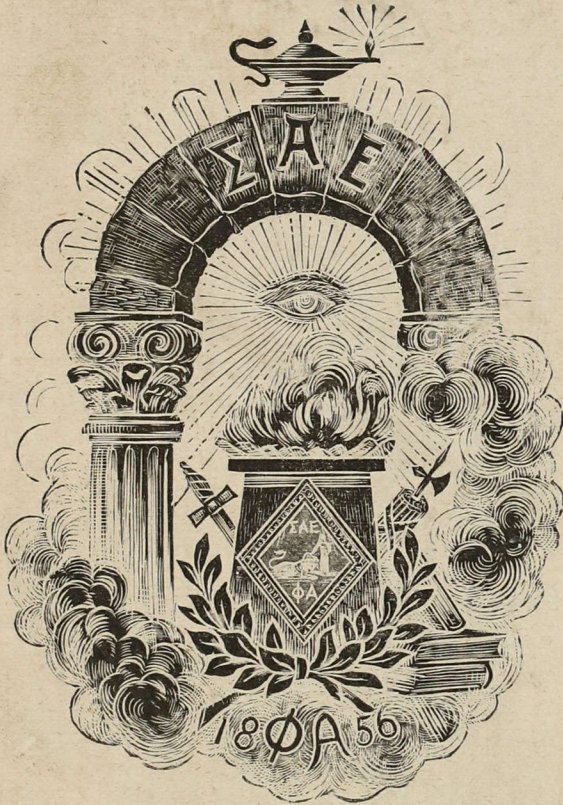


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## MEMORIAL.

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COL. FRANK P. GRAY.

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It is but meet that when a brother "Sig." is stricken down by the hand of death that his friends and club-mates should place one flower upon his grave with some gentle words to his memory.

Col. Gray was a native of Bartow county. He entered the University of Georgia as a student about '71 or '72. Soon after his entrance to the University he became a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Col. Gray stood well in his class and ranked as one of the best debaters of the Demosthenian Society. It was not the writer's fortune to be thrown with Col. Gray while in college, but he has talked with many of his college-mates, and they agree that never was heart warmer, nor hand more ready to aid a friend than that of Frank P. Gray.

I remember an incident as related to me by a "Sig." whom Col. Gray assisted in initiating. The candidate lived in Cobbham. Col. Gray went after him, brought him to the hall, assisted in initiating him and then saw his charge safely home again. On the way home the fraternity constitution was the topic of conversation, Col. Gray again and again impressing upon his younger brother the fact that "the constitution was the best thing he ever read." The constitution is certainly an excellent guide for a young man, and it would not be amiss if the alumni of the fraternity would follow it more closely. I am afraid that some of us at times do not keep the pledges of our youth. A true "Sig." should never lose any of his old college love and gallantry. Col. Gray was ever willing to aid in the S. A. E. cause. I knew him only as a friend to his bereaved family. I tender my profound sympathy in the hours of their grief. He was a loving husband, tender father and a warm friend. The fraternity has lost a warm-hearted and true friend.

## MEMORIAL.

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WILLIAM T. TRIPPE.

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On the 9th of July, 1886, at 6 o'clock in the morning, our brother, William T. Trippe, breathed his last. Just four weeks previous to that day he was attacked with the disease which caused his death, and was forced to take his bed. He was a man of iron will and fought against the disease until he saw the battle was useless, and then he gave up, and going to his home, told his devoted wife that he was sick, and felt that he was going to have a long and severe spell. He was soon in bed, and rested well during the night, but the next morning grew worse, and Dr. Alexander was called in. The doctor did not think him in a dangerous condition, and so told his wife and father, Judge Trippe. The doctor called two or three times and then left for Cumberland Island, and left the patient in the hands of Dr. James A. Gray, who found when he first called that Brother Trippe had taken a change for the worse, and realized at once that his patient had catarrhal fever in its worst form.

Everything was done for his relief, and the fever soon developed into congestion of the brain, and for more than a week he was unconscious. He then began to improve, and the doctor and all were hopeful of his early recovery. His friends called to see him, and he conversed with them and seemed cheerful, and all moved along nicely for three days; but the fever again rose, and the best medical skill in Atlanta could not check it, and two days later death relieved him of his suffering.

Our brother was born in Forsyth, Georgia, in 1854, and his boyhood days were spent in that community. He completed his education at the State University, at Athens, Georgia, where he became a member of our Order. He was a loyal brother and a zealous Sig.

It was said of him that he was one of the brightest men who ever graduated from the university, and his genial nature won for him a host of friends, and his thorough knowledge of law gained him many a client. He had the benefit of his father's counsel, who is one of the foremost lawyers of Georgia.

During the prohibition contest in Atlanta Brother Trippe took his stand on the side of right, and through his influence many votes were won for the cause of prohibition.

His remains were carried to Forsyth, his old home, for interment.

## Chapter Letters.

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ALABAMA ALPHA MU.—We saw fit to raise the “mystic veil” of our temple to Brother J. C. Tuttle, a brother of R. J. Tuttle, formerly of Alabama Mu, on January 7.

We have initiated only this one out of the several who came in since Christmas, but have one or two others in view.

Two of our men say they are not coming back next term. We have tried to prevail on them to come back, and have endeavored to show them the importance of their presence here, but, as it seems our appeals are without effect, we will have to give them up.

All of our boys are highly pleased with THE RECORD.

Alpha Mu sends greeting to all other sister chapters, and extends the right hand of fellowship to every wearer of royal purple and old gold.

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MICHIGAN ALPHA, ADRIAN COLLEGE.—Michigan Alpha has sprung into existence under the most favorable auspices. We were established on the 22d of January with eight charter members. On the evening of that day, while Brother Focht was yet with us, we initiated two boys, Fred. D. Caldwell, of the city, and Charlie D. Wightman, of Medina, Ohio, thus increasing our number to ten before we were six hours old.

Many of our brothers would perhaps be interested in a short account of our existence as a local fraternity and the events which immediately preceded our admission to S. A. E. On the evening of September 3, 1884, five students and two professors (then recently graduated) met at the home of one of their number to organize a local fraternity, “with a view eventually of obtaining a charter from a national college fraternity.” (I quote



from minutes.) From the time of that initial meeting to the present year nothing but prosperity has attended us. Starting with seven members four more were soon added, making eleven good men. This local fraternity was named Sigma. Our record is clear of petty internal strife on the one hand and "clicking" on the other, which are the Scylla and Charybdis of all college fraternities. That we have made a name for ourselves may be inferred from the fact that we have taken every prize but one that could be taken during our three years' existence. At the end of last year, alumni and undergraduates, we had a membership of twenty. Considering the fact that the ties which bound us together were merely local, you will all agree in pronouncing our record exceptionally good.

When we came back to school at the beginning of last fall term we agreed unanimously that the best policy for us to follow to strengthen and perpetuate our order was to apply as soon as possible for a charter in a national fraternity of good standing. Consequently some time in October we appointed a committee to write to Ohio Sigma, with which, as a chapter, we were slightly acquainted, asking them what the prospects were for obtaining a charter in S. A. E. This correspondence resulted, as you all know, in our being admitted into the bonds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. On the evening of the 19th of January a telegram came announcing the joyful news that our plea had not fallen upon dull, unsympathetic eare, our prayers had not been in vain, our petition had not been rejected—we had received a charter. There were eight happy hearts in Adrian College that night, and for the succeeding three days eight students wore eight perpetual smiles. Their worst enemies could have borrowed all the money they had. At noon on Saturday, the 22d, Brother Focht came and that afternoon we were established as "Michigan Alpha." To relate the succeeding events—how we surprised the Alpha Tau Omegas, the "barbs" and the girls, how we had our pictures taken, the jubilee we had that night—would make too long a story. Suffice it to say that we celebrated the event in a manner fitting so important an occasion.

Brother Focht left Adrian early the next morning for his home. He left behind him warm friends and many regrets that he was unable to prolong his visit. Our relations with Brother Focht, both business and social, were of the most pleasant nature, and his noble, manly character has filled his brethren here with admiration and respect.

We have three good men pledged and will initiate them at our earliest opportunity. Our active membership will then be thirteen—a baker's dozen. We need encouragement and hope all our sister chapters will write to us. Although we live in the North, we are warm-hearted and need encouragement as much as our Southern brethren. Remember also that we are infants in Sigma Alpha Epsilon and have an additional claim upon our elder brothers.

In this, the first letter from our chapter, let me state, as far as I understand it,

#### OUR POLICY.

1st. To avoid "clicks" and wire-pulling to advance the interests of any member of our chapter. To let merit decide in all questions of honors between one of us and an outsider.

2d. To avoid petty strifes and contentions.

3d. To keep our records in good order, so that they will be ready when called for.

4th. To write to our brothers *regularly*.

5th. To try to extend our borders in every direction when we see a good opening.

6th. To take THE RECORD and help Brother Smith by sending in our quota of matter promptly every month.

7th and last. To advance the interests of our beloved fraternity by every means in our power; to help one another in everything. In short, to live up to our constitution in so far as we are able to do so.

For an infant, and, as it were, the youngest member of this family, I think Michigan Alpha has occupied a good deal of space in this number, so I will bring this letter to a close. Michigan Alpha will be a success, I am sure, if she has the help and encouragement of her sisters.

MISSOURI ALPHA.—Our place at the top of the chapter-roll this month will be one notch lower than it has been heretofore, for another Alpha is among us, and her State name, Michigan, takes alphabetical preference to ours. Twice have we been gladdened by the joyful tidings of the establishment of new chapters since our last letter. To Mu Alumnus we send our most cordial salutations, and we know well what to expect of her, for it is enough to say, she bears the name of Mu, that name so dear to the heart of every Sig. Our new sister and Northern namesake, Michigan Alpha, infant daughter of illustrious Ohio Sigma, we hail with pride and greet with a hearty welcome; for her we predict a successful future, a path of prosperity and an ever-increasing zeal and overflowing enthusiasm for Sigma Alpha Epsilon, both in college and in after-life. For Michigan Alpha, Missouri Alpha has a hand ever willing to help, a heart ever full of deepest love and a soul ever brimming with brotherly sympathy. Let the good cause thus ever progress! Let our borders and boundary lines keep ever widening as our zeal and enthusiasm deepen.

Nothing of particular moment has happened to us during the past month, and though our results have been meagre, yet our efforts have been most strenuous and we hope still to attain to a fair degree of success. Recently we threw our hook and line into the black waters of the uninitiated, and were satisfied to pull forth unto ourselves a fine, live, active little fish, whose name is William Benjamin Hale, jr., aged 15 years, a member of the Freshman class. We took him into the laboratory of Alpha, and our mysterious alchemist having applied the usual S. A. E. reagents to him, he lost all his fishiness and was immediately transformed into a veritable and genuine little knight of the "Purple and Gold." With this, our last addition, "we are seven," that peculiar numeral, lucky in gambling, touching in poetry, renowned in history, prime in mathematics and wonderful in Holy Writ.

The second semester of this collegiate year has opened with a larger number of students than ever before in the history of this institution, there being enrolled in all its departments seven hundred and sixty-one. We are truly glad that we are gaining a

foothold for our chapter contemporaneously with such increasing prosperity of the university.

For some years past, the students here have been denied the freedom of the press; but very lately, a spirit of manhood has taken possession of them and finally they have overridden the illogical, stubborn, narrow-minded opposition of their so-called friends, but real tyrants—the faculty, and are now publishing, on their own responsibility, a paper known as the *University Argus*. The corps of editors and the business managers, consisting of ten, and elected by the body of students, are all timber from the several fraternities, the Zeta Phis having three, the Sigma Nus two, the Phi Delta Thetas two, the Sigma Alpha Epsilons two and the Kappa Gammas (girls) one. Bro Orville Turner shoves the editorial goose-quill in the scientific department with a fluency that is quite surprising, in view of the fact that he claimed to be so ignorant and inexperienced, when elected to that position, for when he was declared the choice of the students for scientific editor, he bobbed up and vociferously shouted: “Boys, I most emphatically resign, for I don’t know any more about science than I do about the Bible.” Quite a humiliating confession, indeed, for a member of Missouri Alpha to make. But either because they thought that our brother knew a great deal about the Bible, or because they thought he had measured his scientific knowledge by the wrong yardstick, his resignation was not accepted. Bro. Dave Harris represents us on the business committee, and his adaptability for this position is not excelled by any of his associates on the committee.

kindest wishes to every chapter in the fraternity, from the Alphas of Michigan and Georgia to Omega of Tennessee.

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GEORGIA BETA.—Since her last communication to THE RECORD Beta’s prosperity has not been affected. She is still ahead of her seven competitors here at the University, and with fair prospect of remaining in that honorable position. It is with regret, how-

ever, that we chronicle the loss of two from among our number, viz., Bro. W. E. Baldwin, of Cuthbert, and Bro. J. M. Mitchell, of Lawrenceville, both of whom failed to return after the Christmas holidays. The former entered Emory College and has no doubt ere this won among his clubmates of our sister chapter the same popularity and general esteem which he enjoyed among us. The reputation as a speaker which Bro. Mitchell acquired during his short stay in college gave us good reason to hope for the next Sophomore medal, while his equally enviable name as a student promised well for next year in the awarding of Junior speaker's places.

We have taken in no new men since Christmas and probably will not do so this year.

Bro. Wooten, of Albany, class 1886, will soon enter the law class. His many friends at the university will hail his return with a great deal of pleasure. His well known enthusiasm for S. A. E. is contagious and will benefit the chapter.

We are all delighted with THE RECORD. In the name of Beta I cordially congratulate Bro. Smith on his successful management of it.

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MISSISSIPPI GAMMA.—We are now in the midst of our examination, and we cannot devote much time thus until we have passed them all. It will be a great relief when they are all over, for most of us are almost worn out from the hard study we have done by way of preparation. Our examinations, like most others, are very long and difficult, and require a good deal of "cramming up," as we seldom have an opportunity to review. We have just received notice of the establishment of Michigan Alpha. We welcome our mother chapter and wish for her a brilliant future and a long life. I suppose that this advancement was made through the influence of Ohio Sigma, which shows that she is alive to the interest of our Order. If every chapter would do so well our roll would soon be the most extensive in the land. Our chapter is doing well in every respect. We correspond regularly with all the chapters, which is more than some are doing. We have not all

subscribed for THE RECORD yet, but expect to soon; we are poor and have to go rather slow in some things.

As soon as our examinations are over, we will try to do more faithful work towards the brotherhood than we have done, and with this promise, we close with greetings to all.

Our chapter has never known a more prosperous season than now, and the work which she has accomplished this session has already brought praise from many sources. So long as this is true, so long as her cherished and honored colors remain untrod-den, there is no visible nor plausible reason why her members should be otherwise than perfectly happy.

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GEORGIA DELTA.—The prospects for Delta during the spring term are about all we could expect under the circumstances, and although as yet we have not added any more men to our little quartette, yet we feel hopeful and rejoiced to know that we are on a safe basis. We have found by experience and observation that it pays the wrong way to extend the benefits and pleasure of S. A. E. to those who are incapable of realizing the weight of the responsibility they assume when they promise to be what a true Sig. has to be. It is an impediment in the way of progress when men are admitted into the S. A. E. Fraternity who never have the interest of the fraternity at large, and especially their individual chapter, at heart.

We have two or three men in view whom we will receive as soon as we become satisfied of their merit.

THE RECORD is giving entire satisfaction, and we believe the strongest evidence of its merit is the popular favor with which it is being received by all Sigs. everywhere.

There is no reason why Delta should not and may not yet become a shining light in the merry group of sister chapters. We have the benefit and sympathetic friendship of some of the best families in the town, among whom is the family of our worthy and honored President of college, Maj. W. S. Basinger, also the entire family of Col. W. P. Price, the leading lawyer of north-

east Georgia, and others whom we need not mention. And what shall we say of the fair daughters of Eve? Ah! no words of mine can do them justice. They, too, are our friends and wear our colors. In fact there are some genuine S. A. E. girls here who are ever ready with their sympathy and support.

For them there will ever be room in our hearts, and the memory of our associations with them while treading the classic paths of a student's life here together will be like oases in the deserts of life which we may be forced to cross hereafter. These will cheer us in our aspirations, in our trials and in our joys.

Besides having Cols. Price and Boyd as honorary members, we have a sympathetic alumnus in the person of Prof. W. S. Wilson, who ably and honorably occupies the chair of mathematics in this college. Also we have another in the person of Dr. H. C. Whelchel, who is receiving a fine patronage here as a physician. In a word, we have the most encouraging prospects before us, and we feel sure that it is only a question of time when Delta will attain that position she deserves.

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TENNESSEE "ZETA."—We have done little for the past two weeks but stand examinations, so there is little of interest connected with chapter work. Zeta gave a little entertainment here during the holidays that was very pleasant. On the whole I can't see that we have anything to complain of, except shortness of money sometimes, which prevents us being as prompt as we would like to be, but "object is no money with us" so long as we have the best fraternity in the South.

I hope that by the time the next RECORD comes out we will hear of the founding of two new chapters in the North. Ohio Sigma is on the alert and will be heard from. Success to THE RECORD.

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LOUISIANA ZETA.—I think it will be an agreeable surprise to many readers of THE RECORD to find that a new chapter, the Louisiana Zeta, has been added to the list. It is all due to the

untiring efforts of two of the most promising young men of the "S. A. E. Fraternity"—Brothers T. C. Barrett and W. O. Culliff. It is not the only instance of Bro. Barrett's work, for he was the organizer of Texas Rho. We were banded together the 9th of September, 1886, with eight as well-suited men for the S. A. E. duties as some older members. They are as follows: J. H. Thatcher, J. B. Stephens, T. D. and M. D. Campbell, R. N. Ogilvie, W. J. Fullelov, J. L. and G. R. Bell. Three have been initiated since, viz., R. Billin, J. P. Ford and R. M. Peinic.

Our meetings are already conducted like we were old members—not perfect, of course. We think that if we had opposition it would benefit us, but as the institute is yet in its infancy the many fraternities have not organized chapters. We hope to have two opponents next year. As yet we have but slight communication with other chapters, but hope to hear from them all before long.

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NORTH CAROLINA THETA.—It was with sad feelings that we met at our first reunion after Christmas and missed from our circle the familiar faces of three of the brothers that had ever striven to maintain and uphold the honor of S. A. E. and Theta chapter. First among these was Bro. Morrison, who served faithfully in almost all of the offices of the chapter, and at the time was E. G. A. At first we thought his loss was irretrievable, but our motto has ever been: "*Le roi est mort, vive le roi.*" And while we deeply regretted the loss of this faithful and efficient brother, we elected another to fill his place of whom we feel confident that when the time comes for him to leave, his departure will seem just as irretrievable. The other two members, though they may not have been so connected with the workings of the fraternity, were still closely entwined about our hearts, and it will be many days before Theta forgets her sons, Watts and Jones.

Our elections in the literary societies have just come and with such small numbers we were not able to compete for many



places. However, we obtained all we tried for, and three of our men's names will grace the commencement invitation.

Virginia Tau in our province has been forced to hand in her charter on account of the loss of so many men. We hope soon to present to the fraternity a new-born daughter to fill Tau's place, and thus add another jewel to S. A. E.'s crown.

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ALABAMA IOTA.—I send with pleasure the tidings of Iota's success to her sister chapters. Her history for the last month has been bright, and the next few weeks will bring to her new honors. Our members are, if possible, more enthusiastic than ever, and are determined to do all in their power for Iota's future. Slowly, but surely, her star is rising to the zenith. We have now sixteen members. Since our last letter we have initiated two other men into the mysteries of the S. A. E., viz, J. E. Bancroft and W. G. McGraw. Both will doubtless prove shining lights in the fraternity. Brother Sellers, one of our old members, has returned to finish his course at the university and to share with us in our anticipated honors.

All the fraternities here are doing well—each trying to excel the other; but I am glad to be able to report that none of them are able to rob Iota of her most enviable reputation. She will stand as the rock of Gibraltar, firm and impregnable against every attack made upon her by any of her rivals. While one of her present members exists her colors will never be furled. Each and every one of them is determined to keep the "purple and gold" enshrined in memory's most sacred chamber, and warmer, truer hearts never beat than those which throb beneath those lovely colors.

Iota sends a hearty greeting to all her sister chapters.

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KENTUCKY KAPPA.—Just in the midst of our intermediate examination week comes another heeded demand for our chapter letter; yet, even if other duties are pressing, few Sigs. neglect S.

A. E., we are happy to say, and it is by this means that she is reaching "higher and higher" and growing "stronger and stronger." Her present existence and future prospects are in the "hands and hearts" of the individual brothers who compose our Order. Then let every one respond when duty calls and the Record of S. A. E. which is to come is sure to be the most glorious that "Greeks" have ever known.

The number of Kappa's members is small this year, for reasons which have been given in a former letter; yet she is making fair progress.

The names and classes of our members are as follows:

J. C. Bedinger, '88; L. L. Bright, '89; B. F. Bedinger, '90; W. J. Cardwell, '90; W. S. Cardwell, '90; I. S. Hayne, '87.

Kappa holds the position of Grand Chapter of Prov. "D," which requires no inconsiderable amount of time to perform the necessary duties. Some of the members must necessarily hold more than one office on account of the very limited membership; but we endeavor to do systematic work, which makes it lighter.

Will all sister Chapters accept Kappa's love, and THE RECORD her best wishes?

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TENNESSEE LAMBDA.—Again it becomes my pleasant duty to send another letter to THE RECORD to inform the sister chapters of Lambda's continued welfare and prosperity. Since our last communication no event has occurred to mar the good feeling of our boys for each other or the world in general. The only cloud threatening our sky is the pending departure of two of our members, Brothers Renfro and Simpson, who will graduate in the law department and leave us in a few days.

We, of course, are always proud to have our members graduate with honor, but regret to give them up. The majority of our members will finish the course this year, and leave our ranks quite thin in June; but we are glad to say that *some* of our most faithful members will be left, under whose fostering care we know the colors of "Sigdom" will never trail in the dust, but ever be lifted high and placed in the first ranks.

In a recent election of officers in Henrethelian Society two of the five offices fell into the hands of S. A. E. We are glad to report that there is no trouble existing this year in the literary societies or in the university due to fraternity prejudices. All fraternity men seem to have a brotherly feeling for other fraternity men, although they may be different. We think that this is as it should be, and endeavor to keep it thus.

Before closing, I wish to express my appreciation of THE RECORD and its present management. We wish that every member of our noble Order would subscribe for our journal.

With best wishes for the fraternity in general, and each of the chapters in particular, we are yours in bonds of S. A. E.

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TENNESSEE LAMBDA.—Lambda sends greeting to her sisters in S. A. E., and desires her continued prosperity recorded. Since our last communication we have had two members to graduate in the law department of the university—Brothers Simpson and Renfro. The prospect is that quite a number of our best “Sigs.” will receive their diplomas in June in the various departments, and leave our chapter weak, in numbers at least; but we are glad to state that some of our best members, and among them a model Sig. in the person of our correspondent, will be left to uphold our proud banner.

On Monday night, the 7th of February, the mystic veil arose and disclosed another pilgrim desiring to worship at the shrine where so many of the best men of our “Sunny Southland” have deemed themselves honored to bow. We are confident that Bro. Kennedy will be an honor to the cause he has espoused. Those who best know the secret workings of our mistress think that ere long she will again deign to receive a worshipper.

Mr. Editor, please excuse the brevity of this letter, and we will try to take up more space in the next issue.

With fraternal regards to the fraternity, we close.

S. C. LAMBDA.—It is my pleasant duty to give you a few dots concerning the “Sig. life” at the South Carolina Military Academy. You may think, in not hearing from us in so long a time, that we were dead, but it may please the readers of THE RECORD to see that we are still alive, although we are known now as Lambda Alumni. We have taken under the protecting wings of the S. A. E. three of the most promising youths of the “Citadel,” namely, I. Ingram Bagnal, of Manning, S. C.; Alex. N. Brunson, of Orangeburg, S. C., and Robert W. Gilliam, of Union, S. C. We are still watching with a critic’s eye the actions of a few “rats” of the fourth class, because among them is still some fine material. Although a good many of our “band” graduated last year (all with distinction), we now number eight (8), occupying enviable positions in the corps of cadets. The following is a list of the members:

Capt. W. S. Bond, Capt. R. R. Jeter, Lieut. H. H. Brunson, Lieut. I. I. Bagnal, Serg. A. N. Brunson, Serg. F. H. Elmore, Corp’l W. W. Lewis, Corp’l R. W. Gilliam.

In conclusion I would like to say this to the “boys,” that owing to the rules of the institution all letters directed to us should contain no evidence of its character upon the outside. Lambda Alumnus extends her best wishes to “noble band” at large.

Hoping that the different chapters will write soon, I remain yours in bonds of S. A. E.,

“ONE OF THE BOYS.”

ALABAMA MU.—Again Mu reports everything serene and the prospects of success in the future bright. We have ever been enthusiastic, and a new proof of it is in the initiation of another loyal Sig. We mean to increase our strength just as rapidly as consistency with the claims of our brotherhood will allow, though at present we mourn the loss of two of our faithful members. Bro. Skinner was compelled to resign on account of sickness. He was one of our new initiates, and had his whole heart and soul in the noble work. Bro. Payne has left us on an indefinite furlow, and gone to accept a position on a survey. He was a jolly fellow,

and we miss him very much from our bond. Don't fail to look us up when you reach our "booming" little city. It always does us good to shake the hand of any brother in the bonds, and you all know when the "grip" has once been given, those who have once clasped hands are no longer strangers, though they may never have looked into each other's faces before. Mu's letter will be brief this time, owing to several examinations now on the hands of her editor and not due to any lack of interest. Mu sends warm greetings to all Sigs.

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SOUTH CAROLINA MU.—I fear we have slumbered over our rights and this letter will reach you too late for publication. Old habits are hard to leave off, and we were waiting to be notified that our letter was due as formerly. We have been snowed in for a month, more or less, and find it a very difficult matter to screw our frozen energies up to the writing point. We have fallen short of the proper performance of our duty in some respects, I fear, within the last two months, but I hope that you, Mr. Editor, as well as all the sister kephs, will not only pardon us for our short-comings, but sympathize with us in our troubles, of which you have doubtless heard. We are about straight again, however, and have all put our shoulder to the wheel with renewed energy and determination. When last you heard from us, we were fearful that some of our men would not return to college after Christmas because of the late rash and inconsistent action of the faculty. But when the roll was called at our first meeting after the holidays, they answered "here" to a man, and you may rest assured that it was only their undying love for Mu that induced them to return, which encourages us to declare that as long as Erskine wears worthily the honorable and dignified name of college, just so long shall the "Purple and Gold" flutter triumphantly and proudly in her halls and recitation-rooms.

We have about reached the conclusion that when the true spirit of S. A. E. takes possession of a man he is irrepressible, and even "the floods cannot prevail against him." On the whole,

we are in a very prosperous condition. The most friendly relations exist between us and our rival fraternity, K. A. We will be handsomely represented in the approaching celebrations of our two literary societies.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous year to all sister chapters and all brother Sigs., we say good-bye.

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SOUTH CAROLINA MU.—Once more, through the pages of THE RECORD, Mu reports herself as “still in the land of the living” and endeavoring as best she can to attain unto the full measure of her duty in all respects. We can report no startling evidence of progression and prosperity, no sudden outbursts of enthusiasm, resulting in great and lasting good toward our chapter. We have only to say that all things “continue as they were,” which, indeed, is the best evidence possible that we are in a sound, healthy state. 'Tis true we have heard the low, muttering thunders of a storm which, it is predicted, will burst upon us at the close of this year, for it is noised abroad that the faculty will make an effort at the next meeting of the trustees to suppress fraternities here. Of course we have no direct means of judging whether or not this is true, but we venture to say that the assertion is false, because the faculty must have seen, prejudiced though they be, the marked and wholesome change wrought in the institution by fraternities, and they will be apt to consider the fact that no ordinary effort will suppress them. Be that as it may, we are paying no attention to it, but are going on with our work as cheerfully and confidently as as if we had the thing leased for a thousand years.

We are very much gratified to note the encouraging fact that the chapter correspondence this year has been unusually lively and interesting. A few of the chapters we have not heard from yet, but, on the whole, we have received more chapter letters up to date than the whole of last year put together.

This is certainly gratifying, as it evinces interest in each other by the sister kephs, which is an unmistakable index to progress.

TENNESSEE NU.—We have commenced 1887 with renewed energy, and will endeavor to bring Nu forward and place her at the head of the list here. We are yet in our infancy, but have brave leaders who will bring us out safely. We have some of the best boys in school and expect great things from them. I dare say that we will not be disappointed. Every Sig. has Nu's interest at heart and is working to promote it. It is a hard struggle with us just at this period, as we have two weeks of examinations. Everything is moving smoothly. We have not initiated any new members this year, but will in a few meetings. THE RECORD meets the hearty approbation of all. It is one of the best monthlies—may I not say the best? Some have tried to misrepresent us, but

With spirits unselfish, and without guile,  
 Extending our hand to poverty's call ;  
 Stooping, unstained, to raise up the ruined,  
 With charity's voice lamenting their fall.

Enduring afflictions, suffering wrong,  
 Above persecution proudly we'll rise,  
 And triumph o'er foes, though many and strong,  
 Knowledge is our armor and God owns our cries.

CHAPTER XI—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL, N. C.—Near the centre of the State of North Carolina, just above the sandstone formation, is the quiet village of Chapel Hill with a population of 750.

Here is situated the University of North Carolina, founded in 1789, established October 12th, 1795.

Until 1860 her star was a bright one, for no cloud had o'ercast her horizon which had not soon been dispelled, revealing her increased brilliancy ; but when the war-cloud hung low, her sons in battle, her young men building air-castles by day and dreaming dreams by night, finally shouldering arms to join their fathers and elder brothers, leaving only boys to fill their places, then her star began to decline, and soon the sound of heavy cavalry boots had replaced the echo of youth's bounding footsteps, and instead of the voice of the young Demosthenes, resounding his eloquence throughout her halls, was heard the neighing of the enemy's

horse from the basement, her star had set, and darkness had overtaken her.

For near a decade her bell was unswung, save by the wind as it moaned through her belfry, and there was a stillness as of death, save the hoot of the owl or whirr of bats which had found a haven in her loft. But in '75 the rusty bolts were drawn, the doors creaked on their unused hinges, the old bell gave forth a new tone, a new faculty occupied the "bull-pen," and new faces greeted the devout man of God when he arose to read the morning lesson, and joyous hearts sang the old hymn to a new tune, for these classic halls were again open to the seekers after wisdom.

Now we have a full equipped faculty of sixteen, with near 200 students in attendance.

In '57 the "purple" was thrown to the breeze, and Xi was enrolled as the fourth chapter of S. A. E. She led an active life until '62, when she, too, gave up the ghost, soon to be followed by Georgia Pi, the last living chapter of S. A. E.

When the university was re-opened, anti-fraternity laws were passed, but Phi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Alpha flourished *sub rosa* until January, '85, when the law was repealed. In February S. A. E. re-entered, followed in rapid succession by Mystic Seven, Phi Delta Theta, Zeta Psi, and a few months since by D. K. E. Total membership of the eight fraternities is 75.

Since Xi's re-organization her membership has ranged from ten to sixteen, with a total of twenty-three.

At the recent election of commencement officers Bro. William M. Little was elected chief and Bro. John S. Hill first sub-marshal.

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VIRGINIA OMICRON.—There have been but few events of interest in our chapter life for the last month. The time for the appearance of THE RECORD is always the much-talked-of and much-looked-for event. One stray number of the last reached us by some means several days before any of the rest, and I can venture to say it was the most appreciated number that ever came



from the press. Everybody was trying to see it at once and it went the rounds, so that by the time the others came we knew everything they contained. The only improvement we would dare to suggest is that Bro. Smith make it a weekly as soon as possible.

“Our goat” is a rather restless animal, and we have to give him a little exercise every now and then to keep him in training. He has had two gallant riders since our last letter, Bro. W. S. Vance, of Virginia, and Bro. F. S. Rodgers, of South Carolina. Omicron numbers now in all seventeen members. Our success this year in increasing our numbers has been greater than we could have well expected under the circumstances, there being so many rivals to contend with, but we have gone on the principle that where there was a *good man* to be gotten there was always room.

Our recent election of officers resulted as follows: A. E., J. C. Smith; E. D. A., G. W. McCormack; E. C., W. O. Cutliff; E. K., J. M. Larrabee; E. T., W. F. Faison; E. W., R. O. Owens; E. H., P. O. Adams; As. Ed., Benj. Micuo; E. Chi., E. F. Cochran.

With best wishes for the success of THE RECORD, and fraternal greeting to all the chapters,

OMICRON.

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CHAPTER PI.—Since our last letter we have done nothing of special interest to the fraternity. The old session is now ended and the new has begun, and the change has been a happy one for us, for we have been rejoiced by the return of one of our most favored and popular members. He had entered upon the study of medicine, but has concluded that graduation is an essential pre-requisite to professional success. We derive much strength and consolation from his presence.

The customary elections were held in the literary societies last week. Suffice it to say that we carried the day completely, and filled all the important positions either with Sigs. or their allies. We also won the entire editorial staff of our college magazine. Hope to be able to give you some more good news soon.

I am yours in bonds of S. A. E.

OHIO SIGMA.—As the 20th of the month draweth near, we are reminded that our monthly letter is due, and that the chapter, if it would sustain its present high standing, must respond cheerfully and in a manner to make it pleasant for the editor and interesting to the different chapters of our beloved organization. We have been growing steadily. We are pleased to say that, growing as the chapter now is, emulating more and more the essential virtues of our “brotherhood,” it will soon stand shoulder to shoulder with the strongest of strong sister chapters. Every man who enters Ohio Sigma passes the crucial test of good morality, rare social and literary talents, and a heart that will join in harmony with ours as we exalt the good old “Sigma Alpha Epsilon” behind the banner of the “old gold” and “royal purple.”

A good feature of our chapter is its criticisms, which tend to aid brothers in the acquisition of those mental powers, those social and moral qualities that are essential to an ideal Keph.—those attainments that are essential to superior scholarship in college and success in life.

We hope that our “Sigma Alpha Epsilon,” through “Ohio Sigma,” may be established in more Northern institutions. We are making use of every possible means to make our influence felt among the different chapters. One of the most desirable institutions in the West, and one upon which we have been casting longing eyes for a year or so, we hope to have entered ere my next chapter letter. We have tried, but have failed thus far, to enter an institution of no little reputation. We, as I said, have failed, but not through half-worked plans, etc., but owing to good and just reasons.

We do not wish to have it understood that we are unable to enter this college. Far from that. We CAN enter this one in a week (provided the council endorses our recommendation) if we desire to initiate all sorts of elements; but, until we do that, it would be a great deal better for “Sigma Alpha Epsilon” to remain on the outside. We recognize that the South is ours, and, while exceedingly anxious to extend our borders, I think a signal of alarm should be hoisted, lest in our enthusiasm we bring our

beloved Order into disrepute. "Discretion is the soul of valor," and "Ohio Sigma" does not wish to recommend the founding of chapters which shall prove "scabs," which by a little irritation are nothing but "running sores."

We now number sixteen. We often wish that some of our Southern brothers would come up out of "Dixie" into a Northern atmosphere, sit down with us at our regular meetings, and thus mingling together forget the "Blue" and "Gray," and at the common shrine of our esteemed "Goddess" worship. Brothers, we are distant from you. However, we have a brother's solicitude for each and every true "Sigma." We are comparatively young, full of life and activity, determined when the "slogan" sounds for the gathering of the "clans" that Sigma's report shall be a model one, and her position in the front rank of our bright "constellation." Chapter "Sigma" is not weak, but strong; not disinterested, but enthusiastic; not occupying a prominent place in our institution without deserving it; but is earnestly seeking truth for truth's sake. In fact, to its members Sigma is a little diamond set in the great velvet bosom of Mt. Union College.

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

OHIO SIGMA.—In my last letter to THE RECORD I said Ohio Sigma hopes soon to record the establishment of another chapter of our noble Order in one of our Northern institutions. Sisters, she, through your humble servant, established "Michigan Alpha" on the 22d of January, at Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan. Ten noble men bowed at the shrine of our goddess, received the covenant, and I doubt not their advent will be hailed with delight throughout the length and breadth of S. A. E. Brother S. M. Rinehart is the E. C. Let each chapter correspond with our "new born."

It is a matter of congratulation to learn that our Southern sisters are excited over Northern and Western extension. It be-

speaks a healthy outlook and a step in the direction of universal brotherhood. I have thought, after reading the letters from our Southern chapters, are there no places in the South where it would be an honor to unfurl the "purple and gold?" Certainly there are colleges in the South that have not as yet been entered. Why is it that they have not been? In looking over my record of correspondence, I find eight chapters who have failed to answer the letters sent to them. Nothing is so vital to our existence as a lively chapter correspondence. It would appear to me that common courtesy, outside of constitutional requirement, would suggest an acknowledgment of the receiving of said letters if nothing more. If you are sick, let us know and we will send you a prescription warranted to cure. If you are dead, for heaven's sake, and the sake of S. A. E., let your obituary be written. I very much fear that there are a few chapters which have retarded the progress of S. A. E., even in the South. I do think that a chapter that has not self-respect enough to correspond with her sisters has no right to ask to retain her existence in an organization like the S. A. E., whose principles are elevating and ennobling.

There is a disposition to establish *sub rosa* chapters in colleges where faculties are hostile. I say never do it. A chapter of that character brings no strength to an organization, and in a majority of cases becomes a great burden. Some of the letters received from the various chapters have a discouraging tone—bemoaning the fact that their number is small and their environments for that reason are discouraging. Numbers do not add any more strength to a chapter than corpulency to the human body. Some of our best and strongest chapters are our weakest in numbers. Better have eight men filled with fraternity enthusiasm than fifteen whose aims are selfish and base. "Where there is a will there is a way." What we need to place S. A. E. in the front rank of the Greek world is that the men we have be men of character, whose ambitions are noble and elevating. Let the chapters whose numbers are small so demean themselves as to command respect, and thereby establish themselves and the Order

they represent more firmly in the minds of all with whom they come in contact.

Ohio Sigma is prospering finely. We number fifteen, and are as fine a lot of boys "as you ever clapped your eyes on." Ye men in Dixie, come up and see us. You will receive a real Northern welcome. You say come down in Dixie? All right; we're coming.

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TEXAS RHO.—Dear RECORD: It again becomes our pleasant privilege to contribute our mite, as a token of the love and interest we feel for the promotion of our beloved Order; and though that mite may be trivial and of little importance, it proceeds from hearts whose every impulse is prompted by feelings the most sacred.

I am happy to state that at our last meeting we had the pleasure of adding one more name to our roll, and may now introduce to the brethren Brother A. P. Dohoney, whom we trust will prove highly worthy and deserving of the move he has taken.

I am also glad to state that Brother G. E. McCelvey, of S. C. Mu, is in our midst, and Rho is proud to number him as one of her worthy sons.

Since our last letter we are unable to report any grand victory that has been won, or any great deed that has been accomplished but though this be true, may we not say that the bonds that bind us together have been drawn more tightly, and a greater sense of duty has been imbibed into the heart of every member. Our meetings are characterized with feelings of the greatest interest, and each member seems to be fully imbued with that spirit which should swell the heart of every true Sig.

Hoping to be able to contribute a more interesting letter when next called upon, we extend to our sister chapters our best wishes, and with a hearty grip for every member, we beg to remain yours in the bonds of S. A. E.

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KENTUCKY CHI.—We have been very successful in increasing our little band to thirteen good, staunch Sigs. since my last writing.

I think we have taken in three cadets since I last wrote. Only two new boys entered the institute after Christmas, and we have initiated one of those, viz., Bro. W. J. Brown, of Rockwood, Tenn. Chi is mourning the loss of two of her best members, Bros. Harper and Chick. Bro. Harper returned home a few days since and Bro. Chick, our E. A., failed to return after Christmas.

On account of Bro. Chick's not returning, we had to have another election of officers. The result is as follows: Em. Sec., S. C. Lackey; E. C., I. C. Buckner; F. H., J. B. Hall. There were no changes made in the other officers. We are glad to see our sister chapters in such good spirits. We have received letters from quite a number and all of them seem to be progressing admirably. All of the boys are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the coming of the February RECORD.

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BETA ALUMNUS.—Once again chapter Beta Alumnus greets the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon through the pages of THE RECORD. Since our last report our chapter has signalized itself in Albany society by tendering a magnificent banquet and hop to our friends. On first consideration, the idea of giving an entertainment, the elegance and magnitude of which would be co-extensive with our desires, was by no means free of embarrassments. Our chapter being a small one, and none of the members possessing a superabundance of the world's goods, the plan did not at first seem feasible. But our members resolved to overcome all difficulties, and with that intention they spared neither trouble nor money to make the initial one of our henceforth annual banquet a success in every detail.

Judging from the complimentary notices in the local newspapers, and from expressions of admiration let fall from our invited guests, our aim was more than accomplished. The leading hotel of the city was engaged for the occasion and by nine o'clock that evening the handsome and commodious parlors were filled to overflowing with the *elite* of Albany. The walls of the parlors were gaily festooned with evergreens and flowers, whilst here and there were interspersed the mystic symbols and fraternity

signia which caused the uninitiated much wonder and curiosity. A delightful Italian band discoursed sweet music for the occasion and dancing was indulged in until the "wee sma' hours of the morn." The german was gracefully led by our worthy E. A., Bro. John D. Pope, who made it clear to all that besides being an able advocate and an excellent parliamentarian (as was evinced at the last Convention) he is an *artiste* in the Terpsichorean line.

During an intermission in the programme, a most sumptuous repast was spread, the rich viands presenting a most tempting sight. The *menu* was elegant and varied and consisted of such delicacies as satisfy the most decided epicure. The evening, long to be remembered, passed off most enjoyably to all and we were loth to leave the scene of merriment and good cheer.

Thus passed of a very notable event in the history of Beta Alumnus. This being our first shall not be our last, for we are intent upon getting up another *recherche* affair at an early date.

Our boys are all keenly alive to the interest of our noble Order, and it is a source of regret to us that the fact of our being an alumnus chapter deprives us to a certain extent of active connection with the fraternity. There exists in our chapter the same fraternal spirit as in the most zealous, active chapter. The same warm grip of S. A. E. is extended when our boys meet, and as the hands are entwined in the mystic clutch, recollections, hallowed by fond associations in the halls of our mother chapters, well up in our minds and we long for a return of the halcyon days which are now "added to the mass of buried ages."

It was our good fortune to discover one of the long-lost Sigs. a few days since, whose name, like many others, was by some mischance omitted from our catalogues. The committee compiling the new catalogue ascertained the names of over a hundred of the lost Sigs., but this newly found one we could never get until recently. His name is Joseph B. Beall, from New York city. He is a member of the New York Cotton Exchange and is spending the winter in our city. Bro. Beall was a member of old Georgia Pi at Marietta. Through THE RECORD I offer him a hearty welcome back into the fold.

## LETTERS FROM ALUMNI.

DEAR BROTHER—Many thanks for THE RECORD received this afternoon. Its coming awakens only the pleasantest memories of “auld lang syne.” Success to you.

Fraternally, THOS. C. WALTON.

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DEAR BROTHER—I have received and read with pleasure the October and November and December numbers of THE RECORD. I think the publication reflects great credit on you, and I congratulate each member of our fraternity that every month he will have before him this journal of the successful progress of our beloved Order. My interest in and love for our noble institution has not abated in the eighteen years that have elapsed since I ceased to be an active member of Georgia Beta.

I desire to subscribe for THE RECORD, and also for the Catalogue, so if you will kindly send me subscription blanks I will sign and return with remittance.

Yours in bonds of S. A. E.,

W. E. BIRD.

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MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I have received the last issue of THE RECORD, and like it very much indeed. Can you furnish me numbers 1 and 2 (October and November numbers) of THE RECORD? I would be glad to receive them. I was a subscriber under the old management, and was not informed of any change in the management until very recently, so I was looking for a copy once every three months; but it failed to come, so I wrote to Brother Osborne, who informed me of the change and said that he would refer the matter to you. Well, I want to be counted as a subscriber as long as THE RECORD is published. Every Sig. ought to lend his assistance to everything that would build up our fraternity, and there is nothing that will build up our noble fraternity as quickly as a magazine, and aid in making it one of the grandest orders ever established. I consider it one of



the grandest institutions in existence, and one of which every member may well feel proud. I shall be delighted to assist you in any way that I am able. I shall do all I can to encourage the publication of our college mag.

I am also anxious to get a copy of Fraternity Catalogue, so you can place me in your list for one of same, and when you forward it forward your bill for cost of same, and my subscription for one year to RECORD, and I shall remit the amount.

I am yours fraternally,

S J. HENRY.

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LAWRENCEBURG, KY., Jan. 27, 1887.

DEAR RECORD—Accept my many thanks for a copy of your December number. Fond recollections come “running” back to view as adown the “lane of the past” I look. It has now been eleven years since I left S. A. E.’s halls (Chi ’76), but oft do I remember the pleasant times we had at old K. M. I. Glad to know that you are issuing a catalogue. Trust you may meet with the success in THE RECORD AND CATALOGUE you so richly deserve. It brings sad memories to my mind as I look back at ’72 at K. M. I. There were 33 in our class. To-day I know of 11 that have “gone before,” and a great many I have not heard of for years. We have in our town Sigs. who all look back with the kindest delight to the days of the past. L. B. McBrayer is cashier of Deposit Bank; C. A. Witherspoon is teller of the same bank; C. P. Johnson is in the insurance business; C. A. Leathers (Tommie) writes M. D. after his name and is enjoying fine practice; Eph. Lillard is in Lancaster, Ky., in drug business, and doing well (married lately); J. A. Murray is in Frankfort, Ky., living on good humor; R. J. Owens travels for Warsaw tobacco house; James Irion is in Waco, Tex.; Robert Goss writes his name Professor Robert Goss, Waxahatchie, Texas; L. A. Ferris is in the banking business at Waxahatchie; W. F. Kirkbride is with F. P. Andrews & Co., Mobile, Ala.; W. P. Shedberger is in railroad office at Memphis, Tenn.—Pete wants to marry right away; Major R. H. Wildberger is on plantation near Memphis;

the "noblest Roman of them all," Jim McGinnis, is in Nicholasville doing well.

These are just a few of Chi's men whom I remember. Could write you many pages of the *different boys*, as I have tried to keep the *run* of all my Kep. *mates*.

I have been in business *here* five years; have been married eight years and have two *kids* that call me *pop*. I have some interesting *relics* that were left in my hands at different *times* by different parties. I have, I think, the original charter granted to Phi before the *war*, and recalled in time of the *rebellion*. Have full account of the chapter at Columbus, Miss., destroyed when Sherman *came* by to the sea.

Some time, when your columns are not crowded, I may give you some facts gathered by extensive correspondence about the past of our *Frat*. One thing I would dearly love to see, for all *brothers* to send THE RECORD short letters telling of removal of brothers, etc.

Wishing you much success in your undertaking, and in bonds of S. A. E.,

B. T. FARMER.

DEAR RECORD—I regret my inability to furnish you with an article for this issue, but I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing to Bro. J. L. Withers, of Delta, my great pleasure in finding that my statement in regard to the condition of the two literary societies at the South Carolina College was incorrect.

I received my information from an S. A. E. who had visited the college, and one whom I considered capable of judging.

Fraternally yours,

W. A. GUERRY.

## PERSONALS.

CHI.—Major R. J. Owen, Prof. of '86, and our old E. A., is in the cigar business with Brother Chambers, at Warsaw, Ky.

A. S. Chick, who left us Xmas, is in the First National Bank, of Kansas City. His number is 1101 Brooklyn avenue.

J. W. Harper, '87, is farming near Tiptonville, Tenn. "Chis," best wishes are with you. "Milam."

W. O. Green, B. E., '85, is in the Farmers' Bank at Frankford, Ky.

Major R. H. Snively, Prof. '86, is practicing law in Louisville, Kentucky.

Captain W. L. King, "B. A.," '86, is in business at Mount Carmel, Ky.

XI.—Brother Eugene S. Martin, a member of *ante-bellum* Xi, now a prominent lawyer in Wilmington, recently delivered an address before the State Grand Lodge of the Masonic Order which was highly complimented by the State press.

Brother A. H. Eller, A. B. '85, is making a fine beginning in the law business in Winston, N. C.

Brother J. W. Alexander, '88, left us Xmas, and is now in the clothing business in Charlotte.

Brother John W. Atkinson, '89, is in business in Virginia, and will rise to prominence if he keeps above his collar.

Brother S. P. Graves, '87, leaves us this month to practice law in Mount Airy, N. C.

Brother Francis Womack is making pills and selling porous plasters for Lee, Johnson & Co., Raleigh, N. C., and wants every "Sig." who passes Raleigh to call on him.

Brother J. B. Patterson, A. B. '86, is teaching the young *shoot* how to *idea* in Laurinburgh, N. C.

TENNESSEE LAMBDA.—Brother J. M. Wagstaff, Tennessee Lambda, '84, is now President of the Buffalo Gap College, Buffalo Gap, Texas. The institution has 160 students, and is flourishing under the present management. It is owned by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Northern Texas.

TENNESSEE ETA.—Brother W. J. Gates, Tennessee Eta, '85, is planting at Fayette corner, Tenn. He is an enterprising young man. He expects to make a business trip over Louisiana in March. Let Louisiana Sigs. give him a fraternal welcome.

TENNESSEE OMEGA.—Brother James McConnell, Jr., Omega, '85, is studying law in his father's office. His address is 25 Commercial Place, New Orleans. He is always glad to see a Si.

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### MARRIED.

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BARRETT—HOLLINGSWORTH.

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In New Orleans, on January 25th, at the First Presbyterian Church, in a quiet manner, the happy marriage of Miss Lilian Q. Hollingsworth to Mr. T. C. Barrett was celebrated, the Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer officiating. The groom, a rising young lawyer of Shreveport, La., and a brother-in-law of Hon. N. C. Blanchard, Representative of the Fourth Congressional District, is an alumnus of Tennessee Omega, and an enthusiastic Sig. He has a manner so genial and a disposition so cheerful that his presence is always a pleasure, and the integrity and nobility of his character, with his singleness of purpose and legal ability, will surmount all difficulties and secure him a place among men. The bride, possessing a sweet and lovely person, is the daughter of Col. J. M. Hollingsworth, of Caddo parish, one of the most successful planters in the South, and an enterprising and public-spirited citizen. The writer met the bride only for a few moments in New Orleans shortly after the marriage, yet in that time he was convinced that in her were happily blended all those charming qualities which make Southern women so universally admired and so particularly loved. Omega sends through THE RECORD her most cordial and fraternal congratulations, and trusts that the charms and virtues of each will be reflected in the union and make it one of unbroken happiness and prosperity.

The boys of Omega now proudly boast two of the most beautiful married sisters that ever jeweled an S. A. E. badge, and they are so delighted with the success of Brothers Barrett and Harris that they (the writer included) are determined to embrace the first likewise opportunity with all the ardor of the blind god.

# Editorial.

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## THE S. A. E. CATALOGUE.

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The much-talked-of and long-looked-for *Catalogue* of the S. A. E. Fraternity is ready for subscribers at last. Much time, money and work have been expended in bringing it out. We had only a small edition printed, as it was too expensive, and the risk of disposing of them too uncertain. We brought out about 200 copies more than was necessary to fill subscriptions received before publishing, and all who wish a copy must lose no time in placing their orders, as the supply will soon be exhausted. As the alumni brothers have been heartiest in our support of THE RECORD and *Catalogue*, we feel inclined to extend to those who have not yet subscribed for the *Catalogue* and RECORD *extra* and *very liberal* inducements to do so. The price of the *Catalogue* is \$2.50, and the subscription to RECORD \$2.00, but we will send the *Catalogue* and RECORD from now until October, 1887, for \$3.00.

We make this offer in order to close out the remaining *Catalogues* as soon as possible. The work is one of rare merit and well worth the price charged. A full history of the S. A. E. Fraternity and information about all the members is here obtained. Every member of the fraternity should possess one, and we are only sorry that we did not get enough orders to authorize us to bring out a large edition, but the brothers were too slow in notifying us, and we had to act accordingly. Send your orders to  
A. J. SMITH, Box 423, Atlanta, Ga.

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WE have had letters from various sources asking if certain laws and punishments inflicted on those who fail to comply with them are carried out? We are obliged to answer this question

in the *negative* as it is put, but every law made was intended to be enforced, and the sooner S. A. E. takes this matter in hand, forces all members and chapters to comply with all requirements, the better it will be for the fraternity—especially so since our fraternity is making such rapid progress in extending its borders. It is the duty of all chapters that do their full duty to see that every chapter in its respective province conforms to the law or forfeits its charter. There is no excuse for non-compliance by any one or any chapter, for no obligations are imposed but what can be easily met, and we urge upon the chapters to send delegates to the next convention that will uphold our Constitution in every particular.

There is one clause that we shall endeavor to see enforced, and that is that part of the Constitution which defines the duties of chapters of the fraternity and chapter editors to the fraternity magazine. Out of about forty chapter editors, only about twenty-three of them sent in chapter letters for March, and not one sent an essay or article for publication. A full list of the delinquents has been made out and forwarded to the Supreme Council and to the chapters whose editors failed to comply. Now, it is the duty of the chapters to see that their editor pays the fine if he failed to do his duty, for the chapter is responsible to the fraternity.

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WE wish to complete our list of S. A. E. RECORDS, and we will pay full price for the following:

Of volume I. we want numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4; of volume III. we want number 4; of volume IV. we want number 2; of volume V. we want numbers 1 and 2; of volume VI. we want numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4. If any brother who reads this should have the above volumes and numbers, we would like for him to write us what he will take for them.

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IN the *Sigma Chi* for December we saw a statement which we did not understand, and so wrote to the chapter editor at Central University of S. A. E. to find out the truth of the report.

It was to the effect that Phi Delta Theta had lifted one of "S. A. E.'s" men to increase her own ranks. We thought it was a lie, and the following letter from Bro. Hagan confirms our belief. This is not the first time we have found our friend, *Sigma Chi*, guilty of such statements, so we will know how to credit her statements in the future :

RICHMOND, KY., Jan. 24, 1887.

DEAR BROTHER—Yours of 21st instant to hand, and its contents require an immediate reply. Will say in behalf of Grand Chapter Kappa, at Central University, Richmond, Ky., that no such occurrence as one of her members joining "Phi Delta Theta" has happened. It is basely false; and when I say this I mean that no initiate of "K" has joined "P. D. T.," and if any of "P. D. T.'s" men at "C.U." were formerly "S. A. E.'s" we are ignorant of it. Yours was the first that I had of any such report. Please correct at once through RECORD and others.

Fraternally your brother,

T. S. HAGAN, E. G. C.

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WE have had several complaints about the non-appearance of THE RECORD. We mail THE RECORD to every chapter and one for each member the day they come from the press, and if the chapters fail to get them it is the fault of the mail service; but we will gladly mail a second lot to all if they will only let us know. We have received a few complaints from other sources. We would take it as a favor if all brothers will drop us a postal telling us if they receive this RECORD and if we have their address correct.

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AT the last convention in Atlanta the brothers from Athens had on sale copies of a beautiful "waltz," composed and dedicated to S. A. E. by "Miss Nellie Stovall," who is so well and favorably known by the members of our fraternity. She has been a strong advocate of our fraternity for several years, and has caused many a *Barb* to cast his lot among us. The proceeds from the waltz go to the fund for the chapter house of Beta chapter. All Sigs. who can ought to get a copy, as the price is low, the waltz beautiful and the cause a laudable one. All who wish a copy can get it by sending fifty cents to Brother Charley Mell, Athens, Ga.



IN our last issue we devoted some thirteen pages to a study of the chapters, and promised to complete the list in the March issue. As the task is one of no small work, we will have to ask further indulgence, as we failed to complete the list for the March RECORD. It will appear in the April number.

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THE committee appointed to award the Irving prize found it difficult to make a decision, and a second committee was obtained and they agreed that Omega's letter was more to the point and covered the ground fully, and the prize was awarded Bro. Jas. W. Spratt. We congratulate him, for it is certainly worthy the best efforts of any brother. A description of the set can be found on page 237 of the January RECORD. The contest lay between Tennessee Omega, Georgia Delta, Missouri Alpha, Ohio Sigma and Virginia Pi. The first committee gave Georgia Delta one vote, Omega one and Virginia Pi one, and they did not change. The last voted for Missouri Alpha, Georgia Delta Omega and Ohio Sigma, and finally Omega got two votes which decided the matter.

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WE want a song book, and our poets must call their powers into play and send us contributions for that purpose. To encourage the brothers in the matter, we offer as a prize any one of the poets described on page 229 of January RECORD, for the best poem on any subject pertaining to the fraternity, of not more than six verses of four to eight lines.

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## REVIEWS.

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We have received the Phi Delta Theta song book and the "History of Omega Chapter" of Sigma Chi, but press of other duties has prevented our giving them a careful examination.

The song book of Phi Delta Theta is nicely arranged, printed

on heavy paper and well bound. It is gotten up after the plan of all other college songs, and includes many pieces taken from other collections; and while there is nothing special to commend yet there is nothing to condemn.

The Omega history, by Frank M. Elliott, is a work of genuine, good merit, and is very readable. There are parts of it that would interest any college man, and especially Greeks, and we may give our readers the benefit of some of the chapters in the future if the author does not object.

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### EXCHANGES.

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SINCE our last we have received the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* for October, as "Beta Theta Pi" expresses it, "the latest thing out." There is not much of interest to outsiders in that issue. The Phi Gamma Delta gets its journal up on the plan of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*—or, at least, it tries to. It looks very neat.

THE *Purple and Gold*, of Chi Psi, for December, is also at hand. It contains nothing but matter relating to Chi Psi. It has a very neat steel frontispiece.

THE *Kappa Sigma Quarterly* made its appearance for the last quarter of 1886, and, like the others, is devoted to the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. It has two or three statements concerning S. A. E. that are false, but as they do not affect our fraternity in any way, we will not go into detail. We think Kappa Sigma could very greatly improve the appearance of their journal if they had better facilities for printing. But as it is done in a little town of about one thousand inhabitants, and on the press of a country job office, we cannot, of course, expect better. S. A. E. has experienced the same disadvantages in the past.

THE last and one of the best on our exchange list is *Beta Theta Pi* for January. It has an article under the head of Editorial, "Know Thyself—and Others." It is good, and as it is no less applicable to the members of S. A. E. than Beta Theta Pi, we quote it:

## KNOW THYSELF—AND OTHERS.

Our experience goes to show that the fraternity man who takes sufficient interest in his respective order to become an authority upon its chapters, its organization, its history, etc., is of a very small minority as compared with his more indolent or less zealous brethren. This is by no means a reflection upon our own fraternity, for we venture the assertion, and honestly believe it to be true, that no Greeks are better informed in regard to their own fraternity, or the fraternity system in general, than are Betas. Nor is this all we believe, for we have been trying to put it as mildly as possible. If we could whisper it to Betas alone, and without danger of injuring the self-love of our rivals, we would say that Betas, as a rule, know more about their own and other fraternities than any other class of fraternity men. This is bold and egotistical, we are aware; but, nevertheless, it has its foundation of credulity, and is not a piece of mere reckless self-glorification. Remember, too, that we say it to Betas only, and have we not a right to slap each other on the back occasionally with congratulatory vigor? There are reasons why the fraternity knowledge of the average Beta is as good, at least, as that of any of his rivals. Chief among these reasons is the fact that he has better facilities for acquiring this knowledge. Our system of semi-annuals keeps us well informed of the status of our own chapters, and gives us much valuable information in regard to other fraternities. We knew a Beta a few years ago, in an Eastern college, who was able to inform the members of a rival chapter that their fraternity had established a chapter in a Western State. The fact that we have forty-eight chapters; distributed among the best colleges in all sections of the country, and that we meet more rivals than any other college fraternity, gives us a clear advantage in breadth of general information, in interest and in tolerance.

While all this is true, is it not also true, as implied in our first sentence, that Betas, as well as other fraternity men, know much too little of their own fraternity? Too many fraternity men look upon their chapters as mere local clubs of a social, literary or other nature. They know, of course, that these chapters have wider relations, and they have a certain pride in the fame and success of their fraternity. But our point is that the fraternity is to them merely the background of the picture, and is not so much of a reality as is the chapter. They have a theoretical interest in its welfare and a theoretical desire to know more about it, but these fade into thin air when some practical test is applied. We venture to say that there are fraternity men, not to say Betas, who could not tell impromptu how many chapters there are in their fraternity, and how many in their own State. When we come to ask for the name and college of every chapter in the fraternity, how many men shall we find in a chapter who are able to answer? To go much farther than this would leave us a very small minority indeed. In some fraternities of variable conditions, ever starting and ever losing chapters, there is more excuse for ignorance. When we consider the advantages which Betas possess, little excuse for them will appear for this condition of affairs. As to knowledge of other fraternities, what shall we say? If we haply know so little about ourselves, it is quite probable that we know much less about our neighbors. Knowledge of other fraternities is not, of course, so important to us as knowledge of our own concern, yet this knowledge of our rivals in the Greek world is well worth the time and trouble necessary to acquire it. It will prove both interesting and

profitable to men personally; and, above all, it will add strength to our own chapters, and through them to our fraternity. In every contest it is of the highest importance to have a thorough knowledge of the enemy. If we could go into a campaign fully aware of the points of vantage of our opponents, as well as of their weaknesses, our knowledge of our own fraternity could be used much more effectively. Other advantages will readily appear to one who gives the matter a careful consideration. Probably few will deny that the only reasons for our ignorance are indolence and lack of interest. None surely will uphold these as valid reasons for the continuance of that ignorance.

The remedy for this evil is with the chapters. The means of knowledge are at hand. First and best is Wm. R. Baird's "Fraternity Manual," which should be carefully studied by every Greek. Then there are the fraternity journals. We all read our own magazine, of course; but do we also read the organs of other fraternities? Most of them can be obtained at a moderate expenditure, and they are well worth reading. Every chapter ought to have upon its table at least the organs of the fraternities which have chapters in its own college. To have the journals of other leading fraternities would be well worth the expense. They often contain historical sketches and discussions of fraternity topics which are very valuable. In our own journal, such papers as those of brother Baird, upon the history of our fraternity, which appeared in Vol. XI., 1883-84, should be carefully studied. They are a mine of valuable information. Nor is a close examination of the semi-annuals to be ignored. We have already hinted at the way in which their contents are useful. Private correspondence will form an admirable supplement to the more formal letters.

Every new brother should be made to realize that he is a member of a great fraternity, and that he is expected to be thoroughly informed about its history, organization, chapters, government, present condition and policy for the future. This can be done rather by creating and fostering an ardent fraternity spirit than by any formal maxims or exhortations. Fraternity studies, made in an informal and interesting way, will furnish the means of information. Many chapters have such a system with varying methods to suit differing men and circumstances. With such studies universally in vogue, can there be any doubt that new strength and power would be added to our fraternity life and loyalty?

THE Semi-Annuals, which form an interesting feature in the January issue, are full and interesting.

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THE following extract, taken from *D. K. E. Quarterly* for October, may prove of interest to college men, and we give it in full:

#### SELF-GOVERNMENT BY STUDENTS.

The *Quarterly* has not infrequently of late had occasion to note the growth of systems of college government, based upon the capacity of students to govern themselves through their own or-

ganizations, provided only they are at once charged with the responsibility involved and given the necessary power. How close is the relation between the theory thus put into operation and that lying at the origin of Greek organizations needs to not be explained here, and a peculiar interest attaches to the latest and, in some respects, the most radical departure from the petty faculty pedagogism once so universally in vogue.

We cannot better illustrate the plan adopted at Tulane, an institution which, in amount of its endowment and extent of its opportunities, ranks among the very first of our country, than by quoting from its catalogue the regulations adopted November 16 last and now in operation:

1. The regularly matriculated students in Tulane College shall constitute its Academic Corps.

2. For the good government of the Academic Corps, the freshman, sophomore and junior classes shall each elect quarterly, and the senior class annually, a president, vice-president and secretary, whose duty it shall be to preserve order in its study rooms, and to enforce the discipline of the university in the class. In case of persistent violation of order or breaches of discipline, the class president shall present the case to the board of directors of the Academic Corps, who, when necessary or advisable, shall present the facts to the faculty for action.

3. The board of directors shall consist of the senior president, who shall be *ex-officio* president, the junior president, who shall be *ex-officio* vice-president, and the sophomore and freshmen presidents, who shall be *ex-officio* secretaries; and of eight members who shall consist of the vice-presidents and secretaries of the four classes.

4. The board of directors shall have cognizance of all cases brought before them by the class officers, and also of all matters touching the general discipline and welfare of the Academic Corps. They shall constitute a court of honor to which shall be referred all quarrels not otherwise adjusted, and their decisions shall be obligatory on the parties, unless reversed by the faculty. But an appeal shall be allowed to the faculty in all cases and its decisions shall be final.

Such is the advanced position taken by the great university of the far South; such is the plan which experience shows cannot but prove a success, not merely at Tulane, but at the numerous lesser institutions that are destined to follow its lead.

## A STUDY OF THE CHAPTERS.

In our last issue we left off with Alabama Mu and promised to complete the list in the March issue. So in alphabetical order comes

*South Carolina Mu*, which is located at Erskine College, Due West, South Carolina. This chapter was organized in 1884 by some brothers from South Carolina Delta. They succeeded in securing some of the first men in Erskine College to start with, and the chapter was thus placed on high ground, and the brothers have not lowered their standard one iota. The members of this chapter are certainly loyal Sigs., for they had to fight the opposing faculty for a year, when the trustees of the college recognized them, then and they enjoyed greater freedom, but the faculty still try to crush the fraternity, but to no avail. Mu has a present membership of fourteen and a total membership on her roll of twenty-two. Next on the list is

*Tennessee Nu*, was chartered at Nashville College (now Vanderbilt) in 1857. It is one of the oldest chapters of the fraternity, and has on its roll honor-men by the score. The chapter disbanded during the war, but was early revived at its close and prospered until about '78, when the college was endowed by Vanderbilt, and the new administration closed its doors to college fraternities. S. A. E. was revived again in 1882, when that odious law was repealed, and has had a good chapter most of the time since, though the prospects at times seemed gloomy, as the men would enter, graduate in their departments and leave. The chapter is now on a firm basis, and we sincerely trust our brothers will lay the foundation securely and let each coming year add new strength and glory to the renowned chapter.

*North Carolina Xi*, which is located at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was chartered in 1857, and prospered till the outbreak of the war, when her men enlisted in the Confederate service. The records of the chapter were destroyed and

everything left in a dilapidated condition. The college was not re-opened till a few years ago, and fraternities were not admitted till 1885, when the brothers of North Carolina Theta at once started up S. A. E. We quote from a letter of Bro. M. L. John, received February 19, 1887, the following data concerning Chapter Xi:

“To O. L. Clark belongs the honor of our re-establishment, for it was through him (an old school-mate of six of us) that we were induced to select S. A. E. very soon after the abolition of anti-fraternity regulations.

Being prostrated with typhoid fever, he was not permitted the pleasure of forming the chapter in person, but sent R. D. Ross and J. R. Orland to Durham, N. C., where four of our men met them February 21, 1885, and were initiated in Hotel Claiborn into S. A. E. A charter had not been granted us, but was granted on the 25th. inst. *Ante-bellum* Xi had 25 on her roll. Re-organized Xi has 23, making a total of 48. Since re-organization the roll has ranged from ten to sixteen. We rent a neat little hall and have nicely furnished it at an expense of over a hundred dollars.”

*Xi* has enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity since re-organization, and the chapter stands first-class in every respect. Our support from Xi and North Carolina Theta for THE RECORD is stronger than any other chapters, except South Carolina Delta. Every member of these chapters take THE RECORD and all of them will take the Catalogue. They not only take it, but have paid for it and are canvassing for subscriptions from their alumni. Bro. Claudius Dockey expresses the sentiment of his chapter when he wrote me for subscription blanks and said: “We know you need the support of all loyal Sigs., and we are determined that our alumni shall do their part.” If all the chapters would only catch this spirit, S. A. E. would soon stand at the head of American college fraternities.

*Virginia Omicron* is located at the University of Virginia, and was established in 1857 and flourished till the outbreak of the war. S. A. E. always stood high at this chapter, and the broth-

ers who went out from it still love the fraternity with that love which characterizes true Sigs. The chapter was revived immediately after the close of the war and had a large membership, and took an active part in the extension and government of the order. From some cause the membership grew small in 1878, and the charter was sent in and was not revived till 1885. The chapter has since labored zealously, and now has some twenty members who are as enthusiastic as can be, and are loyal to the RECORD, all of them having subscribed and paid up. The total membership to date is about 120.

*Georgia Pi* was chartered early in the history of the fraternity and located at the Georgia Military Institute, Marietta, Ga., in 1857. This chapter initiated 39 members before the outbreak of the war, when the members enlisted in the Confederate army. The college was destroyed; hence the chapter was never revived. At the close of the war the surviving members entered other colleges and many of them were thus instrumental in locating chapters of S. A. E. elsewhere. Most of Pi's men who are still living have made their mark, and S. A. E. looks on them with pride.

*Virginia Pi* is next on the roll and is located at Emory and Henry College, Va. The faculty have never given their consent for Greek Letter Fraternities to exist. The story of this chapter is best told by one of their men, Bro. J. B. Thomas :

On the 26th of May, 1884, brother A. J. Smith organized the S. A. E. Fraternity here with seven charter members. During the time which has ensued since that eventful day, we have laid our foundation securely, though slowly, and now I think we can bid defiance to every obstacle, while we are destined at no distant day to drive every enemy from the field, and see our banner of purple and gold float in triumph upon the blood-stained ramparts. At present we are only a little band of six, but, as I said in my other letter, we are indulging bright anticipations of prospective work. Our membership is as follows: L. M. Shumate, age twenty years, son of a renowned member of the bar, whose residence is at Dalton, Ga.; J. W. Wisdom, age twenty-two years,



also from Georgia, and son of a successful and enterprising landowner; H. L. Morgan and J. R. George, age twenty years respectively, and sons of two of Southwest Virginia's most noted cattle kings; Sam. Honaker, son of a wealthy banker at Abingdon, Va., and the present A. E. (J. B. Thomas).

We have had in all twenty-one initiates to the mysteries of our Order. They are representative men in every respect. I think, on the whole, that we have maintained the standard, and we can produce a record that will attest the intellectual status of our boys. The following are the college honors conferred upon S. A. E. during the past two years: C. M. Bishop, debater's medal; Taliaferro Clark, first honor; E. J. Potts, the improvement medal; H. L. Morgan, the declaimer's medal; R. R. Kane, the declaimer's and orator's medals; J. B. Thomas, the mathematical medal. In addition to this we have been fully represented upon all public entertainments, etc.

We hold weekly meetings, but since we are *sub rosa* we have no regular method of procedure—no regular form of business transactions. We have no hall, as we are not strong enough to furnish and maintain it, and if we were, such a thing would be impracticable on account of the opposition of college laws. We keep partial records of what we do from time to time and will be more exact hereafter. We kept up an active correspondence with the various chapters last session, but have been rather negligent in that line lately. We can count our alumni on our fingers, and watch all their movements with interest; will endeavor to keep their loyalty to the fraternity at a high pitch of intensity. We all take THE RECORD and have every hope of its phenomenal success under the control of its present manager. With best wishes, I am yours in bonds of S. A. E.

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*North Carolina Rho* was chartered in 1876 and located at the Carolina Military Institute, Charlotte, N. C. The faculty was hostile, yet twelve of the leading students were initiated, but were forced to give in their charter in 1877. The institution has since been on the decline and but little is ever heard from it.

*Texas Rho* was located at Marvin College, Waxahatchie, Texas, in 1881 by Brother R. S. Goss, an alumnus of Kentucky Chi, and of oratorical fame. Bro. Goss succeeded in initiating some fine men. The college disbanded and the chapter was moved to the University of Texas in 1885, where the chapter now flourishes. Their progress at the university was slow at first, but they are gradually gaining a hold. They have a present membership of ten and there are some thirty men in all on the roll of Rho. If the brothers of this chapter would procure a nice hall and furnish it, S. A. E. would have no trouble in maintaining a chapter in the university.

*Washington City Rho* was chartered in 1858 and located at Columbian College, and continued till the outbreak of the war. It was quickly re-organized at its close and lasted till 1869, when the charter was withdrawn. We are not familiar with the history of this chapter, and do not care to venture opinions concerning it. Forty-two men are on the roll, many of whom occupy prominent positions and have done credit to their fraternity.

*Ohio Sigma* comes next on the list, and the history is best told by one of their members, who is a professor and certainly ought to be able to judge rightly. Bro. Focht says:

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, through Bro. R. J. Owen, established Ohio Sigma Chapter in the spring of '85 with a charter membership of twelve. Twenty-eight active and nine honorary members have been initiated up to date. At the commencement, held July, 1885, Bro T. E. Cramblet graduated with honor, taking first society honor—"oration." At last commencement eleven of our "noble band" received diplomas, and went forth from the halls of their "alma mater" well qualified to enter life's broad arena. The following class and society honors were taken: Class—Class History, Bro. W. A. Carlisle; Class Poem, Bro. W. S. Fritch; Class Oration, Bro. H. E. Niesy; Class Prophecy and Society Debate, Bro. J. F. Kirkbride; Greek Oration, Bro. C. C. Carroll; Latin Oration, Bro. S. A. Kirkbride; German Oration, Bro. H. C. Hartshorn; Society Oration, Repub-

lican, Bro. U. C. Deford; Society Oration, Sinnæan, Bro. M. E. Dunn; Society Debate, Sinnæan, Bro. W. A. Carrier.

The chapter entered upon its new year with increased vigor and enthusiasm with an active membership of twelve, which has since been augmented by the initiation of four new men. All of these brothers, by their conduct, scholarship and general ability, have proven that our selections were wisely made, and that the character and standing of "Ohio Sigma" will remain at its usual standard in our college, viz., the highest.

These brothers are wide awake and are doing much for the fraternity in the way of Northern and Western extension.

An account of the chapter established by Bro. Focht at Adrian College, Mich., is given in this issue. The chapter has initiated 36 men up to date.

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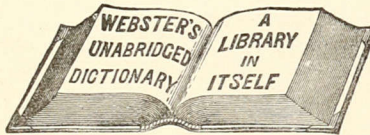
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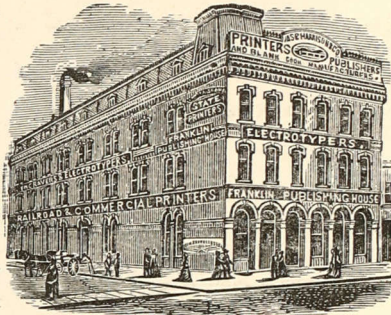
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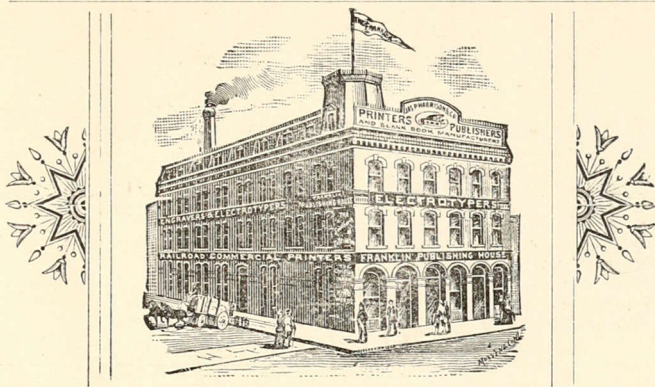
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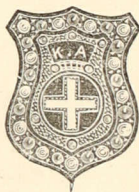
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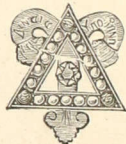
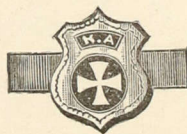
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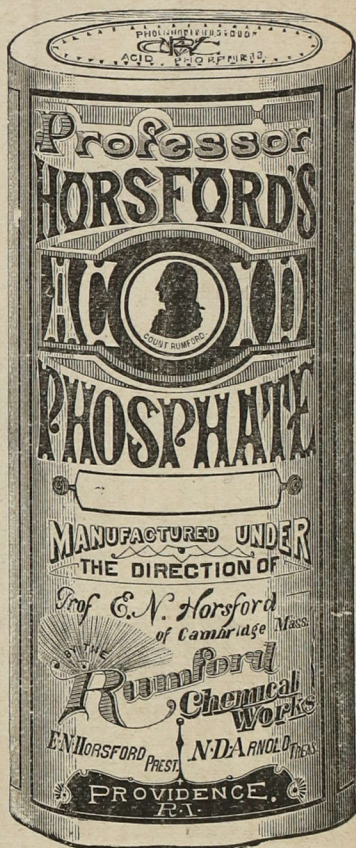
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