina Xi. We find him to be a man of the noblest qualities—a true and staunch Sig.

We have seen proper to lift the "mystic veil" and disclose the hidden beauties of our brotherhood to some new men, whom we take pleasure in introducing to our brother Sigs. through the columns of the Record. They are the following: V. A. Burnett, W. L. Carr, E. M. Potter, Geo. C. Paschall, G. C. Murchison and J. M. Hopkins. We have others in view whom we are hopeful of securing.

Do you accuse us of acting hastily? We realize as well as any one the importance of discretion in the selection of men. Our motto is "Quality rather than quantity." We are proud of our new men, for they are such as would do honor to any order.

Our prospects, as we have said, are bright. The other Fraternities begin to realize our strength and worth, and the non-fraternity boys often speak of us as the Fraternity of the University.

The Fraternities of Vanderbilt have, however, a new enemy. It is an anti-fraternity literary society. Its organization will be completed soon. What effect this will have on Fraternities remains to be seen.

We rejoice to know that we are to have the Record again. An organ of communication is essential to the growth and prosperity of our order.

We close with the best wishes for the success of the Record and the Fraternity at large.

N. C. XI.

Chapter Xi opened this year wit

ten men present, one of whom, finishing the law course and receiving his license, left us in October.

The new students furnished seven men for S. A. E. They are: James R. Norfleet, of the Sophomore, and W. J. Andrews, Russell Bellarny, W. I. Hall, J. M. Morehead, A. N. Patterson and A. S. Williams, of the Freshman class.

Of the old members one is instructor in Latin, and a member of the law school; two are Seniors, three are Juniors, and three are Sophomores.

The officers are: Maxcy L. John, E. A. and assistant editor; John S. Hill, E. D. A.; John D. Bellarny, Jr., E. R.; Claudius Dockery, E. O.; W. M. Curtis, E. T.; P. E. Ransom, E. chr.; W. L. Shafner, E. W.

Since July '86, when the Catalogue went to press, eleven have been initiated by Xi.

Since reorganization in '85, the membership has ranged from ten to sixteen.

We would be glad to receive information in regard to the members of ante-bullum Xi. Last term we wrote to them all, but very few replied, and several letters were returned unopened. We hope every Sig. who sees this, will take the trouble to run over Xi's membership in the catalogue, and see if he knows anything concerning any of them, and if so, that he will write us in regard to them.

VIRGINIA OMICRON.

I am glad that it is my pleasant duty to write our chapter letter this month. I am proud to tell you and all the S. A. E.'s in our broad land that we are flourishing at Virginia's University—she herself seems to have renewed her youth—having a larger attendance than for a number of years. The law class has more than a hundred men—and the "Med.'s" are nearly as large.

And now for S. A. E. Eighteen loyal men uphold her standard—men who occupy a prominent place in every field—and of whom we are, and of whom every Sig. ought to be proud. Nine of last year's members returned; four were transferred, (two from Tenn. Omega, one from Va. Sigma, and one from Ky. Kappa.) From out of the darkness we have taken five brothers:

W. J. Owsley, W. Nicoll, J. V. Robinson, W. W. Gay, and Reed Rogers.

That is doing pretty well for a beginning, is it not?

Next week we will have our annual banquet, and herewith we extend you a cordial invitation.

The life at the University is one of close study, and no holiday, and tho' they do say "all work and no play," I can not say the rest of the adage holds good, certainly not among our Sigs.

The University catalogue says: "no holiday except Christmas day is given," and this, you may well imagine, makes us look forward to it with all the more eagerness.

Our pleasant Friday night meetings are a source of great pleasure. After business is over we chat about the news of the day, work, gaiety—and good men for "goats."

By the next Record I hope I will have some news to tell you. We are all discussing and looking forward with great eagerness, and I may add with some degree of anxiety, to the meeting of the convention. It is a source of daily thought, and we will try to send you a good man for delegate, who we will post as to the sentiment of our chapter on needed changes.

The desire of all is that the same spirit which animated our founders will still be present to guide the convention in sober deliberations and wise measures.

We are looking forward with great eagerness to the next issue of the Record. We will soon send you the names of all our members as subscribers, and we will try to advance in every way this essential element of our fraternity's success.

OHIO SIGMA AND OHIO ALUMNUS ALPHA.

Once more and with great pleasure do we take the silent friends, to inform the Brotherhood of our doings and prospects for the future. For weeks we have waited patiently for the order to prepare chapter letter. We were wont to condemn the management for what we thought a neglect of duty. They no doubt had a wise purpose in delaying publication so long. There are two things which I think are vital

to our existence. The issuing of the Record regularly and without delay, and the quadrennial publication of the catalogue. I believe we are all agreed that our Fraternity organ must be self-sustaining, the question is what plan or plans can be adopted, that will bring about a more favorable condition of affairs. Just at this time, would it not be wise for each chapter to think and compare ideas as to the best plan necessary to keep the Record living, and thus prepare the way for its representatives to act in the conventions deliberations upon this vexed question.

The quadrennial publication of the catalogue or a supplement, to my mind, is not too frequent. While we are pleased with the present publication, the compiling of which reflects great credit upon the committee, yet the many who have joined since then and taking into consideration the establishing of new chapters also make the issuing of another addition obligatory, to say the least, if it be not imperative.

The time for the gathering of the faithful draweth nigh. The convention will be an important one. Forward to its work, the Alumni and actives are looking with anxious eyes. The border chapters together with the Northern chapters hope that broad views will be taken in all its deliberations pertaining to extension and management. While there are some chapters that wish to return to the "one man power" and others that wish the present management to be in the hands of another chapter, yet nothing should be done that would in any way retard the onward march of our beloved organization. I unhesitatingly say, and in this I voice the sentiment of my chapter, I am opposed to the one man power and also of placing the management into the hands of one chapter. There is no argument for placing the control of affairs into the hands of one man. There are some arguments for delegating the power in the interim to one chapter. There are more and better argument for a broader basis of government.

The Record, Catalogue and management have been a study with us all for some time. We look at these matters through different lenses, yet, if we shall be able after due deliberation to focalize the sentiments expressed and

make the same effective we shall have accomplished a grand thing for S. A. E.

I am glad that in the time of darkness, when different sections of our country were at enmity with each other, and finally when American citizens were engulfed in the throes of war, there were brave men, who zealously and with tenacity of purpose and heart stood at the helm of our beloved constellation, hoping when peace should have purched upon the banner of the Republic, to see the purple and gold worn by many young men in many worthy institutions. In a measure their wish has been realized. Are we satisfied? are we content with our present standing and prospects? The cry is, let our borders be extended. The Northern chapters already established have, and are doing all that is possible to be done.

However, it will not do for our sisters South to fold their arms and supinely wait for developments. You should likewise strike for the North and West. We can not hope to enter our institutions of long standing so long as we are so sparingly represented in the North. I wish I had the power to awaken some of our seemingly sleepy chapters to a sense of the obligations resting upon them. Do I write overbearingly plain when I state that some of our chapters exist and that is all. No system of correspondence, no purpose in view, in short, knowing nothing of the object and scope of a fraternity. I imagine I hear some one say it ill becomes so recent a chapter as Ohio Sigma to upbraid the faithlessness of inactive chapters. If you were obliged to hear what we hear from institutions when we desire to establish chapters, you would say, certainly chapters without system or object should at once die. Are there no bright spots? Indeed there are. How the hearts of Sigma's boys have been cheered as they regularly read the telling correspondence of many chapters.

All fraternities have their drowsy Kephhs. All have zealous and progressive ones. However, I verily believe no fraternity in the Greek world taking all in all has a more active Alumni than S. A. E. I hope the day will not be far distant when our Goddess will have as many representative Alumni in the North and West as she has in the South.

We number at this writing fifteen active men, who are recognized by Faculty, students and citizens as men of character and moral worth. Bro. John H. Focht will represent Ohio Sigma and Ohio Alumnus Alpha at the next convention. We introduce him to you as a brother whose heart is in the work, and who has done much in promoting the interests of our order. Our Chapter has a vacant chair. Bro. Edgar Ames Carr has crossed the border line into the ages of eternal years. He was a bright and promising young man. All who came in contact with him were struck with the elements of his character. His place among us is not easily filled. We are wont to question why this bereavement? why taken so young? Humbly do we bow to the decree of the Almighty, knowing that He doeth all things well.

On earth brothers and in Heaven,
 Our bonds ever grow more strong;
 Never dying, ever living
 Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

VA. SIGMA.

Did not send a chapter letter because only two men returned to college and the Chapter has not been reorganized. They have two men pledged who will be initiated as soon as the Chapter reorganizes.

GA. PSI.

Our Chapter is just able to report itself at present. There are two of us left yet, however, and we expect to be reinforced considerably soon. We are suffering just now for a charter, constitution and all other papers and documents usually connected with a chapter. Bro. Walker Freeman has our papers and has not done us the kindness to forward them to us yet.

There are five good men who will be reported as recruiting our ranks as soon as we get the necessary documents to give them a decent induction.

We feel a little out of order just now, but expect "to hold the fort" and wait.

I hope the information, if not satisfactory, will be explanatory.

TEXAS PSI.

Since the last issue of the Record, Texas Psi has been organized. Bro. Taylor, an old S. A. E. from Marvin College, (Waxahachie) who, assisted by Bro's. Hawkins and Hunnicutt from the State University, revealed to myself and five others, H. B. Edgar, E. W. Smith, B. L. Adams, J. F. Haley and W. C. Lott, the mysteries of our most noble order. We have begun under very adverse circumstances, arising from the fact that a fraternity war was at its height at that time. Of course we, being "Barbarians" then, and judging from outward appearances became to some degree prejudiced against fraternities. But since becoming Sigs. and getting into the object, etc. of S. A. E., we are proud indeed to wear Purple and Old Gold, and to stand up and say "We are proud of such a name."

As to members we are not as strong as some others in the University, but intellectually, morally and respecting "Good Looks" we flatter ourselves by saying we stand shoulder to shoulder with the old moss-back Kephs of S. W. U.

The faculty say that, though young, we are equal to the best, and by the help of Our Regent (Dr. Heidt, an old S. A. E.) we hope to make Psi not equal but superior to all.

Our officers are: T. M. Taylor, E. A., E. W. Smith, E. D. A., H. B. Edgar, E. R., E. V. Cox, E. C., B. L. Adams, E. F., J. F. Haley, E. C., W. C. Lott, E. W.

We organized Nov. 12, 1887, and we are now gliding along nicely and smoothly.

PENNSYLVANIA OMEGA.

We send with pleasure, the tidings of Omega's phenomenal success and prosperity. Although an infant less than a year old, our chapter is already strong in experience and influence.

Leaping, almost at a single bound, into the front rank of fraternities, we now enjoy the distinction of being re-

garded as fully able to hold our own in a manner worthy of the "purple and gold." Our path was thorny enough at first and beset with obstacles placed in our way by the other fraternities, who looked upon us with jealous eyes, fearing that a powerful rival would soon confront them; and their fears were more than fancy; for by careful, persistent effort, and hearts glowing with zeal for the best interests of our "noble order," emulating the essential virtues of our brotherhood, we have from the first commanded the respect, and except where we have not come into too serious conflict, the best wishes also, of the entire college.

A kite rises against the wind, and not with it; oppositor is the vestibule of success, and those who labor and strive spin gold.

Recognizing these principles as true, we have spared no labor to strengthen our chapter, and to uphold the honor of S. A. E.; and wherever we have met Greek or barbarian, in the class room, the literary society, or in the city; taking part in the athlet sports or commanding in the college battalion, we have gained a high standing, and have proven ourselves worthy of our colors.

Considering the brevity of our chapter existence, we are proud to report that the turbubut stream of college life bears a bark so richly laden with honors for dear Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Our positions are as follow: C. G. Lindsey received the position of orator of the Senior class, the highest honor in college Bro. A. L. Boush is class Historian, the third honor in college; C. G. Lindsey is also Literary editor of our college Magazine. F. H. McQuiston and W. E. Stackett are the two ranking captains in Allegheny college corps of cadets; C. G. Lindsey and W. J. Booth are ranking 1st Lieutenants. We also have a good chance of being represented next spring at the anniversary of the four literary societies of college. We graduate five of our members next June, which may leave our chapter rather small for next year. We have raised the mystic veil to three promising young men this year. Bros. Taylor, Higley and Densmore, and will add others as fast as consistent with our order. Owing to so many rivals, there is not much available material left

among the "Barbs." but whenever we find a good man, we will do our best to rescue him.

Having become firmly established, we are beginning to look around us with a view of establishing Chapters in other Northern Institutions; and in the next letter we hope to report progress in this direction. We rejoice that the South is ours, and we fondly cherish the hope that our "Noble Order" will rapidly increase in the North, until we can proudly say "the Union is ours." We derive great pleasure and benefit from our Chapter correspondence, which for the most part has been regular and lively; but some of the chapters are rather negligent and need to "brace up" on this line. Our sister Chapters should remember that we are young and need their attention and encouragement. From several Chapters we have received no letters except those of congratulation upon the founding of our Chapter; we desire to correspond with all our sister Chapters, in order to form relations, the most friendly and lasting.

Our officers are as follows: E. A., W. M. Sackett; E. D. A., S. A. Tomes; E. R., W. J. Booth; E. C., A. L. Boush; E. T., J. T. Odell; E. Chr., F. M. Quiston; As. Ed., C. G. Lindsey; E. W., A. L. Boush.

We send greeting to all our brothers in bonds of S. A. E.

TENN. OMEGA.

In accordance with your request I pen a few lines as Omega's contribution to the Record.

I fully agree with brother Mell that it is of the utmost importance for a copy of the Record to be gotten out before the convention.

The entire fraternity looks to the coming convention for work. Let a more thorough system of government be inaugurated.

Omega has been particularly prosperous this year. The following is our list of members: E. D. Smith, California, E. A., L. Ewing, New Orleans, La., E. D. A., H. W. Jones, Shreveport, La., E. R., W. P. Bird, Galveston, Texas, E. T., H. T. Smith, Nashville, Tenn. E. C., J. W. Spratt, Jacksonville, Fla., F. L. Coyle, New

Orleans, La., C. C. Higgins, Texas, E. Randolph, Memphis, Tenn., Paul C. Galleher, New Orleans, La., J. J. Kline, Shreveport, La., Clifford Lanier, Jack Beall and L. W. Fowler, Montgomery, Ala., P. M. Hodgood, Richmond, Va., G. C. Rivers, New Orleans, La., W. Gibson, Dallas, Texas, W. Barnwell and W. A. Guerry, S. C., W. B. Hall, Ala.

We lose at the close of this term several very valuable men, but the ranks will be rapidly filled by worthy material which we have in view.

Omega's E. C. has been unusually faithful in the discharge of his duties this term, and I am sorry to say he has met with very little encouragement. Is there no way to force lazy and worthless chapters to respond to their duties?

Let all answer for themselves in December; those who cannot, or will not, should suffer the consequences.

It seems to me a little judicious calling to account would help matters considerably.

I cannot close this letter without thanking the brothers of Beta for again coming to the front and issuing this number of the Record.

This is one more entry to the long column of Beta's "credits."

Personals.

MICH. ALPHA—F. H. Kinney, one of our most enthusiastic men last year, will take his B. A. degree at the Ann Arbor State University in June.

H. R. Lowrie, one of our alumnus members will take his M. A. degree from Yale this year.

A. B. Newton and C. A. Dungan are wielding the rod at present. The former gentleman in the LaHarpe, Ill. seminary, the latter at Crystal Springs, Ind. We expect both back next year.

MO. ALPHA—W. S. Caruthers, C. E. and Surveyor at Los Angeles, Cal., No. 28 South Spring St.

D. H. Harris practicing law at Springfield, Kan.

J. E. Ellis is a merchant at Ashland Mo. with flattering prospects of soon taking into himself a "mate."

W. N. B. and Dr. Smith are at Pattonville, Mo.

H. M. Stephens is practicing law at Lamar, Mo.

Wm. Mack is practicing law at Winfield, Kan.

F. Haydon is farming at Ashland, Mo.

ALA. ALPHA MU.—Married in Auburn, Thursday night of the 10th inst. Bro. J. C. Street and Miss Annie Dunklin, of this city. This was one of the most brilliant affairs that has ever taken place in the history of Auburn society circles. The bridal couple are now traveling in Europe.

T. H. Jones has taken a position until Christmas in a Chemical laboratory at Kenner, La.

H. G. Perry, is attending the Eclectic Medical College in Atlanta.

C. B. McCay is practicing medicine in Opelika, Ala.

J. H. Jester is farming near Opelika.

GA. BETA.—Maurice W. Tift, who was with us for a short while this year, returned home on account of sickness.

C. M. and J. H. Walker are teaching school. Rumor has it that there will soon be a double wedding in the Walker family.

Wesley Peacock is teaching school in Texas.

C. P. Fuller is in the wholesale grocery business with his father in Tampa, Fla.

GA. BETA ALUMNUS.—W. A. Strother Jr., an old member of Ga. B., but now connected with "Beta Al," has been confined to his room from sickness for some time. A noble Sig. than Bro. Strother never wore the "Diamond" and a speedy restoration of his former good health would be most gratifying to his brethren.

Burton L. Weston is a prominent cotton factor and warehouseman in the city of Albany, Ga.

Henry A. Tarver, is in the banking business with Hobbs & Tucker, Albany, Ga., and is also a disciple of Blackstone.

Edgar S. Freeman, Ga., Psi, is in the insurance business in Macon, Ga.

Jos. B. Beall, Ga. Pi, has located at Albany, Ga., where he becomes a member of Beall Bros. Beall formerly resided in New York city, where he was a member of the cotton exchange; but has moved to Albany, near which place he has extensive landed estates.

Frank Sheffield is with the large hardware business of Sheffield & Bell, at Albany, Ga.

Rob't. S. Patillo, G. Eta, occupies a responsible position in the Albany oil mill. Brother Patillo is also an enthusiastic and valuable member of B-al.

A. A. Riley and Frank H. Smith, both of Ga. B., are engaged in business at Thomasville, Ga.

J. E. D. Shipp, Ala., A. M., is now Vice President of the Bank of Americus, Ga.

Jos. S. Davis, Ga. B. and B-al, is editor of the News & Advertiser, an able and sprightly daily, published at Albany, Ga.

John D. Pope, Ga. B. and B-al, is enjoying a lucrative and prominent law practice at Albany, Ga.

R. H. Warren, Ga. B. and B-al, is cashier of the bank of Lewis Bros., Albany, Ga.

Jesse W. Walters, Ga. B. is one of the most noted criminal lawyers in Southwestern Ga. His home is at Albany, Ga.

GA. DELTA.—K. A. Nisbet, '87, is acquiring an enviable reputation as a "quill driver." He is editor and proprietor of the "Campbell County News."

E. O. McCord, '89, and J. I. Jones, '89, have become pedagogues. The former at Albertville, the latter at Flowery Branch, Ga.

N. G. Canning, '86, is practising law at Gadsden, Ala.

S. O. Fisher is studying law at Dahlonega, Ga.

J. G. Bassinger, '88, is at the State University.

ALA. IOTA.—W. H. Lowery is now a minister at Sockston, Ala. Brother Lowry was a promising A. B. graduate of '85. We are sorry to learn of brother Lowry's ill health.

W. W. Moore, '85, A. M., owing to his ill health, left an important situation on the North Ala. conference, and is now principal of a fine school in Miss.

A. L. Smith, '85, has taken unto himself a charming wife. He is doing business in a sash and blind factory at Prattville, Ala.

F. A. Rogers, '86, A. B., is stationed at Courtland, North Ala. conference. Shortly after graduating, brother Rogers carried off one of Greensboro's fair daughters.

C. A. Rusk, '85, A. B., is now a married man, and is preaching at Citronville, Ala.

J. F. Huey, '85, is practicing the Healing art at Pratt Mines, Ala. He too, is married, and has an attractive little daughter.

L. C. Branscomb, '85, carried off two fine gold medals in token of his superior intellect. He is a minister at Wheeling, Ala.

J. W. Rooney, '87, B. S., was over to see us, or rather his girl, a few days ago. Madame Rumor says he is coming one of these days and carry off his bride. J. S. Robertson, '87, B. S., has ministerial work in Birmingham, Ala. Bro. John made a good record while in College, and we expect to hear from him in the future.

E. L. Edmonson, '87, B. S., is a cotton buyer at Eufala, Ala. He hopes to "feather his nest" with the fleecy staple.

We regret that Messrs. W. S. and W. L. Cardwell are not with us this year.

Prof. Ewing, formerly connected with C. U. is now at Washington and Lee wrestling with problems in law.

H. C. Lassing is Professor of Science at Covington, Ky.

O. A. Kennedy after filling position of chemistry in one of the Louisville Medical Schools has been honored by Central University as Professor of Sciences. We justly feel proud of this honor and wish him continued success.

J. C. Bedinger has captured the English prize. Hurrah "dinger!"

S. C. Mu.—H. H. Robison, '87, has been recently elected to a tutorship in Erskine College, Due West, S. C. Success to you, "Hugh!"

D. G. Philipps, '87, is studying Theology at Due West, S. C.

F. H. Chiles, '89, is engaged in the mercantile business in Pelzer, S. C.

N. C. XI.—Capt. Chas. S. Shorter, Xi, '60, is a planter near Walla Walla. W. T. Ovide Dupre, '61, has his law office at 290, Broadway, N. Y.

G. P. Patterson, '86, A. B., is teaching in Elizabeth City, N. C.

O. C. Bynum, '86, A. B., will open a law office in Pittsboro, N. C., about the first of January.

J. W. Alexander is with the Simmons Hardware Co., St. Louis, Mo.

H. F. Shaffner, '87, B. Ph., is running a bone mill in Salem, N. C.

Claudius Dockery, '87, B. Ph., is instructor in Latin in the University of N. C.

H. R. Starback, '87, A. B., is attending the Folks Law School, Cilly, N. C.

OHIO SIGMA.—John H. Dimple, '82, of Carrollton, Ohio, was reelected to the Ohio Legislature at the last State election.

L. M. Wood, '87, is attending Yale college.

St. S. Fritch, '86, is attending Drew Theological Institute.

C. C. Carroll, '86, is attending Ber-

lin Theological School.

H. L. Day, '84, is attending the Cincinnati Law School.

St. S. O'Neal, '87, is helping his "Pap" on the farm.

PENN. OMEGA.—W. H. Marshall '91, is now studying medicine at his home, Hartstown, Pa. Bro. Marshall was an enthusiastic Sig., a man of unusual ability and will undoubtedly become eminent in his chosen profession.

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