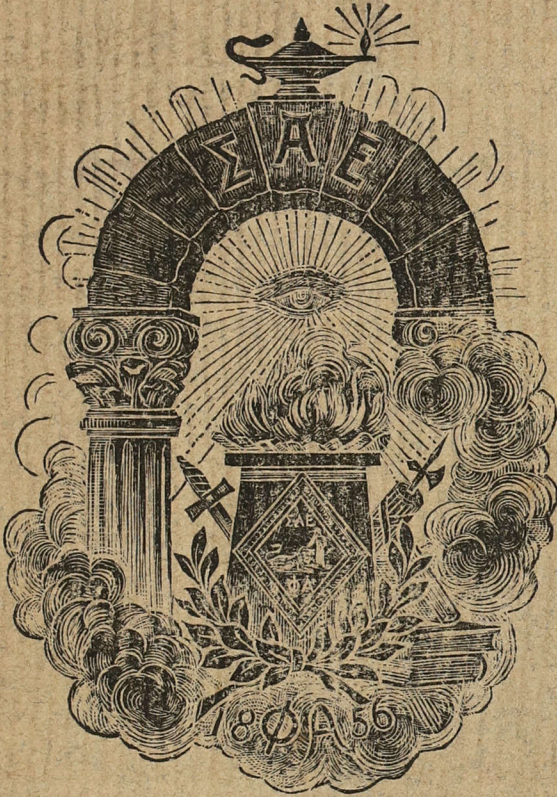


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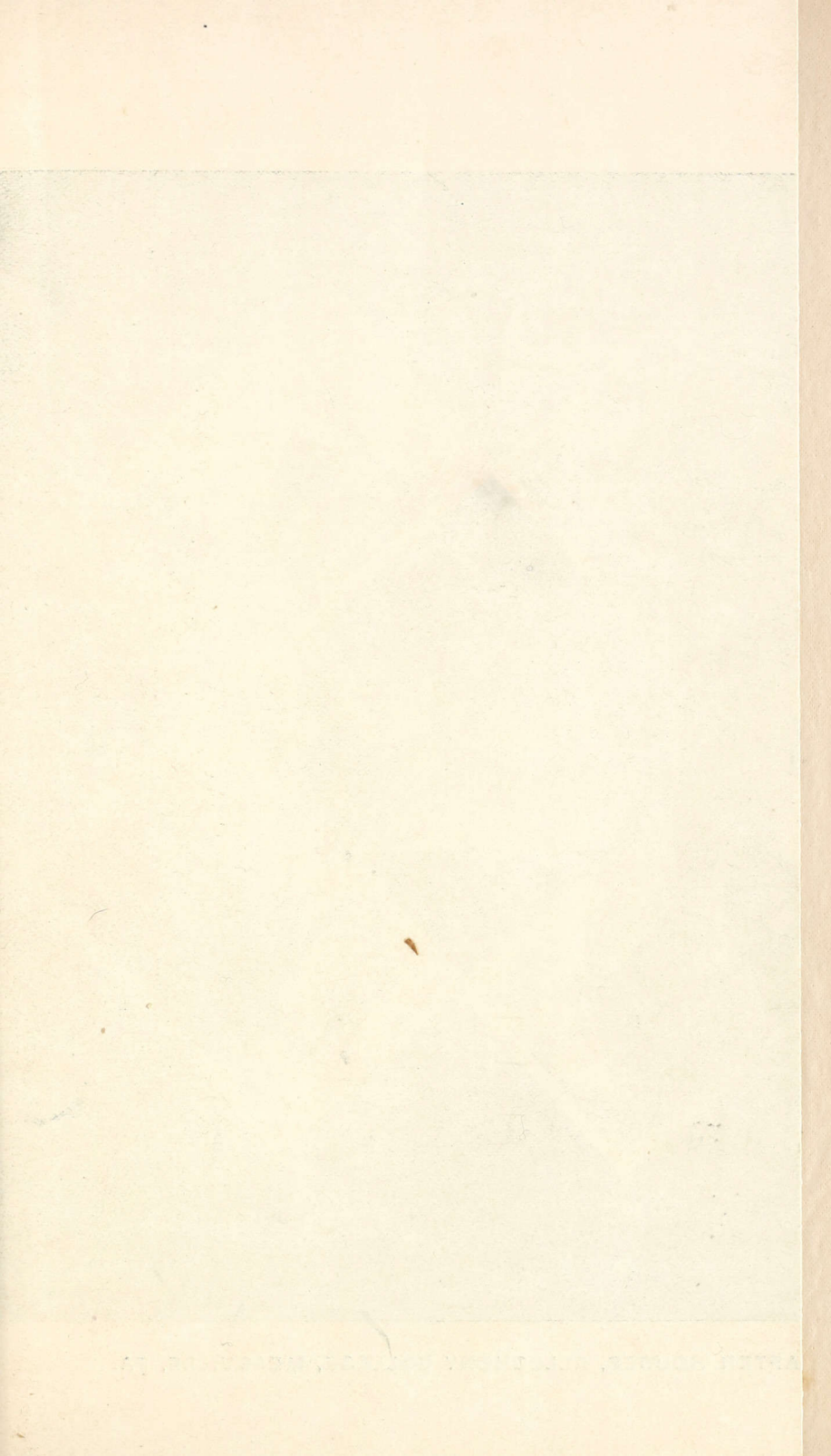
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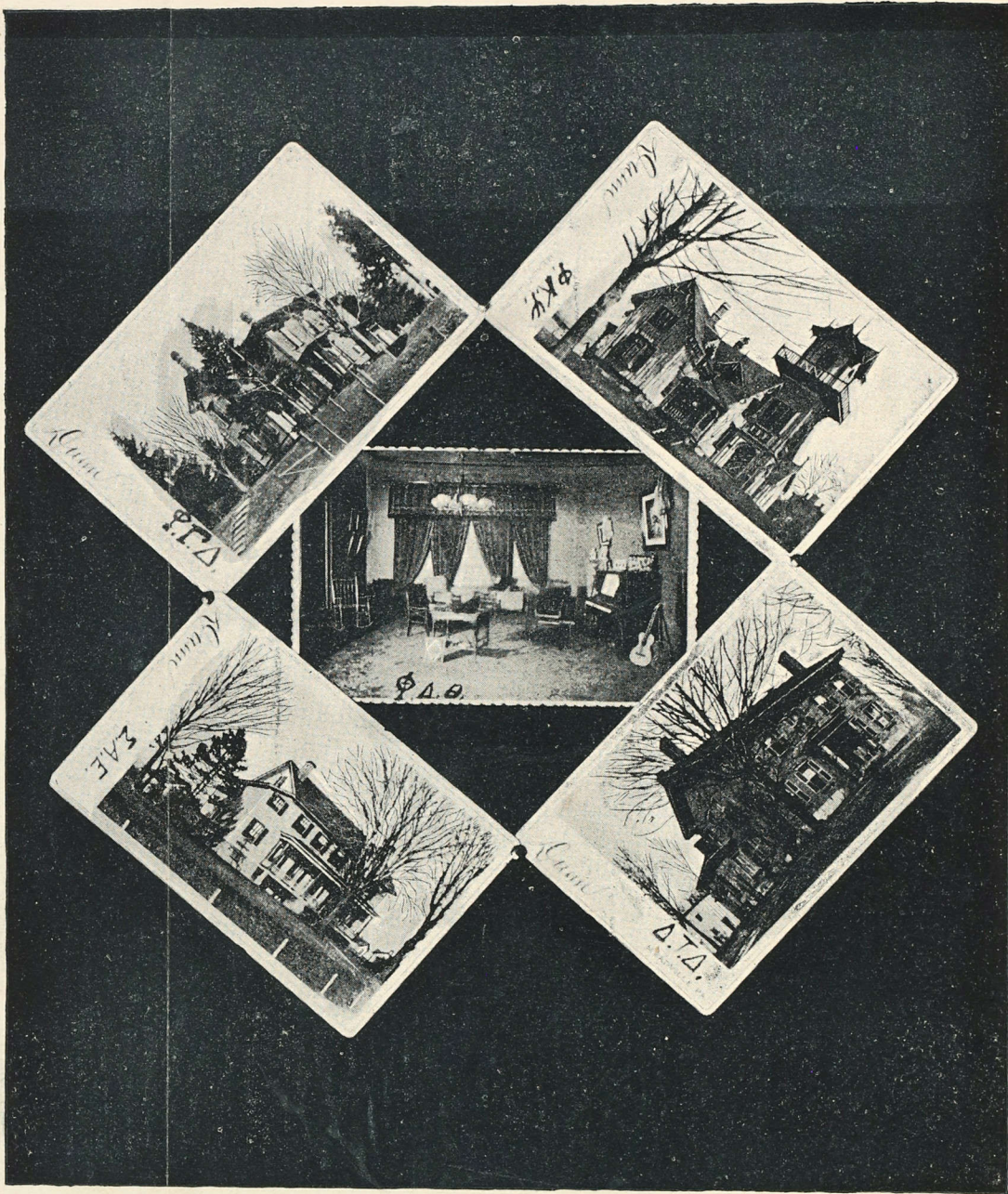
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### IN SIGMA'S HALL.

H. C. BURGER, '90, OHIO SIGMA.

When the bright orb of day has gone down in the west,  
And when darkness envelopes the land ;  
When the hard-working student is longing for rest,  
Which his overwrought forces demand ;  
When he longs for a season by cares unoppressed,  
When he wishes with brothers to stand,  
Then we meet in our hall ever hallowed and blest,  
We, the members of Sigma's true band.

While without there is trouble and sorrow and strife,  
As the world-weary man passes by  
With his burden of care, with his burden of life,  
And, at times, from his heart comes a sigh ;  
When he finds that with chains he is bound to his fate,  
When he strives from his cares to be free,  
There is nothing of sadness, of malice or hate  
In the hall of dear old S. A. E.

Here are brothers to cheer us, to lend us a hand  
In arising from sloughs of despair ;  
Here are friends, ever true, to obey our command,  
To drive from our hearts every care.  
Here are heard no contentions, but breathings of joy,  
As a bright, pleasant hour we spend.  
Here is found no deception our peace to annoy,  
Here friend holds communion with friend.

Here are hands ever ready to press on our wounds,  
Ever ready the balm to apply.  
Here are kind words to cheer us in life's weary rounds,  
When the poor, fainting spirit would fly  
To the regions eternal, where cares never come,  
Where each piteous need is supplied ;  
When the body itself would be laid in the tomb,  
And the soul be at rest by His side.

Here an hour in laughter and song passes by,  
 No cares can infest this retreat,  
 We forget all our sorrows in love's sacred tie,  
 When at this dear threshold we meet.  
 Then here let us meet till the flowers' sweet bloom—  
 The symbol of undying mind—  
 Thall triumphantly wave o'er the cold, dreary tomb,  
 Till we rest eternal shall find.

Oh, how sweet at the close of the long, dreary day,  
 To be loosed from all burdens and free,  
 When we to this temple of rest wend our way,  
 Where we know that true friendship will be.  
 We may enter this temple, and then at the shrine  
 Of our goddess triumphant adore ;  
 We may rouse the faint spirit to action divine,  
 We may teach it in grandeur to soar.

Here at eventide hastens the tempest-tossed soul,  
 Overcome with its sorrow, and turns  
 When wearied and thwarted and even denied,  
 Where the bright light eternal yet burns ;  
 That bright light eternal of knowledge and truth,  
 Which was kindled from smouldering brands,  
 And which sages in times of the world's early youth  
 Had snatched from Dame Nature's rich hands.

By that gentle radiance we ever have wrought  
 Every science and art at our will,  
 But the tireless seekers, reflection and thought,  
 Plan conquests far mightier still.  
 No longer we wander in darkness of night,  
 Nor comradeless, exiled, oppressed ;  
 We rejoice and are glad that we've found the fair light  
 That shall lead us and guide us to rest.

At the shrine of our goddess, tranquillity stands,  
 And here love our footsteps awaits,  
 As we enter the portals with magical wands,  
 As we enter the mystical gates.  
 Here in peace at her shrine, we the goddess may woo,  
 From her hands may much wisdom receive ;  
 And the sky, once o'ercast, shows its own native blue,  
 Ere that altar of worship we leave.

Here sweet as the ointment in olden time spilled  
 On the prophet's long locks, white as snow,  
 And sweet as the dew of Mt. Zion distilled,  
 Or Mt. Hermon's perfumed roses' blow,



Is the pleasant agreement in which we abide,  
Is the unity in which we dwell ;  
It is free from all passions, to nothing allied,  
That, uncurbed, might a strong bosom swell.

Our meeting has come ; 'tis the still, solemn hour,  
The last beams of twilight now fail ;  
Come, beings of secrecy, beings of power,  
Lift for us the mystical veil.  
Come, enter ye Sigmas, ye tried and ye true,  
Ye were proven and faithful were found ;  
Have loosened the latchet which fastens the shoe,  
Where ye stand is, in truth, holy ground.

They may laugh at our order, may sneer at our love,  
Our affection the stronger will grow ;  
By our gentle demeanor, their malice we'll prove,  
We'll conquer at last every foe.  
They may point at us each with the finger of scorn,  
They may mock and deride us at will,  
But they'll find their abuse, which in silence was borne,  
Only tending to strengthen, not kill.

Dear brother, when time, in the oncoming years,  
Has placed his rough hand on your brow,  
When your eyes are suffused with hot, scalding tears,  
Those eyes which so brightly beam now.  
Let your mind, in your sorrow, revert to this hall,  
Where many bright hours passed away ;  
Then the chords of affection will list to the call,  
You will pass from your night into day.

If sorrow should seek you and lay on your heart,  
A burden unable to bear ;  
If friend after friend from your home should depart,  
And leave you in utter despair,  
Recall in the sadness of that bitter hour,  
The brothers who for you will plead,  
Oh, then test the truth of Fraternity's power,  
Reap the harvest from long-scattered seed.

If e'er in the future should long-cherished friends  
Prove untrue, and depart as the birds  
In the fall, and the comfort which memory lends  
Prove nothing but false, flatt'ring words,  
Turn, then, in that hour, to those who will prove,  
Wherever your lot may be cast,  
That nothing can ever their faithful hearts move  
From the dearly-loved friends of the past.

Oh, brother, recall us in hours of woe,  
 There's a prayer for each Sigma, for you ;  
 Our friendship, though long years may come and may go,  
 Will ne'er be replaced by a new.  
 In our memory we'll cherish those dear, sacred ties,  
 Round our memory those bonds we'll entwine ;  
 And the form of each brother in Sigma will rise,  
 As we sing that dear song, "Auld Lang Syne."

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There has only a year passed away since we met  
 In our hall, an unbroken band.  
 A brother is missed ; but a new star is set  
 In the sky of that bright, purer land ;  
 He is resting, we trust, in the Father's embrace,  
 For He has all power to save ;  
 And our brother who early in life ran the race,  
 Is at home beyond death's swelling wave.

Though fainting, we bow down our heads to the earth,  
 As we drink from the cup of our grief,  
 We rejoice in our hearts at our brother's new birth ;  
 At the angels receiving a sheaf  
 Full ripe for the reaper, the harvester, Death,  
 For the garner of God in the sky.  
 So may we, when we're summoned to yield up our breath,  
 Wing our flight to the Father on high.

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## THE E. S. A. AND EDITOR OF THE RECORD.

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### SHALL WE UNITE THE OFFICES ?

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Our beloved fraternity came into existence only five years before that terrible period which annihilated the social system of the South and materially disarranged the affairs of our whole country. In the confusion which ensued after the four years of war during which its good offices had been in abeyance, in the fever of renaissance, in the dreadful strain of that time when briar-grown heaths were being converted into verdant fields, out of blackened and smouldering ruins proud cities were arising, and on the altars of our deserted colleges and universities the fires sacred to the genius of learning were being rekindled, it was but natural

the system of government we first adopted was of a temporary nature to be supplanted by something better in the future. It would have been something extraordinary if in the first years of our revival we had been able to perfect a polity perfectly adapted to the demands of a great college fraternity whose territorial limits are almost coextensive with the boundaries of our country. Indeed college fraternities in the remarkable course of their evolution had not at that time assumed the proportions which now entitle them to the gravest consideration as one of the most important formative influences attending American college life. A considerable period had elapsed between the conception of Phi Beta Kappa and the birth of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, but it is only within the past twenty-five years that the economy of fraternity government has been developed.

Six years ago when our order was much smaller than now we flourished under the grand chapter system and found it unnecessary to invoke any higher wisdom than that possessed by sober and conscientious college students. Then our whole business was transacted without any serious inconvenience by the officers of the grand chapter in the midst of college duties, and our RECORD was edited by a University student who could only devote his leisure hours to the preparation of the matter which its pages contained. But several years ago we found that the mental and physical labor necessary to furnish an organ such as the fraternity demanded was too much to be asked as a labor of love from an undergraduate, no matter how much patriotic enthusiasm he might have, consequently it was determined to pay something like an adequate price for the time required in its preparation and to transfer the charge to the hands of an alumnus. To be sure the first attempts in this direction were far from encouraging, but the *principle* was right and its wisdom has at length been established. At the same time our rapid growth was forcing on us the conclusion that a radical change in our *government* was necessary. As our chapter roll began to swell, as our correspondence became more voluminous; as our revenues began to increase, it became evident that more ample provision must be made

for carrying on the work, and the *Grand Chapter*, having served its purpose and having been outgrown, was supplanted by the *Supreme Council*. True it is that some, whose love and loyalty none will presume to question, have never yet been convinced of the wisdom of the change, but with the overwhelming majority of those who have studied fraternity affairs most closely and have laid the interests of ours most seriously to heart it has met with universal approval and cordial support. Is not our present prosperity both external and visible as well as internal and real its ample vindication? Has it not been justified by the logic of events? At first jealous of the powers of the new governing body it was thought proper to retain in the hands of the provincial treasurers the collection of dues, fines and other revenues, but we were not long in discovering that to secure the requisite degree of efficiency it was necessary to vest in our chief executive the power of collecting directly from the chapters, and the step was taken accordingly. This move, in conjunction with a change in the amount of dues made by the Columbia (S. C.) convention, has had a most happy and wholesome effect upon our finances.

Now, what conclusions must we inevitably draw from this resume of successive changes? What are the facts developed by the evolutions our system has passed through? *First*, that our affairs demand more time, maturer wisdom, and a greater acquaintance with the world than can be secured if they are entrusted wholly to members in active college life; *second*, that each year our appreciation of business methods has become keener and we have become more and more desirous of commanding a larger share of the time of the man who attempts to guide our destinies and to pay him an ample remuneration for the time so employed; *third*, that we have been approximating nearer and nearer to the principles of true government, chief of which is to combine just as much power in our chief executive as is consistent with safety.

My purpose in this article is to arouse you to a thoughtful consideration of these propositions and to induce a dispassionate judgment as to the best means of making them

effective in our future advancement. I wish to present as briefly as possible what I conceive to be the advantages that would accrue from a plan which has already been discussed to some extent by the most active of our workers, and that plan is to place the management and publication of THE RECORD in the hands of the man called to act as our E. S. A. Let me assure you that I am not hoisting the flag of any individual but have only the welfare and continued progress of dear old S. A. E. at heart. My college days are done, but the fires of fraternal feeling still glow warmly within my breast and sweet memory still clings with affection to the comrades on whom I could rely in the stormiest seas. But feeling is carrying me away from the subject and I am confident that at least those in the fraternity who know me will credit the disinterestedness of my motives. To return to the subject—most of you will wish to have pointed out some of the advantages to be gained by the measure proposed. So far as securing the services of an alumnus of experience and ability we have already taken that step both in regard to the magazine and in the selection of our chief officer, but what as to the business idea of getting as much of their time as possible at a reasonable salary?

In the present condition of affairs we do not get, and have no right to demand, more than one-fourth the time of either our Editor or of our E. S. A. (Confirmed by letters from E. S. A. and Editor.) Probably the reason why we have heretofore had no cause for complaint is that it has been our good fortune to secure faithful and self-sacrificing men willing to do if anything more than they were paid for. Now with a combination of the salaries they at present receive, the whole being paid to one man, this sum augmented by the alumni subscriptions and advertisements of THE RECORD, would furnish almost a competency for a young man amply qualified to discharge all the duties of both offices and enable him to give us at least three-fourths of his time. Thus we would have a clear gain of *one-fourth* of the *whole working time* of a good man, or a gain of *one-half* over the time now devoted by two men to the affairs of the fraternity, without any additional expenditure on

our part, and at a manifest advantage to the one employed. It would seem that no thoughtful mind could resist the belief that one thus drawing almost his whole support from the fraternity and being justified in devoting a much longer period each day to its affairs, would be able to accomplish more than twice the amount of telling fraternity work that both together have done in the past or can be expected to do while separate officers are maintained. Upon rational business principles we would be justified in appropriating two hundred and fifty dollars more per annum than is now allowed for the salaries of both if by so doing we could command the entire time and energy of an efficient man who would have no other cares to distract his attention from the interests of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The resulting benefits would more than counter-balance the additional outlay.

Again, it is a fundamental doctrine with all writers upon law and government, that, so far as it can be done without endangering abuse, all the sinews of government should be combined in the hands of a single individual in order to secure the greatest possible efficiency. Let us see what the effect would be in our case. The change contemplated will not strictly speaking be a vesting of new powers in the E. S. A., but simply a furnishing him with machinery for more profitably exercising the powers he already possesses. However, as it will result in an aggregation of forces now scattered, the principle is the same.

Under the system proposed the same man who is in weekly correspondence with the different officers of the individual chapters would be the one who at the end of the quarter would send out our journal, the office of which is to furnish information to our widely separated brethren as to all matters of importance occurring within our borders. That this is very imperfectly done at present under the system of chapter letters none will have the temerity to deny. Do not understand from this that I would advocate the abolition of that time-honored institution, chapter letters, which, though frequently penned by recent initiates and overflowing with sophomorical effusions

(decidedly preferable to being not written at all), have their own peculiar purpose to serve. But in addition we would wish a quarterly (for my part I would be glad to have it oftener) review of the whole field by one in position to give authoritative information, and who would be free from the fault of seeing nothing but good when in reality there might be some very rotten boroughs and some very unpleasant facts about which all of us ought to know.

The same man who collects dues from the separate chapters could through our official organ furnish a quarterly statement showing who were evidencing their faith by their works and who were so void of true interest in the order's welfare as to shirk when it involves going into their pocket books. In my humble opinion nothing would bring these delinquents (I blush to apply so harsh a term, but the facts will admit of no other) to time more promptly than thus to be exposed to the view of every chapter North and South at least four times a year. At present those who wish to know anything about these matters must depend on securing a copy of the annual report of the E. S. A., which comes in the middle of the collegiate year and consequently does not serve the purpose here indicated.

The same man whose duty it is to exercise a general supervision, to stimulate and encourage the weak chapters and counsel and direct the strong ones, would not only receive the views entertained in various directions upon topics of interest, but would have the means at hand of bringing all such facts and all such ideas to the knowledge of all the members—not by private correspondence with chapter officers as must now be done—but directly through the printed pages of the fraternity's official organ. Tho wholesome effect would be so patent in a few years that the new order of things would be safe from attack.

When these possibilities are reduced to practice, then, and only then, will we have a journal full of fresh S. A. E. news and capable of performing the functions for which it was intended by those who conceived the idea of its publication; then will it do a work, the want of which is not at present felt by all, but whose value would ere long be

appreciated by the most indolent and least interested among us; then it will become what many of us have longed to see it, the prolific matter of intelligent fraternity zeal and broad, generous ideas of fraternity duties.

Provided you have so far subscribed to all the ideas advanced, the question which will naturally present itself is: can we take such a step without danger to ourselves? There is not the slightest need for being disturbed upon this point. As you already know, the affairs of the whole fraternity, the proceedings of all branches of its government, and the accounts of all its officers, are carefully looked into by every convention. The delegates of a majority of all the chapters in convention assembled are vested with supreme authority; they can make all general laws; they are our electors for choosing our executive officers; they arrange our provinces and appoint the grand chapters; they can revoke any charter and upon sufficient grounds expel any member. Under the new order of things they would exercise the same plenary powers, the same authoritative supervision, the same jealous care, and as at present their decision would be final upon every point. There is therefore no ground for apprehension. I do not hesitate to say that by consolidating the two offices and using a judicious care in the selection of a proper man for the place we will reap all the advantages herein set forth without danger to harmony and good feeling and without the sacrifice of anything that has been dear to us in the past.

I exhort all to whom this shall come to lay aside personal considerations, to rise superior to all influences not tending to the common good, and before our next general convention, without precipitation and without passion, allowing reason to be guided by the light of experience, form an opinion on this question. Knowing the men to whom I appeal, the honest, manly heart, that beats beneath the diamond emblem on each breast, the zeal with which they enter into all questions which involve the interests of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and the unselfish love which they have at all times displayed, I am assured that whatever your judgment be it will spring from deep and earnest conviction,



and I feel confident that the bark which is freighted with all our hopes will by you be safely guided into the smooth and peaceful waters of ultimate prosperity.

PRESTON C. WEST,

Tennessee Zeta Alumnus.

*Fort Smith, Ark.*

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## OUR FRATERNAL BAND.

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We are a band of brothers bound by fraternal ties ;  
Sworn to be true to S. A. E. with all that in us lies ;  
With heart and hand united—are we to do her will :  
What e'er may overtake us, whether good or ill.

CHORUS—Then here's to Sigma Alpha,  
To the purple and old gold,  
To all the boys in North and South  
Within the Sigma's fold.

Men true and brave step from her doors to run the race for fame ;  
Men who by their loyal deeds pay tribute to her name ;  
Fed by these crystal waters gushing for her flock,  
Neath S. A. E. enchanted rod upon the barren rock.

CHORUS—

To Sigma Alpha Epsilon, our fraternal band,  
We will be true and loyal and ever faithful stand  
To promote our glorious cause, we'll work and never tire,  
Until we hear the welcome call, "Enough, now come up higher."

CHORUS—

The tune to which these verses are sung is a Southern army song. I do not know for sure what the name of the song is, but think the name is  
"We are a Band of Brothers."

ELMER E. HIGLEY.

*Penn. Omega, Meadville.*



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## SOME WORK FOR THE FUTURE.

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THE STUDY OF INITIATES.—DEFUNCT CHAPTERS.—OUR OFFICERS  
SHOULD VISIT THE CHAPTERS.

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These are suggestions of vital interest to each of us, as members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity; and especially to those who will participate in the deliberations of the approaching convention. At no time in our history has there existed greater need for wise and prudent legislation than at present. Let each chapter therefore select her most brainy, influential and enthusiastic men and send them as her representatives—and *see* that they *go*; and thus secure a representative convention.

Our fraternity is second to none in respect to the harmony and brotherly feeling that exist between her members. It is our duty to increase this fraternal feeling, if possible. How to *fraternize* our brethren more is the question. An annual meeting of the fraternity in convention is *one* of the safe guards to brotherly feeling, and to this must be attributed in great measure the present harmony and good will. *Another* incentive is the State Association, which should be encouraged and made as attractive and as representative as possible. One of the *greatest* points of surety is care in the selection of members. With Phelps I would say to each member of the fraternity, *study men*. *Each member* of a chapter should be a student of men, an analyzer of character and thus acquire a keen and deep knowledge of human *isolateness*, duplicity, deception and vice, as well as the social, studious, honest, virtuous and praiseworthy traits which make friendship not a name, but a union of hearts as that of Jonathan and David. Let each member cultivate those prerequisites to character so well inculcated by our constitution which not only make true friendship, but a noble manhood.

None of our chapters *ought* to have become defunct. How to prevent confronts us. Care must be exercised in establishing a chapter, and I am glad to know past conventions

have prescribed for this evil. Would not a system of visiting chapters be an advantage? Would not a visit from a live, enthusiastic member of an enthusiastic chapter revive the drooping spirit, rejuvenate the old, decaying chapter, reanimate the lifeless form. The Y. M. C. A., which has done so much for the young men of America, pretends to nothing more than a code of morals, and yet, the church excepted, is the most widely useful and successfully conducted organization known. Upon what depends its marvellous success? Its government!—the principal feature of which is the official canvass of all the local associations each year by an active Y. M. C. A. worker. A similar practice if instituted in our order would have a wholesome effect. Let each province select the most worthy member in its bounds, whose duty it shall be to meet with each chapter in said province once during each collegiate year, at times suitable to him, the province to defray all necessary expenses. Even an occasional letter from our E. S. A. would be another safeguard. Whenever unfavorable reports are received, he should at once open up a correspondence with the weak chapter, encouraging them as did the noble Lawrence when having received his mortal wound, said to his faithful followers with the immortal cry; "Don't give up the ship."

After all a chapter's life depends upon the proper selection of men. A single unworthy initiate has destroyed chapters. A single individual has turned the tide of conflict, upon the issue of which the destiny of nations depended. Leonidas with his Spartan band successfully disputed the Thermopylæan pass with the Persian millions until the mountain path was pointed out by a traitor. Napoleon's crushing defeat at Waterloo was due to the infidelity of the trusted Grouchy. A traitor caused the downfall of Gordon at Kartoum. How many of our chapters have fallen through the instrumentality of a trusted unworthy! As with individuals so with organizations the greatest danger lies within. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life," is as true of men in the aggregate as of the individual.

Enlargement of our order is to be guarded with zealous care. *We are conservative.* Isn't there danger of being too conservative, too restrictive, too recluse? Some advocate the non-establishment of chapters; some only at State institutions. Some years ago a *number* of fraternities cried enough! Of those who raised this cry every one except Northern K. A. has been absorbed—swallowed up as it were—by other fraternities, thus losing their identity. Nature knows no rest, ceaseless nervous activity is characteristic of gods, worlds and of men. And we must be progressive. We must strive until we are represented in every college of good standing in the United States. We must act now. Soon every institution will have its quota of fraternities. Let us take the tide at the flood, but let us be *conservative.*

But progress is intrinsic as well as extrinsic. We are financially on a basis firm but not complete, substantial but not perfect. A safe financial basis is one of the pillars of state. Our finances are superb, but let us watch scrutinizingly and subject them to every wise improvement. Governments watch and criticize their highest executive officer and improve wherever improvement is possible. So should we do with our official head. A great deal depends upon him. He must be a live, working, progressive, cultured, enthusiastic and brainy one, who has the fraternity at heart. I am not one of those opposed to salarizing our officers, but let us watch our alumni, promote the above man whenever and wherever found; keep him till we find a better, and pay him, and *pay him well.* Pay him for what he does, and in appreciation of his past services, and what we believe he can and will do. And only when his duties have been *faithfully* and *fearlessly* performed, enforcing our laws in all cases—*especially in the case of chapters in arrears for dues.*

Every political party has its official organ, every church its paper, every organization some means of interchanging ideas. Every fraternity must have its journal, and it should be representative. It must be enthusiastic and brainy. Read THE RECORD, watch the editors and the alumni, and promote him who is best qualified, and pay him for his work. Our constitution! We love it well. The old landmarks

must be removed with caution. Make no experiment, but when we know a change is needed, let us make it—not hastily and rashly, but calmly and with due deliberation.

RUFUS B. WILSON.

GEO. P. NEEL.

*Greenwood, S. C.*

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## GRANTING CHARTERS.

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Every organization that desires to increase its membership, while at the same time retaining its distinctive features and special objects, must needs be on its guard in selecting new members. The ultimate accomplishment of its ends depends to a large extent upon the members who are added from time to time. The college fraternity must consider this fact with greater care than the average secret society, for few of its members take an active part in the chapter's proceedings after they have completed the four years' college course. The new member scarcely learns the inner workings of the order until the older members are gone and he must assume the responsibility of the chapter's future. And from this fact alone, if from no other, is shown the necessity of securing good men in order to insure the continued prosperity of a fraternity chapter.

But while every secret society that forms new chapters or lodges—little matter what the particular designation may be—is extremely careful in selecting men for the charter members, it is no less careful in deciding that the place where it is proposed to establish the branch organization has the requisites for a healthy and prosperous growth. And while it is necessary for the average secret society to consider the “locality” with care, the college fraternity that extends its borders and desires a strong fraternity as a whole, must place its infant keph in a good institution, or its further progress may be retarded for some time. The fraternity's field of work is limited, and on this account each new chapter should have only excellent men. And the new

chapter's institution should possess such features as will not bring discredit upon the fraternity.

Within the last few years the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has established a number of worthy chapters—none, we believe, that have lived a short life, and are no more; all have prospered. Back of this effect there must be a cause—what is it? Simply this—in granting new charters our officers weighed well the men and the institutions petitioning. No inferior men have been received; no undeserving institution has been honored. In the future, as in the past, it is desired to found none but worthy chapters—those that become an honor to themselves and to the whole fraternity. The writer is far from granting charters to each and every petitioning body, but he asks you to consider with him what are the requirements for a new chapter. The question has confronted us this past year, and has occasioned a touch of feeling that it would be well to avoid. Not that the writer has received a special grievance, but knows that others have.

In the first place, we would make a distinction between old and new institutions. If the old institution has but few students, and is holding its own, then we would investigate further; but if it has declined, there is little use to waste time upon it. After a period of quiescence, an old institution may once more become a desirable field, but the chances are against it. The new institution, on the other hand, while its students may be few, has almost everything in its favor. The ever-increasing desire for knowledge is bringing many excellent young men to college, and naturally to those institutions near at hand. To the youthful institution giving promise of a healthful, moral and intellectual atmosphere, and to bright young men petitioning from that institution, we would unhesitatingly grant a charter rather than to an older institution with an equal number of students, other things, of course, being equal.

But then there must be a goodly number of students. Let the limit be reasonable. The young men who are refused admission simply because there are not scores of equally good men behind them must feel ill-used, and will

soon drift into some other fraternity that appreciates them. We can not expect them to wait until the attendance increases and their college course is completed. They are not disposed to wait and we can not blame them. If the petitioners are the right class of men, let us receive them with open arms, and trust to them the welfare of the new chapter—and be assured that it will be their constant aim to fulfill this promise. Much is gained by “first comers,” and the chapter has a strength that is felt by competitors. Would it not be well to consider all these truths when another petition from a growing college is received? Why not forget the record of the past, and enter the new year with broader principles? We should never regret it.

The second item to which we wish to call attention is the body of students petitioning. On one essential we can all agree—no inferior men should be received. But there is a question sometimes raised in regard to the class-standing of the applicants. Juniors and seniors are of little use in the new chapter which they soon leave behind. Freshmen and sophomores are of far greater benefit, for they become more thoroughly imbued with the fraternity spirit. They remain in the chapter for several years and work with greater zeal for their order. Little enough is the knowledge of fraternity work which the average member obtains. Let our new chapter be strong in its under classmen, not excluding by any means those who soon leave their *alma mater*. The alumni are always a help to the mother chapter, and the chapter can point to them with pride. But in considering applicants let us not refuse them a charter simply because they are “down” in the course. The under classmen, in the writer’s opinion, are the very ones to build up a new chapter, and if there is any preference it is toward the under class men.

These are the two most important considerations in granting a new charter—the institution and the men. All minor points we do not care to touch. We doubt not that our fraternity favors extension, and the only question arising is “what institutions shall we enter.” We all have the same desire to see our fraternity prosper. Difference of opinion

will sometimes arise, but back of that is the never-changing good will. We have presented the liberal side of this question—few, we think, would care to be more liberal. It is now in order for the one who advocates exclusiveness to give us the benefit of his ideas. If possible there should be a distinct understanding in regard to granting charters. We should know no North, no South, no East, no West. Distance should interpose no barrier in this century of progress. Fraternal love but laughs at space, and reaches the throne of the infinite. A still, small voice is whispering “let the limits of our growth be only the nation's boundaries.”

Wherever are men who are worthy and strong,  
 Wherever the college to which they belong,  
 Be they upright and moral and likely to rise,  
 Be their college a power for good 'neath the skies,  
 Let us welcome the wanderers into the fold,  
 Let us deck them with ribbons of purple and gold.

H. C. B.

*Salem, O.*

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## IS S. A. E. THE BEST?

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Brothers of S. A. E. and members of other Frats., as well, how many times during the present session have you made the assertion that your order “is the best”? Brothers and friends, how many times have you offered proof or any real evidence sustaining such a statement? Answers unnecessary. I've been there!

Fraternities and similar organizations should be judged by their objects, methods and then by their *personnel*. As to objects, we know enough to warrant us in the statement that all the college fraternities are laboring for the same end—the social, moral and intellectual welfare and elevation of their members. We know too that the only material difference in the orders is in their insignia, ritual and *modus operandi*. As to the general standing of members, all fraternities have their weak chapters and weak members, and the observer



will find that, all things considered, no fraternity has much room to claim superiority in this line.

S. A. E. is only one among two score of general college fraternities. Her aims and principles, the writer can attest, are grand and noble, her ritual inspiring—to its victims(?) her plan of organization and work have been proven effective; in all we of S. A. E. are fully satisfied—I have never known one disappointed with his experience.

As for a comparison with other fraternities, the only points of any material difference being held in secrecy, how can we compare. We have no moral right to know the secrets of others and for that reason, if no other, do not care to know them. Recognizing them as on the same footing to all outward appearances, we only hope that they are as well satisfied with their secrets and as happy in harmony and unity as is S. A. E.—they cannot be more so.

It is the hope of the writer that this article will influence S. A. E. workers, especially, and also the workers of other orders, to abandon extravagant claims in working new men. Talk to them frankly, sensibly, plainly and with as little partiality as possible, giving them ample time to decide which fraternity to join, if any, and if they are of sound judgment—the only sort of men we *need*—they will appreciate your candor and make better members, of whatever fraternity they may join.

When such conservative methods shall prevail among all the leading fraternities, the benefits to be had in Pan-Hellenism will be enjoyed without the need of such an organization.

W. D. DUNLAP.

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## FRATERNITY PRO AND CON.

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In a recent issue of the Mt. Union *Dynamo*, Bro. H. C. Burger wrote:

The average man, deeply interested in any question, can seldom treat that question from an unbiased standpoint. No topic better illustrates this fact than the fraternity question. If a member discusses the question, his critics say, "He is

forced to uphold his own order;" if a non-fraternity man writes favorably, "he is a supe;" if otherwise, "he is opposed simply because he never had a chance to join." It matters little who the writer may be, these are the usual comments. No wonder, then, that few care to consider the question. The writer of this article is a fraternity man,—a member—and he writes from a fraternity standpoint, yet he endeavors to write "nothing but the truth," and trusts that he will not be "offensively partisan."

One of the many mysteries that the new student at most institutions must solve is the Greek-letter society, more commonly termed the fraternity. He looks upon its members as beings favored by the immortal gods, of whom his Homer tells him; he considers its hall with a greater awe than that with which the ancient Greeks beheld the heights of Olympus; its mythical (?) goat is contrasted with the ram which bore the "golden fleece" in the days of Jason and Medea. Verily, it is all "Greek" to him. The radical anti-fraternity man soon appears in his horizon and casts dark shadows upon this mystic body. Deception is sometimes resorted to in order to prejudice him against the fraternity and its members; but as time passes by, he learns more of its character. The scales fall from his eyes and he sees wherein lies its good.

Every student has his friends, but he sees that there is a closer friendship between the members of the same fraternity than between any other students. He sees them together in the class-room and on the street, and notices a cordiality seen nowhere else. There may be close friends outside of fraternity, but there are closer among the members; there may be a willingness to help outsiders, but how much more willingly does the fraternity man assist his brother? Nothing is too troublesome or difficult for him to do. If his brother is sick, or in trouble, how freely does he deny himself to minister to his wants? If he requires close attention, lessons become a secondary consideration. He sits beside his bed until the "wee sma' hours," and smooths the fevered brow. In sickness, as at no other time, can be seen the evidences of deepest love.

Not alone in sickness, but be it when it may, there is always that same willingness to do aught within his power. He will help prepare a difficult lesson and will strive to cheer up a disheartened and discouraged brother. We cannot notice this line of thought further, without revealing secrets which we have sworn to hold sacred. The prime objects of the fraternity—and, indeed, of every secret society—must be evident to every close observer. Sometimes the members may seem to lose sight of them, but they must soon return to them or the chapter must go down to its death. These fundamental ideas lie at the basis of every social organization. The only difference between the fraternity and the secret society in general—if any difference there be—is that the former is a body of college students, and consequently is much more restricted; their aims, their purposes are one.

The fraternity holds a power for good; it furnishes true friends in the time of greatest need; it binds the members in the closest ties, not only to one another, but to their *alma mater*; and as they go out into the world, they often recall their associates of bygone days, and are pleased to hear of their chapter's prosperity—and their chapter's prosperity means the prosperity of their *alma mater*. The fraternity prospers only as the *alma mater* advances. To-day there are but few institutions of note where the fraternity is denied admission. The advantages of fraternity life—social, moral and intellectual—are no longer to be denied. Is not its rapid growth an evidence of its genuine worth?

The anti-fraternity man will bring up the argument that the fraternity fosters dissension. Were he only to refer to the past, he would learn that dissension preceded the fraternity—and it would require no vivid imagination to picture dissension in the absence of all fraternity influences. Men are differently constituted; there are, of necessity, different lines of thought. Those persons of kindred mind seek one another just as naturally as water seeks its level. The fraternities at any institution are composed of persons whose methods of thought are similar. Then this argument—the

only serious one to be refuted—like the deacon's one-hoss shay, falls

“To pieces all at once—  
All at once, and nothing first,  
Just as bubbles do when they burst.”

Were the writer a “barbarian,” as he is a “Greek,” he would answer the question, “Shall we have fraternities?” in the affirmative. We think that a careful examination will lead every unprejudiced person to the same conclusion. We can look back to many happy days spent in college, and can recall many kind associates and associations; but among them all, the fraternity and fraternity life are the most indelibly stamped on the memory. What we should have done without those brothers, we scarcely know; certain it is that we should have lost many a pleasant and profitable hour spent in their society. Shall we have fraternities? Yes. God bless and prosper all the fraternities of our broad land.

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### ALUMNI LETTERS.

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GLENELLEN, TENN., Sept. 3rd.

*Dear Bro. Capers*—I was delighted to get a long letter out of the mail yesterday containing what I consider an elegantly written article for THE RECORD from the pen of Bro. P. C. West, Zeta Alumnus, of Fort Smith, Ark. I know you will like it. Please put it in this coming issue and its leaven will have time to permeate the whole fraternity lump by convention time.

I have been forced to devote less time to Frat. matters of late, but I am just as full as ever,—yea *fuller*, as Phil would say. Our college opens on the 10th and we look for a bright season for Zeta. Probably a dozen men will return to open with. We carried the day by a heavy majority last June. I will try and write you an interesting chapter letter as soon as we all reassemble. I want to congratulate you and thank you as well for the superb RECORD of last May. It is the

best yet. I fear that I forgot to pay it the compliments of Zeta earlier. The next time, or some time next session, I want to furnish you with a brief history of Zeta Chapter, and insert an engraving of Southwestern Presbyterian University buildings and campus with it. Let me hear from you often soon how things are moving. With best wishes for you and our RECORD, fraternally,

HARRY S. BUNTING.

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Bro. J. W. Moore, at Vanderbilt, writes: Your card and fifteen copies of THE RECORD were received on Saturday last. It is the best issue you have ever gotten out, and no one is more gratified at the improvement than myself. Let us yet have in THE RECORD the equal of any fraternity journal. I have been overworked during the past term.

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Bro. J. E. D. Shipp, president Bank of Cordele, Ga., writes. I am glad to note your continued success in THE RECORD, and hope you will ever maintain it up to its present standard.

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Bro. Vincent L. Sexton, of Chatham Hill, Va., writes: The last numbers of THE RECORD have been received, and I am much pleased with both issues. I feel a great interest in our fraternity, and am glad to hear of its prosperity. I miss the inspiration of brotherly chats and confidence, and draw much consolation from THE RECORD. I predict a glorious future for S. A. E., and am proud to be counted as one of her members.

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BUFFALO, N. Y., COLLEGE OF COMMERCE.

*Dear Bro. Capers*—The last RECORD, your card and a second invitation to Phi's banquet were all received, with thanks. I think THE RECORD this time is the best we have had, and though I attribute the larger part of the improvement to an increase in S. A. E. matter, editorials especially, I think that frontispiece cut had a great deal to do with the attractiveness of the general make-up. It would be a great thing for THE RECORD, if you were justified by receipts in including

*several* cuts of either chapters (groups), chapter houses, or individual members who have attained eminence in national or educational affairs, or prominence before the fraternity. That cut on Phi's banquet invitations would show up very prettily.

"If it were during the college season, and the consent of the fraternity could be obtained, I could put things in the way for a splendid start at Cornell next year. I have met a number of fellows here, who are going there next fall, and from the number could pick seven or eight as fine men as any Frat. could desire. I don't think I would have much trouble in initiating a sufficient number of them, and if I could once initiate them, I'll warrant that they will be as enthusiastic a chapter as we have in this section. I know, also, several fellows who are going down to Adelbert next session; among them are two very desirable men, whom I do not doubt that I could handle. Write me when you can.

Fraternally,

WALTER D. DUNLAP.

(Bro. D. has since this letter completed his course at the College of Commerce and returned to his home in the South.—ED.)



# GREEK AND COLLEGE NOTES.

EXPERIENCE IS MERIT.—We are glad to learn that Phi Kappa Psi has re-elected for a term of two years, Mr. C. L. Van Cleve, the able editor of the *Shield*. This is a time in fraternity journalism when experienced men are required more than ever before. In two years a novice can hardly fill the place of a trained editor.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

So say we. The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi would sadly miss its present editorial management. It is evident that the fraternity appreciates a good thing, and wisely hangs to it.

—The Y. M. C. A. of Dartmouth will support a foreign missionary. The necessary funds have already been raised.

—Pallas Athenæ is the patron goddess of Pi Beta Phi Sorosis.

—The Whig and Clio societies at Princeton have begun the erection of new buildings, each to cost between \$35,000 to \$40,000. They will be similar in style. Each society has about 300 active members.—*The Scroll*.

—Congressman William C. P. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, delivered the annual commencement oration at Lafayette College in June. Fifty years ago his father delivered the oration at Lafayette on a similar occasion.

—The State Association of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity held their last banquet at Chapter Nu's rooms. Over fifty members were present, representing the six active chapters of that order in Tennessee.

There was truly "a flow of reason and feast of soul" between the college boys and some of the old S. A. E. slogans, as is the custom when such clash in fraternal feasting.

The following morning at 9 o'clock the regular annual meeting of the State Alumni Association assembled at the Nicholson House and proceeded to Chapter Nu's hall. Many alumni members of the different chapters were present.—*Nashville American*.

—The American newspaper directory for 1890 gives the circulation of the Greek letter magazines as follows: "Alpha Phi *Quarterly*, 250; *The Beta Theta Pi*, 1,000; Chi Phi *Quarterly*, 750; Chi Psi *Purple and Gold*, 750; Delta Gamma *Anchora*, 250; Delta Upsilon *Quarterly*, 2,000; Kappa Alpha *Journal*, 500; Kappa Sigma *Quarterly*, 500; Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly*, 500; Pi Beta Phi *Arrow*, 250; Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*, 1,000; Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record*, 500; Sigma Nu *Delta*, 500; Theta Delta Chi *Shield*, 750. All the others are not given.

—There are 380 students in the University of Michigan fraternities. The memberships are: Alpha Delta Phi, 27; Alpha Tau Omega, 11; Beta Theta Pi, 22; Chi Psi, 9; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 24; Delta Tau Delta, 15; Delta Upsilon, 31; Phi Delta Theta, 21; Phi Gamma Delta, 16; Phi Kappa Psi, 20; Psi Upsilon, 37; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 14; Sigma Chi, 15; Sigma Phi, 17; Theta Delta Chi, 7; Zeta Psi, 12; Phi Delta Phi, 19; Delta Sigma Delta, 18; Phi Chi, 16; Mu Sigma Alpha, 11; Nu Sigma Nu, 21; Gamma Phi Beta, 13; Sorosis, 23; Delta Gamma, 12; Pi Beta Phi, 7.

EXPULSION RULE.—We are advised of the expulsion of William J. Wilkinson from the Pennsylvania Gamma chapter for the non-payment of dues. All brothers are cautioned against recognizing him as a Phi Psi, or as ever having been one.—Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*.

The foregoing announcement embodies about the only effective rule for the vigorous growth of fraternities. Chapters should adopt a by-law of this character.

The delegates to Congress should discuss this subject. It means chapter houses, current expenses of delegates to Congress and *Palm* dues.

All social organizations are supported by dues of members, and when any of those members do not pay their dues they are notified, and upon refusal or neglect to pay, they are either expelled or, *ipse facto*, cease to be members. Expulsion is *our* only remedy.—*The Palm*.

—The Alpha Tau Omega societies of Vanderbilt, Cumberland and Southwestern Presbyterian Universities and the University of the South have completed the formation of



a State association. The officers elected are : President, Mr. Kellar ; Vice-President, Mr. Perry ; Treasurer, Mr. Brown, all of Vanderbilt ; Secretary, J. D. Wilhoit, of the Southwestern Presbyterian University.

A banquet was given at the Maxwell House after the oratorical contest at the Capitol.

—A famous college president, a clergyman, was addressing the students in the chapel at the beginning of the college year. "It is," he said in conclusion, "a matter of congratulation to all the friends of the college that this year opens with the largest freshman class in its history." And then, without any pause, he turned to the scripture lesson for the day, the third psalm, and began reading in a voice of thunder, "Lord, how they are increased that trouble me!"

—Mr. Wm. R. Baird has secured a sufficient number of subscriptions to his "American College Fraternities," to proceed with the publication and the work will soon be ready for delivery. It is a work of deep interest and value to all fraternity men, and should find a place in the library of every Theta Delt. Send two dollars to the publisher of the *Shield*—*now before it is forgotten*, and a copy will be sent you as soon as it comes out of press.—Theta Delta Chi *Shield*.

The editor of THE RECORD will do likewise for members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

—The rumor that Beta Theta Pi, of which Hon. Matthew S. Quay, of Pennsylvania, is said to be a member, proposed to investigate certain charges that have been made against that gentleman, though, no foundation in fact for it seems to exist, has evoked from the New York *Star*, the following pertinent and general remark :

A college fraternity is not wise that permits itself to be dragged through the mire of partisan politics. If every public man who fancies himself aggrieved at charges made against his political character shall rush to "the boys" of his *alma mater* for a vindication, we shall soon have our colleges and college fraternities turned into political machines, whose efforts will be as absurd as they are futile.

The theory that a college fraternity has guardianship over the characters of its graduate members has never before been enunciated, that we are aware of. It is not wise to propose the innovation now, and it is especially injudicious, since it precipitates that particular society into the heat of political warfare.

WHAT IS PAN-HELLENISM?—Applied first to college life and college ethics, Pan-Hellenism involves the proper selection of our associates in and out of Greek fraternities; the establishment and maintenance by and among college men of a collegiate code of honor; regulation of rivalries among Greeks as far as practicable; promotion of a healthy competition in collegiate contests, State and Inter-State; prompt recognition of achievements; expulsion from fraternities and colleges for improper and demoralizing conduct. Secondly, it involves organization for the ascertainment of fields for enlistment of the activities of young Alumni according to qualification.

Greek fraternities possess organizations which can be utilized for some or all of these purposes, as at Sewanee, Tenn., a local Pan-Hellenic Convention satisfactorily controls all the fraternity organizations at the University of the South.

A general federation would materially aid in moulding college sentiment, and give that importance to the achievements of college men which they deserve, but so frequently fail to secure for lack of adequate organization and reliable methods of communication. There is plenty of work for all, and more than we can do.

Some of the general objects of such a federation should be—the means of helping members to a better knowledge of the scientific, artistic, social, moral and political questions of the day.

A general convention should be held at some convenient date, composed of delegates from chapters, Alumni associations, Pan-Hellenic associations, and the general officers of Greek fraternities, including the editors, of course.

After the adoption of a general platform, the following articles might be considered:

I.—No expelled Greek shall be admitted to membership in any other Greek Fraternity.

\*II.—No person under fifteen years of age not attending a reputable college shall be admissible to membership of any Fraternity.

III.—National annual or biennial conventions of similar character to consider ways and means for the cultivation and improvement of Greeks in the arts, sciences, of fraternal and college life to be held.

In the proposed National Convention the "caste" of the assemblage might be as follows: Phi Delta Theta and Delta Kappa Epsilon to sit on the opposite side of the Metropolitan Opera House; the *Palm* banner and Alpha Tau Omega, plumb in the center; on the right flank Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Theta Delta Chi, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, *et al.*; and on the left flank, Delta Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha, Chi Phi, Phi Kappa Psi, *et al.* The ladies' Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Alpha Theta would doubtless grace the balconies and boxes (armed of course, with their right of suffrage), and inspire with their charming presence the banquet of love which would surely follow.—Editorial in *Palm*.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S PAN-HELLENIC BANQUET.—The grand banquet of the Pan-Hellenic Societies of the University at the Grand Central Hotel to-night was an antique success. The spread was enticing and the speeches bright. The following toasts were responded to:

The Mystic Seven—There were Seven Wise Men of Greece; the seven families of their descendants in wisdom are here gathered together. Prof. E. A. Smythe, Sigma Nu.

The Alumni, our elder brothers, sons of our alma mater, her pride in peace, her defence in peril. Mr. F. H. McMaster, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Greek Letter Fraternities—Their mysteries are sacred only to Friendship and Truth; *Honi soit qui maly pense*. Mr. J. S. Cothran, Jr., Kappa Alpha.

The Ladies :

“Auld Nature swears, the pretty dears,  
Her noblest work she claims, O !  
Her 'prentice han' she tried on man,  
And then she made the lassies, O !”

Mr. G. W. Legare, Phi Kappa Psi.

When Greek Meets Greek—Then comes no longer the tug of war, but the bug of brotherhood. Mr. E. E. Aycock, Phi Delta Theta.

The Graduating Class—About to leave us, just entering on the threshold of life. May they be a credit to their fraternities and to their alma mater. Mr. U. U. Hentz, Kappa Sigma.

Our Symbolic Letters—Like the music of the spheres, mute to the untrained ear, but full of sweet significance to those who understand them. Mr. J. H. Green, Chi Phi.

The committee of arrangements consisted of E. St. J. Grimke, S. C. Todd and B. F. Perry Beattie.

Walton O. Kernochan, one of the richest young men in New York, blew out his brains in his rooms in the Delta Phi Club Sunday morning, Oct 13.

Judge Howell Glenn was buried at Athens, Ga., on the 12th of October. The Kappa Alpha Fraternity at the University of Georgia, of which Judge Glenn was a member, met the body at the train and escorted it to the cemetery.

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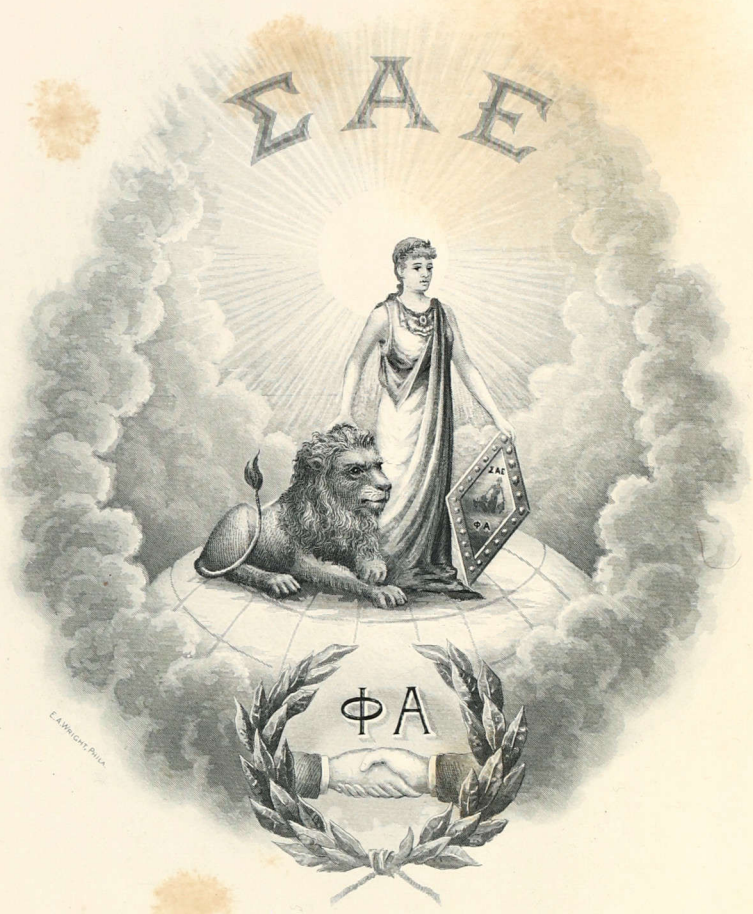
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“Bind the sweet influences of Pleiades,”  
Restrain the virgin Spring from growing old,  
And keep this lusty verdure on the trees ;  
Or put thy foot upon the Lake and hold  
One moonlight wave that sparkles as it flees ;  
Forbid the lover's ardor to grow cold ;  
Restore the poet's paling fire with gold.  
Thou canst not do a single thing of these.

For earth and man are creatures of a mood,  
Each to the other features is a glass.  
And, knowing well the season's finitude,  
And knowing that our fervors fail—alas !—



ΣΑΕ



*E. Whittier, Paris*

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E'en as the vernal foliage of the wood  
 Or as the regal splendor of the grass,  
 We fear that o'er God's heart some change must pass,  
 And dream that he doth sometimes tire of good.

RICHARD E. DAY, Syracuse, '77.

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## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

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*Bro. Byron Clark*, N. C., Theta, has finished a successful term as Principal of the Mt. Airy High School, N. C. He expects to attend Princeton, N. J., this year, and is warming up for the establishment of a chapter at that celebrated institution.

*Bro. W. A. Guerry*, Ex. E. G. A., of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, is still in charge of his flourishing parish at Florence, S. C. In a recent letter to S. A. E.'s editor, Bro. Guerry was kind enough to make use of the following highly appreciated expression: "I think you have managed the RECORD admirably, and have succeeded in making a first class Fraternity journal out of it. I would like very much to see you at the head of the Fraternity, and also in charge of the RECORD. The work you have done speaks for itself!"

*Hon. John G. Carlisle*, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, is the same strong, brilliant leader in the U. S. Senate that he was in the House of Representatives. The longer this great man lives the more honor he does himself, his country and his Fraternity.

*Bros. F. L. Sage* and *H. C. Burger*, Ohio Sigma, inclosed their cards in a beautiful invitation received at this office, inviting the editor to Sigma's sumptuous banquet at the Russell House, Alliance, Ohio. We express our thanks, and

our sincere regrets that on the night of July 22nd, we could not have been with our boys of Sigma and enjoyed with them the happy feast.

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*Bro. Daniel Hon*, of Waldron, Ark., is among the promising young lawyers of that State, and is at this time Judge for the Circuit Court of Scott county.

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*Bro. Preston C. West*, Tenn. Zeta, many of us are personally acquainted with him, and a more earnest worker for S. A. E., and a more brilliant young lawyer has never worn a Sig. pin.

Bro. West is connected with a distinguished gentleman in the practice of law at Fort Smith, Ark., under the firm name of Winchester & West.

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*Bro. Jas. G. Glass*, of Tenn. Omega, Ex. E. G. A., of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, recently in charge of the Episcopal Churches at Winnsboro and Ridgeway, S. C., recently declined a call to the Church of Atonement in Augusta, Ga., and has accepted a call at Summerville, S. C.

Bro. Glass possesses those genial qualities of heart and manner and those strong characteristics of mind which always endear a minister to his congregations, and we know it will be so at Summerville.

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*Bro. Alex. Mitchell*, Tenn. Omega, Ex-Grand Treasurer of S. A. E., is in charge of a large, influential congregation in Columbia, the Church of the Good Shepherd.

It was Bro. Mitchell who recently officiated at the burial of Ex-Governor Bonham, of South Carolina, one of the most distinguished men the State has ever produced, and among the gallant leaders from this State in the Mexican war.

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*Bro. W. H. Westmoreland*, S. C. Lambda, the secretary of the celebrated Westmoreland Calisaya Tonic Company, is now among the pushing influential citizens of Augusta, "the city of signs." Bro. W. has been recently elected Vice-President of the National Building and Loan Association, and on 23d of September captured the medal offered by the Oglethorpe Infantry of Augusta for the best drilled man in the company.

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*Bro. W. E. Brazeal*, S. C. Phi, has been elected to the chair of Assistant Professor of Mathematics in Furman University. This is no small compliment to Bro. B, and is a recognition in the highest degree that though a very young man, his ability as a mathematician and genius as a teacher has found its way into the Board of Trustees of one of the most flourishing colleges in the South.

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*Bro. J. Wm. Stokes*, is among the prominent alumni of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, he was recently elected President of the Farmers Alliance of South Carolina, and is the editor of its official journal, and the State Senator from Orangeburg.

In 1876, when Virginia Sigma was the Grand Chapter for the entire fraternity, Bro. Stokes was our Grand Treasurer. While at Washington and Lee he won the prize scholarship in mathematics and was made the valedictorian of his class at graduation. He takes a prominent part in the politics and journalism of South Carolina, and is among her most valued and distinguished citizens. In a recent letter to this office Bro. S. wrote :

I have been so situated since I left college as to be almost isolated from the boys, and my life has been so very busy as to exclude much thought outside of the present pressing matters in hand. The old associations in fraternity circles, however, abide in memory and only wait an opportunity to assert themselves.

I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you before many months shall roll over us. My duties keep me upon the road much of the time, and we may hope with reason that a propitious fate will cause our path to intersect some time soon, now that we know of each other, and desire becomes a factor of fate.

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*Justice L. Q. C. Lamar*, member Sigma Alpha Epsilon, of the United States Supreme Bench, delivered the alumni address at Emory's commencement in June.

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*Bro. G. B. Eager* preached the baccalaureate sermon at the Judson institute commencement, Marion, Ala.

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*Bro. H. A. Haralson, Jr.*, Alpha Mu, is superintendent of some rich gold mines in the Clay county, Ala., hills.

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*Bros. Frank and Will Bunting*, Zeta's twins, are doing a rushing coal business at Florence, Ala.

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*Bro. W. B. Greenlaw*, Tennessee Lambda, has settled at Florence, Ala., where he is enjoying a good law practice.

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*C. H. Grier*, Ga. Delta, editor of the Chambers County Democrat, of LaFayette, Ala., has been chosen to deliver the oration before the Alabama Press Association at their annual meeting next spring.

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*Bro. C. W. Ashcraft*, Alpha Mu' 88, has resigned the chair of English in the Ala. State Normal School and commenced the publication of the Weekly News, at Florence.

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*Bro. Groce Harrison*, Ala. Alpha Mu, has been elected to the tutorship in the A. and M. College of Alabama.

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*Bro. W. D. Dunlap*, Ala. Mu, having finished a complete course in shorthand, typewriting, etc., at the College of Commerce Buffalo, New York, has accepted a lucrative and responsible position in the railroad offices at Montgomery, Ala.

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*Bro. J. R. Wilson, Jr.*, '83 Tenn. Zeta, has entered journalism and now shoves the local quill on the *Clarksville* (Tenn.) *Daily Progress*.

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*Bro. Jas. K. Lemon*, '90, Tenn. Zeta, is employed in the railroad office at Jackson, Miss. He will probably enter the Tulane University Medical School next year. If he does there will be another chapter of S. A. E. heard from.

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*Bro. F. F. McGuire*, Tenn. Zeta, is taking a rest at his home at Fayetteville, Tenn. When he finishes he will study pharmacy in Philadelphia, Pa. "Pat" visited Clarksville for a few days at the opening of school, helping the boys to "spike," and doing some private "spiking" on his own hook.

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*Bro. C. F. Gholson*, '99, Tenn. Zeta, we learn, has accepted a job in Memphis. We hope that Cary will succeed in the merchandise line and grow to be as rich as Cræsus.

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*Bro. W. W. Lewis*, S. C. Lambda, '88, is in the responsible position of principal of the Graded School at Chester. We are informed that he is also devoting much of his time to another matter connected with his future, and successfully too! What can it be?

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*Bro. Morrow*, Ga. 'Tau, Atlanta, has charge of his father's business for a few months. He will probably join class '93 at the University after Christmas.

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*Bro. G. F. Pratt*, '92, Ga. Tau, who was compelled to leave college last spring will not return.

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*Bro. E. D. Sheffield*, Ga. Tau., left college last spring on account of ill health. He has returned and joined '94.

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*Bro. K. Pittman*, '90, Tenn. Zeta, contracted such a spell of fever at his home near Vicksburg during the summer that he was prevented from returning to school this session. He is now traveling in Washington State for his health.

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*Bro. L. G. Bardwell*, '84, Tenn. Zeta., has settled down in Birmingham, Ala., where he is engaged in the commission business.

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*Bro. S. J. Foster, Jr.*, '87, Tenn. Zeta, preached at Columbia, Tenn., during the summer. He won the unbounded admiration of the congregation and many strong friends. He is now at Union Theological Seminary, Hampden-Sydney, Va.

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*Bro. R. H. Henderson*, of the law class of '90, S. C. Delta, is practicing law at Greenwood.

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*Bro. B. F. P. Beattie*, '90, S. C. Delta, has gone to Cornell University to take a post-graduate course in civil engineering.

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*Bro. J. R. Hanahan*, S. C. Delta '90, is soon to depart for Florida, where he is to engage in his chosen profession, chemistry.

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*Bro. E. Capers, Jr.*, of the pharmacy class of '89 is engaged in the life insurance business at present, and with Bro. W. B. Capers conducting a real estate and brokerage business in Florence, S. C.

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*Bro. M. L. Barr*, Ohio Delta, is superintendent of schools at Dixie, Kentucky.

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*Bro. W. M. Patton*, Ohio Delta, is in the theological school of the Northwestern University.

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*Bro. I. A. Leighley*, Ohio Delta, is in the law department at Ann Arbor.

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*Bro. G. M. Plumb*, Ohio Delta, is superintendent of schools at Bucynis, Ohio.

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*Bro. H. Arthur DeLorme*, S. C. Lambda, is now attending the Louisville, Ky., Medical College. Bro. DeLorme will be present at the Cincinnati Convention in December.

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*Bro. W. T. Capers*, S. C. Delta, recently a successful cotton buyer and merchant, is now studying theology in the study of his father, the Rev. Dr. E. Capers, of Trinity Church, Columbia.

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*Bro. M. L. John*, the popular professor at Mocksville, delivered the annual address at the commencement of the Fork Academy, North Carolina. This address was a brilliant effort from Bro. John.

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*Dr. A. W. Battle*, S. A. E., formerly president of Mercer University, has accepted the position of Assistant President of Shorter College at Rome, Ga., with Dr. Gwaltney.

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*Bro. W. F. Cox*, S. C. Phi, is the popular Judge of Probate for Anderson County, S. C.

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*Bro. T. U. Sisson*, '90, Tenn. Zeta, is principal of a flourishing school at Carthage, Miss. He will teach school for two years and then pursue the law course at Oxford.

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*Bro. J. M. Mecklin*, '90, Tenn. Zeta, is tutor at the Southwestern Presbyterian University. Ultimately he will enter Johns Hopkins University, making Greek a specialty, to prepare himself for a college professorship.

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*Bro. W. L. Stewart*, '87, Tenn. Zeta, preached near his home at Natchez, Miss., during the summer, and from reports he is one of the most promising young ministers of the Presbyterian Church. He has returned to Princeton Seminary.

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*Bro. B. F. Bunting*, D. D., is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Gallatin, Tenn. He has made himself a host of friends since his stay there, and is clerk of the Nashville Presbytery.

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*Bro. R. E. Gains*, S. C. Phi, after serving for two years as assistant professor of mathematics at Furman University, completed a course and took a high degree at Johns Hopkins. He has recently been elected to the Chair of Mathematics in Richmond College, Virginia.

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*Bro. A. St. C. Dunstan* has been elected as assistant to the President of A. & M. College, Auburn, Ala., in the department of physics and natural history.

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*Bro. W. E. Wooten*, Ga. Beta, has recently been elected to the Lower House in the Georgia Legislature from Dougherty county. The *Albany Daily News and Advertiser* gives the following sketch of Bro. Wooten, which will be read with pride and pleasure by his friends and fraternity men :

William Edward Wooten was born in Dawson, Ga., Dec. 18th, 1866, and is therefore nearly 24 years of age. He entered the State University at Athens in 1883 as a Freshman, and graduated from that institution in 1886, winning the medal for declamation.

During his last year at college Capt. Wooten was editor-in-chief of the *University Reporter*, which is considered the highest honor that can be enjoyed by a pupil of the University. In the same year that he graduated he also won the Sigma Alpha Epsilon orator's medal at the convention of that fraternity which met in Atlanta. After completing his education at the University, Capt. Wooten came to Albany and entered the law office of his father, Colonel C. B. Wooten, under whom he read law, and was admitted to the bar in 1887, passing an examination of an exceptionally high order. He then became associated with his father in the practice of

law, and the firm enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He was elected City Attorney for Albany in 1888, which position he now holds, and in which capacity he has delivered several opinions which have attracted widespread attention. Capt. Wooten is a born orator. He delivered the memorial address in this city in 1888, in Cuthbert in 1889, and in Fort Gaines this year. Capt. Wooten was elected Captain of the Albany Guards in March last, and he has infused new life into that organization.

His nomination yesterday, without opposition, for Representative from Dougherty county in the Lower House of the next General Assembly, evinces the esteem in which he is held by his fellow-citizens, and is a deserved compliment to his ability and integrity.

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*Justice Lamar*, S. A. E., who never accepts a pass or present of any kind, tells this story on himself: "Down in the locality I call my home lives old John Dillard. Some years ago John presented me with a very fine Alderney cow. I said: 'John, I never receive presents.' 'Well,' he replied, 'Lamar, justs give me your note, and, as you will never pay it, anyway, you will be nothing out and a cow ahead.'"

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#### IOWA SIGMA.

Bro. Willis W. Wood is pastor of the Wyatt Park M. E. Church in St. Joseph, Mo.

Bro. W. R. Hagaboom is in the postal service in Creston, Iowa.

Bro. R. A. McClure is on his father's farm in Dallas County, Iowa.

Bro. J. W. Williams is principal of the Nevinville schools.

Bro. G. R. Clayton is with the Wm. Lockridge Lumber Company, of Nevada, Iowa., in the capacity of book-keeper.

Bro. J. W. Good has engaged in the mercantile business at Milo, Iowa.

Bro. A. W. Knotts is with the Cherokee and Mexican Mining Company of Parrol, Mexico.

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## TENNESSEE LAMBDA.

Bro. C. S. Bass is achieving great success and accomplishing much good in his ministerial work at Ripley, Miss.

Bro. T. L. Carty, L. L. B., '86, is a successful lawyer at Knoxville, Tenn.

Bro. E. E. Morris, '87, is the popular pastor of the West Point, Miss., Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Bro. Robinson McMillan will represent Wilson county, Tenn., in the Lower House of the next Legislature. He is a lawyer of ability and will win distinction.

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## OHIO SIGMA.

Bro. W. S. O'Neal, '87, graduates this year at Cincinnati Law School.

Bro. F. K. Shields has lately received his degree of M. D.

Bro. H. C. Combs, '88, and Bro. J. C. Goodrich have entered upon theological studies.

Bro. E. L. McMillan, '88, will shortly accept a position on a Pittsburgh paper.

Bro. F. L. Sage, '90, is principal of the high school at Saginaw, Mich.

Bro. C. E. Rogers has just accepted a position in the engineering office of the Pennsylvania Company at Wells-ville, Ohio.

Bro. A. G. Piper and Bro. H. C. Burger are engaged in newspaper work.



## CHAPTER LETTERS.

### IOWA SIGMA, SIMPSON COLLEGE, INDIANOLA, IOWA.

Iowa Sigma sends greeting to all her sister chapters and wishes that this session may inaugurate the most successful year in the history of each of them. Various reasons have prevented several of our men from being in college this term, so that we begin the year numerically weak. Only six of the "tried and true" assembled in our hall at the beginning of the term. Since then we have initiated as good a man as '94 could boast and take pleasure in introducing Bro. C. B. Cheny. We have also placed two firm men beyond the reach of our rivals, and have favorably considered others. We have done considerable toward furnishing our hall, and now there is a thrill of joy in the heart of every Sig. as he views his Chapter home.

Bro. Parker, having taken sick, was compelled to return home to recuperate. We are all hoping that health may send him back among us in the near future.

Our Chapter library is growing, and we find it the source of a great saving to the boys. We are expecting quite a donation of books soon.

In the elections thus far we have been honored by your correspondent being placed on the staff of the *Simpsonian*, and also he and Bro. Rogers will represent Sigma in the Everett Society Annual at the end of this term. Not much strife has been engendered in any of the elections. The "barbs" tried a ticket in the *Simp.* election, but were defeated. The outlook for Simpson is very good at present.

The new ladies' hall is very nearly completed, and the attendance is considerably larger than usual.

In view of all these facts we face the future with hopeful hearts, and with a zeal and an enthusiasm that admits of no such thing as failure. We are inspired also to join in the

advance of our noble order by voting favorably on four petitions already this year.

May S. A. E. grow until she has a Chapter in every worthy college in our land.

J. P. MORLEY.

TENN. ZETA, SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN  
UNIVERSITY, CLARKSVILLE.

Last commencement witnessed repeated victories for S. A. E. Nineteen proud members and many pretty girls flaunted the "royal purple and the old gold" in honor of her achievements, and on separating the praises of Tenn. Zeta were shouted homeward from Georgia to Colorado.

J. Moffatt Mecklin was the hero of the occasion, winning for us the Spencer Greek prize, a \$50 gold medal which is the highest honor awarded in the university; also winning the senior speaker's medal on his oration entitled "The True Aim of Socialism." This contest was decided in a peculiar manner. The committee, finding themselves unable to make a choice between Bro. Mecklin and Mr. Shaw, of K. A., went down in their pockets and presented each gentlemen with a medal, with equal honors.

Although unsuccessful for the first time in his third race for an oratorical prize, yet T. U. Sisson made such a splendid effort and won such universal applause on his contest oration, "The Fifth Kingdom," that it would be unjust to omit mention of him here. Not only in this speech, but also in his degree oration commencement day Bro. Sisson won the highest applause, and some distinguished divines present predicted that he will not be long in making himself heard from in life. Zeta endorses the judgment. We want Sisson to be governor of Mississippi some day. Pi Kappa Alpha won the Owen chemistry medal; A. T. O. the Mack Biblical medal; K. S. the Palmer Society medal; K. A. shared the senior speaker's medal with S. A. E.; the "Barbs" were more successful than ever before, five others falling promiscuously among them. Mecklin, Sisson and Haden were A. B. graduates. At roll call this session six men were found absent, Sisson, Lemon, McGuire, Pittman, Gholson and Haden. Bro. Haden preached in Nashville during the

summer and was detained a few weeks. Bro. Pittman is prevented from returning by sickness. On the other hand our hearts were made glad by the return of Bro. Mecklin, who came back clothed in all the dignity of a professorship. This is the first instance of a Frat. man being elected to fill the place of tutor here. Our active members from last year are McDougall, E. A., Morgan, E. D. A., Bunting, E. R., Cowan, E. W. McCallie, E. H., Baker, E. T. and E. Hist., Burton, E. C., Graves, Tims, Griffiss, Flood, McNeilly and Haden. Bro. Tims graduated with A. B., in '87, and has returned for his senior year in Theology. He is a valuable member of whom we are proud. By diligent work we have secured a magnificent reinforcement of members in the initiation of eight splendid fellows; C. C. Carson, Chattanooga, Tenn., W. T. Starkley, Union Springs, Ala., W. M. Denton, Dalton, Ga., Jno. A. Lowe, Nettleton, Miss., Jas. T. Naylor, Waterford, Miss., Jno. W. D. Dicks, Natchez, Miss., D. F. Wilkinson, Raleigh, Miss., and H. S. Hersman, San Luis Obispo, California. All of our new men make excellent members and among them are found some of the brainiest men in the university. In getting Hersman we score a notable victory, as he ran the fraternity gauntlet under pressure last session. He is a nephew of Chancellor Hersman, is one of the most popular boys in the university, and won the Stewart Society Improvement medal last June.

The total of active fraternity men in school is:

*Sigma Alpha Epsilon*, twenty-one and two members in the Faculty.

*Pi Kappa Alpha*, six.

*Alpha Tau Omega*, five.

*Kappa Alpha*, five.

*Kappa Sigma*, five.

*Sigma Nu* and *Phi Delta Theta* have a stray member each.

So you see at S. W. P. U. about half of the Greeks are S. A. E's. At present a Pan-Hellenic movement is on foot, which we hope to see successful. Bros. McDougall and Graves are delegates to the Y. M. C. A. convention at Columbia, Tenn. Graves and McCallie are on the journal staff.

With pleasure do we greet the new chapters and extend to them our congratulations on their introduction to S. A. E. Welcome Dickinson, Baker and Mid. Ga. A. and M.!!  
 What is wrong with Erskine, Emory and U. of Alabama?  
*Wake up! Sigs., down there!!*

HARRY S. BUNTING.

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OHIO SIGMA, MT. UNION COLLEGE, ALLIANCE, OHIO.

Ohio Sigma still feels able to report a prosperous aspect, although we lost seven noble men, who left us with the commencement of '90, and although quite a number of our undergraduates left college to enter upon professional studies or to engage in business.

We opened up nevertheless with nine men and although somewhat weaker than our Greek rivals in numerical strength, we feel able to cope with them.

Our summer banquet was a pronounced success with Bro. A. G. Pipher as toast master. Bro. F. L. Sage gave an eloquent address of welcome, which was fittingly responded to by Bro. Theodore Armstrong, the principal of Mt. Union's Commercial Department, and by Bro. H. C. Combs of '88.

We have already taken in one man who is well selected as a loyal wearer of the purple and gold. Let me introduce him to the brother's who read the RECORD. J. W. Cole is his name, of Kilbuck, Ohio, and an active member of the Freshman class.

Three of our boys have places on the *Dynamo Association*, who are elected by the faculty to run the college paper. In other respects as well, we are holding our own, and intend to keep our present high standing here.

With best wishes to all our brothers in S. A. E., we drop our pen.

M. B. EXCELL.

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OHIO DELTA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY,  
 DELAWARE.

The first term of the college year '90-'91 opened auspiciously in the Ohio Wesleyan on September 17th. Notwithstanding the general stringency in money matters throughout the country consequent upon the partial failure

of crops in many localities and the desultory effect of the McKinley bill, our college rolls show as large a number of students in attendance as we have ever had. This year completes the first half century of the university's existence. She intends to celebrate this, her semi-centennial year, with the erection of a fine chapel building. The new building will be erected at a cost of \$75,000, and will have a seating capacity of 1,500 students.

Something happened here about a week ago which will form an entirely new and novel chapter in the history of the university. It was a class rush, participated in by the junior and senior girls. It occurred in front of the chapel just as the students were coming out from prayers. It was all about some class hats—mortar boards—which the seniors had stolen from the juniors, the girls went at it in a truly feminine style and for a time engaged in a free-for-all fight, to the great gratification of the boys, who urged them on with yells of delight. Now the poor girls are filled with trepidation because the whole affair was put into the *Police Gazette* with the pictures of some of the dear creatures while engaged in hair pulling in regular catch-as-catch-can style, they say it is "too horrid mean" to make so much of a little piece of class enthusiasm, and that something ought to be done with "that mean old *Gazette*."

Ohio Delta opens this year with nine men, having graduated four last year. There are only two fraternities in school who have more men than we have, and there are none which have better. The outlook for the year is exceedingly bright. We have one good man already pledged, with the best of prospects for more. One of our professors told a new student the other day if he wanted to join a good fraternity and had the opportunity, one that would help him socially, mentally and morally, to join the S. A. E.

Nearly every one of our men has had an honor of some kind "thrust" upon him. Brothers J. E. Roberts and G. K. Denton represent us this year in the oratorical contest. The "winner of the palm" last year belonged to us, and considering the abilities of our men represented this year, we have great hopes that victory will again perch upon our brow.

Bro. W. B. Winters has been elected salutatorian by his society to represent them on their society annual, and Bro. C. R. Ball was made president of the Athletic Association this year. Taking into consideration the fact that we are yet a comparatively new Chapter, we have much reason for rejoicing over our prosperous condition. C. R. BALL.

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#### OHIO ALPHA ALUMNUS, ALLIANCE, OHIO.

Again it is our pleasure to write a letter for the dear old RECORD. Associations in our college may be forgotten, but the fraternity and fraternity journal—never. The Alumnus goes forth to active life, but there is always a longing desire to see the columns of the fraternity journal, to read the record of active workers, to glory in their achievements and to recall his own dear associations in the fraternity world. Aye, truly, here's to the dear old RECORD.

Since our last letter, Ohio Sigma has furnished us with five new members. The brothers received a hearty welcome from their brothers "gone before" into active life. After the work of several years it is fitting that they "bide a wee" and take their bearings ere they venture on the sea of life. Several have been recuperating, several are as yet unheard of, and one only is in an important position; Bro. F. L. Sage, principal of the Saginaw, Mich., High School, draws a yearly salary of \$1,400.

Bro. H. C. Combs, '88, late superintendent of schools at Wilmot, Ohio, is now at the theological school at Lexington, Kentucky. Bro. J. C. Goodrich, of the same class, has also entered the ministry and is located at May Hill, Ohio. J. S. Christy, same class, holds the superintendency of the Connellsville, Pa., schools.

Bro. L. M. Wood, '87, has been "on the go" for the last few months. Leaving Salem, N. H., he became pastor of one of the finest churches in New Orleans; removing thence to Chicago, he remained but a short time, and is now pastor of a congregation at Bloomington, Illinois. S. J. Christley, '89, is professor of Latin in an academy at Sunbury, Pa.

But we would not tire your readers with a history of all our members; all are becoming noted in their lines of work, and will be a constant pride to us in the future. Some are already high; others will excel them.

We are busily preparing for the convention; it is with the greatest pleasure that we can welcome our Southern brothers to the North. From this time forward our constant cry shall be, "On to Cincinnati."

H. C. BURGER.

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N. C. XI, UNIV. OF N. C., CHAPEL HILL.

Xi opened this term with eleven men, five in the senior class, one in the junior, two in the Sophomore, and three in the School of Law. Since the opening, however, we have lost two of these, but have initiated five new men, Bro. G. B. Patterson of the Law School, left us on September 15th, stood his examination before the Supreme Court, was successful in obtaining his license, and is now practicing (?) in Maxton, Robeson county, this State.

Bro. A. S. Williams, who joined us here in '87, but left for the University of Virginia in '89, returned to us this year to read law, has gone home on account of a severe attack of illness. He is improving, though, and we hope to have him with us again soon.

Of our new members, Howard E. Rondthaler, of Salem, entered the Sophomore class. The others entered the Freshman class, viz.: W. R. Kenan and John D. Bellamy, 3rd, of Wilmington, Bowman Gray, of Winston, and Owen H. Kenan, of Kenansville. Our number is now 14.

Our newly elected officers are as follows: A. H. Patterson, '91, E. A.; W. J. Andrews, '91, E. D. A.; H. E. Rondthaler, '93, E. R.; J. M. Morehead, '91, E. C. and chapter editor; Geo. Ransom, '91, E. W.; A. S. Williams, Law, E. H.; Geo. Conner, '92, E. T.; W. W. Ashe, '91, E. Chr.

We have adopted the new Ritual of the Convention of 1887, and like it exceedingly.

J. M. MOREHEAD.

PENNSYLVANIA OMEGA, ALLEGHANY COLLEGE,  
MEADVILLE, PA.

Omega sends "greetings" to each and every chapter, and wishes for their success and prosperity during the coming year.

We commenced this collegiate year with fourteen men, and have since initiated Wm. H. Gibson, Jno. A. Knox and Reed Beardsley, all fine students and promising young men, into the mysteries of our order.

It is rather early in the year to speak of honors, as the contest has hardly begun, but of those that are already of the past Omega has secured more than her share. Bro. F. A. Collins has covered himself with glory by winning the Alumni essay contest in Philo Franklin Literary Society. This in itself would be a full share of the honors; but to "cap the climax" Bro. Jno. A. Gibson was elected to the office of editor-in-chief of the college paper, the "Campus," on the editorial board of which we are further represented by Bro. Griffin. In the Senior class we attained three positions, as follows: Orator, C. C. Freeman; Essayist, Wm. B. Griffin, and Poet, Jno. A. Gibson. And as to standing in classes, we are more than willing to compare with any other chapter here.

We are very glad to hear of the project for the re-establishment of Kentucky Chi; this is a step in the right direction; not only must we obtain new chapters, but we must preserve the old in order to raise the fraternity to that exalted position to which we are desirous of seeing her attain.

Old Allegheny is booming! There are more students this term than there has ever been in the history of the college. With everything prospering around us, there is no doubt but that Penn. Omega will hold her own for time to come.

We, ourselves, have turned "evangelists," and hope, before another month rolls by, to have a chapter started in a neighboring University. It does our hearts good to glance over the correspondence in THE RECORD and see the many good reports of our sister chapters. With such solid proofs



of success, we feel secure in predicting that before the nineteenth century has closed, S. A. E. will occupy the highest position of honor and respect.

H. C. DORWORTH.

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SOUTH CAROLINA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF S. C.,  
COLUMBIA.

The opening of the session of 1890-'91 at the University of South Carolina finds S. C. Delta with only seven men. What we lack in numbers we shall endeavor to counterbalance in zeal. We lost five members when the last session closed, four of them by graduation.

Our session began Tuesday, Oct. 7, and consequently we have not at this early day (Oct. 10) initiated any new men, though we hope to admit several into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon during the coming week.

Before the close of our last session, Delta recommended the re-establishment of S. C. Mu. After writing Bro. Mell several letters as to the result of the vote of the chapters, but receiving no answer to any of them, we suppose the application must have been rejected. Before making the application Delta sent one of its members to look over the field. This member was before going rather opposed to the re-establishment, but upon his looking over the field and meeting the men, he gladly recommended the re-establishment. Delta is extremely sorry that the chapters did not see fit to approve her recommendation.

Why is it that the E. C.'s of the different chapters will not maintain the required correspondence with each other? Our E. C. tried faithfully last session to maintain a correspondence with all the chapters in this province over which Delta presides, and in fact with the whole fraternity, but it was only now and then that a reply was received. Let us keep up the correspondence, and know what each other are doing.

It is rather early to speak of college honors, but S. A. E. has received about all the honors bestowed here so far. We have the presidents of both the Senior and Junior classes.

Though the convention of 1890 is sometime off, yet we are looking forward to it with interest, and hope to be able to send at least one delegate.

We have for sometime past been endeavoring to build a hall for Delta's use, but so far have not been able to raise the requisite amount of money.

Our officers for the ensuing university year are as follows: B. H. Harvin, E. G. A.; F. C. Withers, E. D. G. A.; H. M. Beaty, E. G. R.; H. L. Elliot, Jr., E. G. C.; O. R. Withers, E. G. T.; H. W. Cooper, E. G. H.; H. W. Hanahan, E. G. W.

Before this is published in the RECORD, we hope that our chapter will be materially increased in numbeas.

FRANK C. WITHERS.

[We are informed from headquarters that the charter for Mu will be granted.—ED.]

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#### GEORGIA PSI, MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON.

Old Sigma threw open her doors on the night of the 26th of last month, and her members spent a most jovial and pleasant evening after an absence of about three months.

We convened with about twelve members. Although we are not so numerous this year, we have some good material in our ranks.

We have initiated one new man this term, recommended to us by one of our members who did not return. The man initiated is Mr. Godfrey.

Several of our old members have not returned up to date.

We think that this will be a year of progress and success for old chapter Psi, as there seems to be more unity, ambition and enthusiasm existing among our boys.

We hope to get at least one more new man at present, and trust that our men will, by their earnest endeavors, application and consistency, win for their chapter, Mercer's brightest laurels.

God, in His all-wise providence, has seen proper to visit our fold since last we met, and lead one of our men, Mr. C. N. Briggs, from our midst to that home beyond the grave.

The results of our last election are as follows: A. E., W. J. Durham; E. D. A., G. R. Gunn; E. R., M. Threadgill; E. Cor., J. H. Cantelon; E. T., D. S. Edenfield; E. Chr., Z. B. Rogers, and E. W., J. H. Gary.

Wishing all of our sister chapters success, prosperity and happiness, we close.

J. H. CANTELON.

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TENNESSEE LAMBDA, CUMBERLAND UNIV., LEBANON.

Since Lambda was last represented in the RECORD, her ranks have been numerically diminished, but the gaps are being filled with men worthy to bear the banner of purple and gold, and this session bids fair to be the most prosperous in her history. Our hopes and prospects are destined to be realized; for we now have fifteen men, in whose lexicons the word "impossible" is not to be found, when the interests of the fraternity are at stake. They realize that our fraternity is destined to gain strong-holds all over this land of ours, and they want to be instrumental in crowning her with glorious success. We are glad and proud to see that the work of extension is progressing and especially that it is "westward taking its flight." We have all along believed that extension was certain; for wherever the blessings of civilization and enlightenment are enjoyed; wherever friendship true and lasting purifies and exalts, there the bonds of our order will secure an ever-during hold. So may the day soon dawn when our territory shall be co-equal with the Union. We opened the year with the following eleven men: S. B. Davis, E. A.; Jno. Caruthers, E. C.; T. E. Halbert, E. C.; J. P. Morgan, E. W.; J. T. Dunn, E. H.; G. H. Black, E. T.; Z. J. Crider, E. Ch.; E. E. Moody, O. L. Price, W. O. Mims, O. D. McReynolds, R. M. Banks, Jr. Since then we have initiated W. A. Rathburn, J. P. Lee, Chas. H. Wright and G. H. McLeod. These new men are well worthy to be S. A. E.'s, not only because of their social qualities, but of their mental. Lambda is represented in every department and every class in the respective departments, save one, that being the senior theological. Thus you see that we have "theologs," lawyers and "lits."

When this appears two more men in all probability will have crossed the threshold of Lambda, assumed her vows and will be enjoying her privileges and blessings. These are from the Freshman class and are undoubtedly rare catches. There are no honors or medals awarded in this school; in the Philomathean Society, however, Bro. Davis wields the gavel and presides with becoming dignity in the supreme moot court. Bro. Price charges the juries in the circuit moot court, while some of our men deport themselves honorably as embryo advocates. Bros. Mims and Banks are the debaters of the school, and we congratulate the society at Emory and Henry, to which the former belonged, and the one at the University of Virginia, with which the latter was connected, in their appreciation and judgment in awarding them so many medals. Comparatively speaking, fraternities, numerically, are not represented here; there are only four, "Betas," "Kappa Sigs.," "A. T. O.'s," and "S. A. E.'s." None of them have collided yet, but all are working with that degree and spirit of harmony becoming Greeks. We trust this spirit will continue to be manifested. Lambda assures her sister chapters that she is enthusiastic in the work, and wishes that they may have unbounded prosperity.

T. E. HALBERT.

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KENTUCKY IOTA, BETHEL COLLEGE,  
RUSSELLVILLE, KY.

Again it is our pleasant duty to let "Sigdom" know what we are doing. The Sigs in Kentucky are getting their share of honors, if not in active members in our Alumni from this State in the promotion of the Hon. J. G. Carlisle to the United States Senate.

W. S. Ryland received the honorary degree of D. D., from Georgetown and Richmond Colleges. We are glad, not because like modern Greece, we can only praise the past and think of what our noble sires have accomplished, but because we are led to hope that there are as great, if not greater, in our ranks now. It matters not so much to the present

generation of Sigs what has been and what we shall be, as what we are. Take care of the present, and the past and future will take care of themselves.

Iota is in good condition. She has at present twelve members, four of whom are new ones, viz.: H. P. McElrath, B. B. Sory and W. C. Montague, of class '93, and N. Lashbrook, of '94. Altogether we have a good chapter and think that we are doing well for an infant of two years. We have two rival fraternities in college, and we think and have reason to believe, that our standard of membership is equal, if not better, than either. We are, and expect to continue to be, on good terms with both. Our hall is undergoing thorough repairs, and we think we will have as neat a hall as can be found. We have one energetic brother who is an art student, that has already made some drawings for a chapter house.

We hope that there shall be *a good representation at the convention*. Cincinnati is so near that we think our delegates certain to make the convention. Come up, ye Southerners, Kentucky is known for her hospitality, and Cincinnati is almost on the border, and in close connection with us.

E. T. MOBBERLY.

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S. C. LAMBDA, S. C. MILITARY ACADEMY,  
CHARLESTON.

(*Sub Rosa*)

As the familiar sound of the drum was heard on the parade ground of the Academy, beating assembly, every cadet felt that school had really commenced again. All of the Sigs were here—six in number—several having graduated last year. They were all as warm as ever in their brotherly feelings, aye, perhaps warmer; but on all their faces could be seen lines of thoughtfulness and even sorrow. Whence came this? We shall presently see. Last year the trouble here between fraternity and non-fraternity men, caused the full betrayal of the existence of fraternities here. The authorities have always been decidedly opposed to fraternities here; or, at least, the regulations have; but they

have existed, nevertheless. Now a plan has been laid and put in execution, that will result in the total extinction of fraternities in three years. This is the way, a recruit on matriculation promises "never to join any secret society while a cadet or to attend any meeting thereof."

Short and simple: Thus is this class of over eighty men forbidden to enjoy the sweets of fraternity life, prevented from slaking their thirst upon the cool water of brotherhood. Is there justification for this step? Was it done from mere prejudice? Assuredly not. We shall not enter upon any discussion of this point here, but suffice it to say that they were actuated by the conviction that "Military discipline and fraternities are incompatible." I expect now some one asks, "What are you going to do about it?" We see no other course open at present than to surrender our charter! Does this surprise you? If you knew the circumstances, it would not. We have given it sober thought, and will not act hastily. It requires a great sacrifice, but we are willing to make it, knowing that we possess the sympathy of all Sigdom.

Notwithstanding these tumults, our men have not failed to bear themselves with distinction, and hold the highest offices in the corps.

All of our Alumni are doing well.

Bro. H. H. Brunson is a rising young lawyer at Orangeburg.

Bro. A. N. Brunson is now at Vanderbilt preparing himself for the avocation of minister.

Bro. Geo. H. Cornelson is at Davidson College, N. C., preparing himself, also, for the same laudable calling. B.

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#### MICHIGAN ALPHA, ADRIAN COLLEGE, ADRIAN.

Commencement week with all it contains, is a conglomerate mixture of fun, work, pleasure and sorrows. The graduates inflict their last load of eloquence upon the defenceless ears of friends and Alumni, with usually no fatal results. Old students wander among familiar spots, resurrect pleasant reminiscences of schemes successfully carried

out and some not so pleasant, of long sieges in the presence of the stately faculty. The senior wanders about with a woe-begone expression paralyzing trees, fences, and occasionally a martyr friend with his oration on some abstruse and diabolical subject. Days pass speedily and soon the achievements won and battles lost, became the topic of talk. So the commencement of the class named '90, has resembled its predecessors in many respects. Sigma had three representatives, in '90, who sustained themselves in good shape, and made their fellow brothers proud—H. C. Rorick, F. E. Priddy, Newton Swet. The first event that brought the S. A. E. boys into favor was a Pan-Hellenic banquet given under their auspices. It was an elaborate affair, the first of the kind ever held at Adrian. All members of Greek letter fraternities were cordially welcomed. Toasts were responded to by a number present, and appetizing and abundant menu discussed at length. All manner of delicacies were brought forward and consumed.

Sigma gained its next victory, and one that is of the finest kind, at the trustee meeting, when J. F. McCulloch, one the most loyal wearers of the purple and gold, was chosen as president of the college. The new president is a native of Pleasant Garden, N. C., a graduate of the college over which he now presides, of the University of Michigan and of Johns Hopkins University. He is a most capable man, and a new enthusiasm is sure to be injected into the home of Michigan Alpha. It can easily be imagined that every Frater. was full to overflowing with joy at his selection to this responsible position. In fact the rejoicing was general, for the new president has the very best wishes of all.

Sigma's next victory was on commencement morning. Dr. H. C. Rorick is nearly six feet high, and on top can be found an active brain. This lengthy gentleman captured the prize offered for the best oration delivered on commencement day, as the opposition was intense, defeat of opponents is all the more commendable. These seemed almost Alpha's share, but she did not rest contented. Bro. Newton Swift, who does not care if you do call him

red-headed, took the prize offered for the best musician at the annual concert. This is the first time a Frat. man has ever taken this prize and was thus a double victory. Taken as a whole, the past year has been a very pleasant and successful one for Mich. Alpha, and the boys sustained her excellent reputation. Several of them are already planning for the next convention and anticipate a large attendance and a joyful, successful meeting.

W. L. LOURIE.

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GA. TAU, STATE TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE,  
ATLANTA.

Our college re opened on the 1st of October with about 125 men.

Seven of our old boys returned, leaving only two who will not come back. One of these two, Bro. Morrow, will probably go to Athens Christmas.

We neglected in our last letter to introduce Bro. William Moore Draper, '93, of Atlanta. We now introduce him to the fraternity.

We have not taken in any new men, but will probably do so before very long.

At our last meeting new officers were elected: E. A., Rogers W. Davis, E. D. A., E. D. Sheffield, E. R., W. M. Draper, E. T., J. W. Bridge, E. W., W. R. Harper, and E. C., Geo. Freeman.

We are very anxious to have a hall, and a committee has been appointed to see what can be done. If such a thing is possible we will have a delegate at Cincinnati.

Three of our men have badges and two more expect to purchase very shortly.

It seems to be the opinion among the boys that K. A. will establish a chapter during this session.

Our chapter reports favorably on the Dickinson college, Georgia A. and M. college and the college at Baldwin, Kansas. Action on the Kentucky Xi application was deferred till we can learn something about the present condition of the school, etc.



For the term extending through June, Bros. Davis, Harper and Draper stood 2nd, 5th and 7th respectively in their large class.

GEO. FREEMAN.

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TENNESSEE KAPPA, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE,  
KNOXVILLE.

Tenn. Kappa begins the second year of its existence with most auspicious prospects. Although Bro. E. C. Carter, of the class of '90, has left us, we have taken in two new men, and expect to be further strengthened in a short time by the accession of several others. The names of our new initiates are :

J. F. Butler, Port Gibson, Miss., J. W. Young, Clinton, Tenn. The former is in the collegiate department, the latter is a student of the law department recently established. Both stand high in the university and we commend them to all loyal "Sigs."

The greatest event of last term was the field day exercises. All of the students of the university joined enthusiastically in efforts to make it a success. It was largely attended by the citizens of Knoxville and in the general exercise of strength and skill, the "Sigs" as usual came off victorious. Out of thirty-two prizes offered, our athletic brothers carried away sixteen of the best prizes. Bro. J. W. Miles won three medals, also faculty medal as best all around athlete. This is a high honor well deserved.

Our genial and popular Bro. French entered the lists and was victor in many contests. Brothers Carter and Kirk also carried off several prizes.

We expect to be able this year to take the literary medals for essay and oratory—proving thereby that we have the intellectual as well as physical athletes.

The chapter is in good condition. Our number is yet small but we have the best men—most intelligent, scholarly and popular in the university.

We confidently look forward to the time when we shall see our way clear towards building a beautiful and

picturesque chapter house after the manner of our loyal and esteemed brothers of Sewanee.

We are greatly indebted to our alumni brothers in the city who are ever willing to assist us.

The banquet of last term at the Vendome was the most highly delightful and enjoyable occasion of the kind we have ever experienced. We had a truly royal time. There were twenty present, including the alumni of the city. We shall have another reunion of this sort again this term.

The University of Tenn. is making rapid progress under the energetic management of Dr. Dabney. Many radical changes have been made, which will tend to elevate the standard of the school.

As the university moves forward, Kappa will grow and expand.

FRANK M. GETTYS.

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#### ALA. IOTA, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, GREENSBORO.

Iota's correspondent of last session was a member of the graduating class, and hence is not with us this year. Before leaving, however, he exemplified his trueness to S. A. E. principles by his success in college; and in addition to assisting in winning the challenge debate for his literary society, he bore off the essayist's medal at commencement in the face of strong competition. This year the mantle falls upon other shoulders, but with much pleasure Iota sends greeting to her sister kephs.

We have at present fifteen members, three of whom, brothers R. B. Crawford, Louis McRae and Albert K. Butler, have been initiated this year.

Our officers are: Jas. M. Glenn, E. A.; T. M. Patterson, E. D. A.; E. G. Burchfield, E. R.; E. L. Crawford, E. C.; J. M. Eckford, E. W.; J. M. Clarke, E. H.

JAS. M. GLENN.

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#### TENN. MU, VANDERBILT UNIV., NASHVILLE.

In compliance with your request, I shall endeavor to furnish you with this chapter letter. Though hard pressed in my law study just now, I do not begrudge in the slightest

the time required for penning this communication. There are two things in the world which I trust I shall never be guilty of neglecting: the one is my sweetheart, the other is my fraternity. In addition to the motive for writing, which I have just given, there is the further one of fear; for my brothers at Vanderbilt would make it unpleasantly warm for me, if we failed to have a letter in the November number of our journal. What I have stated in the foregoing sentence is evidence, strong as could be desired, of the fact that we are all longing for a sight of the RECORD, as of the face of a dear old friend.

There are nineteen of us this year, including transfers. Brothers Spence and Hardwick, of Virginia Pi, Peebles, of Tennessee Zeta, Harrison, of Alabama Mu, Brunson, of South Carolina Lambda, Oldham, of Mississippi Gamma, and Campbell, of Kentucky Epsilon, re-inforced us at the opening. There are no initiates to be recorded. The chapter seems to be unusually conservative this year, and the spiking has been very limited. We may add one or two names to our roll next month.

Since our last letter to the RECORD, the days have not been barren in results for us. Indeed, it is not likely that our unbounded success of the past session will be repeated in full for some years to come. Among the honors that fell to our share may be mentioned, the Founder's oratorical medal, the Founder's medal in the Academic department, the Owen prize medal in the School of Economics, the Crawford Scholarship given in the Academic department to the student having the highest average in the Junior class, the Dialectic representative in the Inter-Collegiate oratorical contest, and the Faculty representative at commencement. For two years in succession we have captured the Crawford scholarship and one of the oratorical medals.

As regards the present session, I may state that brother Campbell is one of the assistant editors of *The Hustler*, a weekly paper, and the writer is editor-in-chief of the *University Magazine*, while other honors fall into the category of our "great expectations."

Of course it is pardonable for me to think that Chapter Nu is the best one in the University ; but, in all candor, it must be admitted that the Kappa Alphas, Phi Delta Thetas, and Delta Kappa Epsilons, as well as ourselves, are candidates for first place. The Delta Tau Deltas have not re-orangized this year ; the Alpha Tau Omegas, the Chi Phis, the Kappa Sigmas, and the Beta Theta Pi's have comparatively small chapters, though good ones.

Good feeling prevails among nearly all of the Greeks, and they are invariably found at the head of enterprises looking to the complete development of university life. Time has proved, I think, that it was the part of wisdom to remove all restrictions upon fraternities at Vanderbilt. In point of fact, there are very few institutions of note remaining, where the fraternities have not fought and won the battle of freedom. The all-important question now is, not existence, simply, but unity of life—Pan-Hellenism.

There are few things outside of the routine work, just now, to which I might call your attention. Vanderbilt is pushing her policy of encouraging advanced study, with admirable results. Four of her graduates have entered upon professorships in Southern colleges this year.

There seems to be a revival of interest in base-ball this season. Three teams have been organized in the Law, Theological and Academic departments, respectively, and will play a series of games before cold weather sets in.

Nothing is more true or trite than that life is not all sunshine. Into the wine of success, I must needs drop a tear. It is with no little pain and regret that I chronicle the expulsion from the fraternity, by Chapter Nu, of Mr. S. W. Weatherly, on the ground of bad conduct.

So far as we are concerned, there is ample assurance of a pleasant and prosperous year ; as for the fraternity at large, there can be only fulfillment of its glorious promise.

With best regards to all Sigs, whether new or old, we close.

J. W. MOORE.

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ALA. ALPHA MU, A. AND M. COLLEGE,  
AUBURN.

No one knows how hard a thing the writing of a good chapter letter is until he tries, and the man who is appointed for the first time sometimes spoils much paper and also some religion in the writing.

But on the other hand it is indeed a privilege to be able to greet all the S. A. E.'s for the new year and especially when one belongs to a chapter which is proud of its members and its work.

And again it always does one's conscience good when he has written the letter, and pulling off his glasses and leaning back in his chair he thinks how much he is pleasing Bro. Capers by sending in his chapter letter in plenty of time to be published.

I am a new hand at the business, but from reading over all the chapter letters in the last RECORD, I find it the almost universal custom for the writer to enumerate all the great triumphs which the chapter has achieved, but I am afraid that I have no room (I mean that Bro. Capers has no room in the RECORD) for such enumerations and then it might make some less fortunate chapter jealous. All I will say on the subject is that we got our share, and when I meet you all personally will tell you more about it, and how we got ahead of somebody else. But you may rest perfectly sure that we won't say anything about the times when somebody else got ahead of us, as ifs uch a thing could happen!

We lost some good men by the graduation of the class of '90, they have gone out in the world to win for themselves and therefore for us "palms of victory and crowns of glory." We will not, however, let them forget A. and M., but make them think of us, and will prove that we are ever mindful of their existence by writing them whenever any improvements are about to begin in our hall and will remind them that they were once members of dear old Alpha Mu.

This year we have taken in some fine men, viz.: Bros. Dunstan, H., Little, Andrews, Boykin, Miller and Charles. They are all fine men and as the old stand-by runs, "eminently worthy to wear the badge of old S. A. E."

The prospects this year are very bright, indeed, and the men are all awaiting with as much patience as they can for the appearance of the RECORD, and especially your humble servant who is trembling lest this valuable document get lost in the mail. All the boys send best greeting to all the old boys and a "glad to know you" to all the new.

M. B. M.

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SOUTH CAROLINA PHI, FURMAN UNIVERSITY,  
GREENVILLE.

We opened the university this year with a large number of students, and many of the new men were excellent material for Greek work.

Our boys of last year returned with but one exception, and we have gone into our work here with a vim. We lead in our classes, and in the literary societies, and we hope we are not deceived in thinking that we are also first in the hearts and before the pretty eyes and sweet smiles of Greenville's fair sex. Many of them tell us so, but then—well you know when they "get in a telling way" they make us all think as Lochinvar did, that ours is the best!

Brothers Watkins and Ford went on to the University of Virginia this summer and took a short law course, but they are with us again. Our boys were busy during the vacation. We have in our chapter those who expect to be preachers, lawyers, doctors and merchants, and each one during the summer took a hand by way of practice, you know, and in many instances great good was done.

We are still proud of our alumni in the city who attend our meetings and help pay for our fun.

McCullough, Earle, Capers and Dean, lawyers; Whitmire, Ford, Rutledge, business men, and Hewell, physician, help us whenever we call on them.

We hope in our next letter to report in full and in fact and figures a record of good work for Phi.

.E. A. McDOWELL.

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MICHIGAN ALPHA, ADRIAN COLLEGE,  
ADRIAN.

The opening of another college year finds the boys of Michigan Alpha, although reduced in numbers, still gathering with their old-time enthusiasm around the hearthstone of our chapter hall. Last year was what might be termed an "off year" for fraternities in Adrian College, and good Sig material was very scarce, indeed; while we saw that our numbers promised to be few at the opening of the year, still we determined to hold to our old policy of never taking a man for the sake of filling up the ranks, and although we might leave our chapter weak in numbers, her standard should remain the same.

Our rivals, the Alpha Tau Omegas, pursued the opposite policy of keeping up the numbers at the expense of quality and with the result that while only three members responded to our "mystic roll," and they boasted nine or ten, still we have taken two men whom they have been working for for a long time.

At the first meeting only three members were present, of our old chapter, four men are attending the University of Michigan, one was obliged to remain at home and three others, like myself, are bearing the Sigma colors on another field.

Speaking in behalf of the class of '90, I can say that our thoughts are all with Sigma, and in spirit we still meet in the old chapter hall, and we realize, as never before, that fraternity influence is not bounded by the narrow circle of college life.

Our new men, Bros. Harrer and Wood, are boys well worthy to wear the "purple and gold," and will strengthen us in the Greek world at Adrian.

True to our principle of never taking a man unless he will add strength to our ranks, we report a chapter small in numbers but strong in qualities, which have through all Sig history, reflected credit on the "purple and gold."

Bro. Will Lowrie, class of '89, is assisting in the editorial department of a well established daily paper at Elgin, Ill.

An old chum suggests that "Bill" take charge of the fish department, it will give him a splendid chance to expand his natural abilities.

C. D. Wightman, class of '89, is studying law at Medina, Ohio.

Guy Varney, class of '89, is the proprietor of a general store at Manhattan, Kansas.

Dame Rumor says that Guy thinks "'Tis not good for man to be alone," and will soon take in a working partner.

Bro. J. F. McCulloch has returned from Clark University and resumed his position as president of Adrian College.

Bro. H. C. Rorick, class of '90, after spending his summer vacation in the West, is taking a law course at the University of Michigan.

Bro. Newton Swift is teaching music in Paris, Illinois, but still mourns the "girl he left behind him."

Bros. Furuya, Sahaurai and Hunter are attending the University of Michigan; they are of the right stuff and will add much to our chapter there.

Bro. Irwin is at home at Pittsburg, Pa.

With a hearty "grip" to our brothers, one and all, we say of Sigma, "*Esto perpetua.*"

F. E. PRIDDY.

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#### VA. OMICRON, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Greeting from Omicron to her sister chapters :

We are late in sending in our letter owing to some misunderstanding as to our E. C., we are nevertheless unwilling to be without representation in this the first issue of the RECORD this scholastic year. Omicron is this year numerically reduced, as of last year's seventeen men, but three have returned, viz. : Bros. Campbell, Sutherlin and Elmore Moorman. Our quota of transfer is also much smaller than usual, consisting of but three men, Bros. Beattie, S. C. Delta, W. H. Woods, Vanderbilt University, C. P. Cocke, Tennessee Omega. Bro. Robt. Goldthwaite, of Alabama, is as yet our only initiate. Thus as can be seen Omicron has but seven members, though with these she is well represented



in the academic, law and medicine departments. By their aid Omicron hopes still to keep green upon Minerva's brow, the boys she has so proudly twined for her in other years, and while feeling so small a chapter membership a great drawback in an institution as thoroughly political as ours, she has, despite it, proud and ample equivalent in the good fellowship and congeniality necessarily bred by the stress of this "sweet adversity." She cherishes now in her mother bosom a blessed hope which if all things are propitious she will ere long confide to her sisters.

CHARLES P. COCKE.

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GEORGIA OMEGA ALUMNUS, AUGUSTA, GA.

It seems to me that, despite business and much work, I cannot keep from actively hustling for S. A. E.

South Carolina Lambda was my first chapter, then S. C. Phi, and now Georgia Omega Alumnus. We have an active Alumnus Chapter, if I may so speak, for our boys, though busily engaged in business, find time to pay some attention to the fraternity work, and we meet each other, whether in business, at a German or ball or at church, with the "grip," that grip which sends a common thrill of Phi Alpha through us all.

Bros. McCord, Gibson, myself and others, are getting up an idea to go to the Cincinnati convention in a special or private car. I would suggest that the car be made to order and in the shape of our badge, but that would either jump the track or compel it to "spread." But seriously, we are going to the convention from here, and expect to take a representative delegation. There is work to be done, and among other things, the important question of uniting the officers.

If you will pardon my bringing up my old "hobby" of uniting the E. S. A. and editor of the RECORD, I will quote what I wrote just one year ago as the most forcible argument I can put forward in advocacy of the plan. Many of our readers will remember that I wrote as follows in a circular and afterwards in a letter to the RECORD:

"We think an E. S. A. is the best man in the fraternity to be in charge of the RECORD, and that there should be but *one* man in charge both of our executive and journal affairs, so that we would know exactly where to look for necessary information and fraternity work. The duties of E. S. A. make him the best man in the fraternity to publish its journal. He is, or should be, acquainted with every working of the fraternity, and having the fraternity's journal at hand, can always give us, straight from headquarters, fraternity news, his correspondence with new chapters, his work among the chapters, and the entire order would be ever ready at his discretion for the press, and would always be welcome reading to us. Under the present system, we hear nothing through the RECORD from the E. S. A. or his work. Many of our best and largest fraternities are prospering under the system of *one* man, as chief executive official and in charge of the official journal.

We hope that our men will go to the convention with the determination to save some money on our present yearly outlay; to elect an E. S. A., and make him manage the RECORD, giving him, in a wider field of usefulness, an opportunity to be a faithful, useful and vigorous officer."

At first this plan was not a popular one, but I am satisfied now that the convention will unite the offices. I hope to send the RECORD some Alumni dots in a few days. Until we all meet in Cincinnati, farewell.

W. H. WESTMORELAND

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MICHIGAN IOTA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF  
MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR.

We begin the year so auspiciously ourselves, that we can not but wish our brothers a like prosperity. At the beginning of last year we had eight men enrolled, while this year we have seventeen, having received into our circle, frater Leighley of Ohio Delta, and five of Michigan Alpha's men, fraters Rorick, Hunter, Harton and the two fraters from Japan, Nobusabro Sekurai and Taka Furuya. Of course we sympathize with Alpha in her loss, but we cannot help being exultant over our own gain, for Alpha's sons are Sigma's truest steel. We have initiated two members of the class of '94 and count on soon bringing two more into the "palaces of the Greeks."

The possession of a fraternity home greatly enhances our social standing among the other fraternities here. It has been well proven that a Frat. house is a coveted prize which, when gained, brings the deserved reward.

Sigma's banners are pushing steadily forward, and we desire to do our whole duty and to fulfill all our own obligations, that we may be deemed worthy of the fraternal love and esteem of our brothers everywhere.

CHAS. W. HEYWOOD.

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MISS. GAMMA, UNIVERSITY OF MISS., OXFORD.

Mississippi Gamma sends greetings to her sister chapters everywhere on this, the opening of a new scholastic year.

Our ranks have been sadly thinned since last year, but we are yet working with a will and are holding fast to the faith and to the "bonds."

We have lost by death since last session two of our worthy local alumni, Judge William M. Rogers and Thomas A. Hutchinson. Judge Rogers was Circuit Judge of this district, was an honor to his profession, and was greatly beloved by his countrymen. He was an alumnus of Virginia Omicron and also of Virginia Sigma. Brother Hutchinson was also an alumnus of this chapter, Gamma.

Brother J. W. Provine, having resigned his place in the university, is now pursuing a course in chemistry at Göttingen, Germany, where he will be glad to hear from the brothers.

Brother C. C. Provine was graduated last year, and is now merchandising in Coffeetown, Miss. Brothers Wynn and Riddick will not return until the beginning of next session. This leaves our members reduced to the following: W. W. McCrary, E. A.; E. G. Martin, E. D. A.; George H. Provine, E. A.; Jones S. Provine, E. H. and E. T.; W. C. Allen, E. C. Brother "Ned" Oldham, formerly of Gamma, is in the Sophomore at Vanderbilt.

We hope to add two others to our number before long and to turn up with a larger number for next session.

Let us begin preparations for a great convention at Nashville in 1891!!

W. C. ALLEN.

GEOEGIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF GA., ATHENS.

Beta is in a flourishing condition now. We are on good terms with all the other fraternities, and the faculty. At the commencement of this term we only had six members and now we number thirteen. The new brothers are, Messrs. Barrow, Moore, Harris, Barfield, Jackson, Fontaine (Ala. Alpha Mu.) and Olive. The brothers are all nice and pleasant boys. Out of three possible officers in the military department, S. A. E. obtained three, viz.: Captain, Company B., M. H. Hull; 3rd Lieutenant, T. G. Gerdine; 4th Corporal, J. G. Gochtchins.

Last year the editor-in-chief of the "Pandora" was an S. A. E.

We note with pleasure the election of brother Wooten, (Beta), to the next General Assembly of the Georgia Legislature.

Our prospects for the acquisition of new members are splendid.

There is no spot or blemish to dim the lustre of the Georgia Beta now, and we are hopeful of having a hall of our own in the near future.

Beta sends greeting to the other chapters.

SAM L. OLIVE.

OHIO EPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI,  
CINCINNATI.

I had wished to withhold this letter until we could proclaim to our sister chapters the names of seven or eight new brothers, but as this would have meant a delay of another week I am compelled to forego that pleasure. But I can say so much at least that we have made a splendid acquisition in the person of Raymond Ratliff, that we have pledged one more, and enough others to double our number. Though this may read well enough, it conceals the fact that our growth is still up-hill work. Every loss tells upon us; for just when we could least spare them, Bros. Bailey and Weil will withdraw from the university, the first to study medicine elsewhere, the second, because of ill

health. Though somewhat crippled by this misfortune, we struggle bravely on until through the gloom we even now perceive light, in the halos that crown the heads of the martyrs approaching their initiation.

Let us turn now to a brighter picture. Proud, indeed, are we of our handsome room, its frescoed ceiling, its bare floor, its curtained windows, its solitary table and twelve hard chairs, the wealth of its possessions. But prouder shall we be when our patriotic contributions shall have worked a change in its appearance; when each nook and corner shall bespeak a Sig's loyalty, and the whole room shall breathe that air of welcome and of cheer which proclaims the home.

It was there last Friday evening that we were agreeably surprised to find Bros. Taft and O'Neil, of Ohio Sigma, awaiting us. They are enrolled in the Law school in this city, and will make our meetings brighter by their presence.

To-day we received a letter from Iota Beta, of Michigan, in regard to the coming convention. The time for this rapidly approaches, and though we have received no word as to the part we are to play in the preparations for it, still we do not fear that interest slumbers, and trust that it will be found wide-a-woke in the proper quarters. In connection with the coming convention, it might be well to give the chapter food for reflection, in the fact that here lately the importance of the entrance of S. A. E. into Eastern colleges, as Boston, Cornell, Princeton, Harvard, etc., and those central, as Rose Polytechnic, Ohio State University, has been brought home to us. Such are the colleges we should enter in the next few years, and Northern extension must be pushed until our pin shall be seen throughout the length and breadth of this country, and our name a household word to every American college student. To this work Ohio Epsilon will, with her sister chapters, give the best that is in her.

This is my last letter to the RECORD, a fact which may well cause you, gentle readers, to rejoice. In pursuance of action taken at our last meeting, I yield the office to my able successor, whom I now introduce to you as my right

royal brother, Raymond Ratliff. May he succeed better than I have in discharging the duties of the office, is the unanimous wish of the brothers of Ohio Epsilon, whose good wishes are with you all. JOS. B. STRAUSS.

NORTH CAROLINA THETA, DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

It is certainly under most promising circumstances that Theta can send her regular report to our beloved RECORD.

With much uneasiness and some trembling did our graduating brothers, five in number, and we may add the ablest portion of our number, last commencement place upon us, the remaining eight, the grave responsibility of carrying Theta successfully through another year of her history. And indeed, there was cause for anxiety; most of those intending to return were young, and comparatively inexperienced, as to the heavier duties of fraternity work; the conditions of the different chapters of the other fraternities here established, indicated that strong competition could be expected, Kappa Alpha being even more reduced in numbers than ourselves, while Beta Theta Pi, self-reliant on her imagined strength, presented a menacing front, having parted with but few of her numerous members.

Notwithstanding the apprehended difficulties with which our members returned at the opening of this session, the present finds Theta, and we write in no boasting spirit, as high in the respect and admiration of faculty and students, as the past has ever found her. From the large Fresh. class we have had the good fortune of selecting men sufficient in character and ability, as well as in numbers, to make Theta of '91, as strong as Theta of '90.

Our new men are as follows: J. B. Townsend, of Anderson, S. C., J. M. Douglass, of Blackstock, S. C., J. M. Phan, of Union, S. C., and H. Mack, of Ft. Mills, S. C. With her new men Theta admits into her charmed precincts Bro. Hugh Murchison, of Erskine College.

Theta heartily dislikes flaunting her own praises, but for the gratification of her Alumni, she sends word that already, in the contest for college honors, of any department, her members are not laggard.

No doubt that interest in Frat. life this year, at Davidson College, will be more intensified than for some time in the past, as Kappa Sigma has established a chapter here. May she find Davidson a fertile field from which valuable fruit may be garnered.

Theta has been faithful in correspondence with her sister chapters, but, regretfully we say it, her efforts in this direction have not received proper returns. \*

GEO. H. CORNELSON, JR.

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TEXAS RHO, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN.

Chapter Rho has opened under very auspicious circumstances. All of our members but two, Bro. G. E. McCelvey and Bro. T. M. Taylor, have returned. Our roll is as follows: H. Y. Benedict, L. G. Bugbee, E. L. Dohoney, J. R. Fallenstein, A. B. Flanary, J. L. Gammon, L. M. Lindsay, J. S. McCelvey, T. H. Stone, F. W. Welch.

Bro. C. H. Dobbs, of Kentucky Kappa, Bro. R. D. Hunter, of Tennessee Nu, and Bro. R. P. Burney, of —, are now in this city, and add much to the pleasure of our meetings by their presence.

As to new members, to-night we shall initiate Mr. T. L. Greer, hereafter to be called brother, into the mysteries of S. A. E.

This is sufficient for the present, the past has its tale, let us briefly refer to it. Last session we began with four members. We ended with eleven. Nothing occurred during the whole session to mar the beauty and harmony of our work. The most fraternal feeling prevailed, and I feel safe in saying, that all of our members were closely bound to each other by the ties of friendship.

Let us now turn from the past and survey the prospects of our future. It has its brightness, though beheld only in our imagination. With our ten we hope for the greatest success. Our members are all alive to the interests of the fraternity. Enthusiasm abounds, patriotism extended even to devotion for our order, prevails. In my opinion, this is a sufficient guarantee for our success. However, the future alone, will verify my prophecies.

With this account of our present status, this summary of our past year's work, and this prophecy for our future, I close. In my next letter, I will endeavor to give some account of our work.

A. B. FLANARY.

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Va. Pi, EMORY AND HENRY COLLEGE,  
EMORY.

(*Sub Rosa*)

Va. Pi, though very much weakened by the absence of many of her old members, is still alive and working with might and main against the numerous odds which surround her. A hostile faculty and an almost equally hostile set of "barbs" are not to be despised, situated as we are.

But while we are only three in number, you will find *none* in *all the Kingdom of Sigdom*, more loyal, more enthusiastic, more willing to do *any* and *everything* for the cause of S A. E., than these three.

Va. Pi closed the session of '89-'90 with colors flying. The commencement exercises were, as usual, very fine, and we shared fully in the honors of the occasion. Bro. C. B. Ames received the Collen's Prize Medal given by the college for English composition, Bro. J. H. Bowman, the Debater's Medal in the Hermesian Literary Society, Bro. Henry Dannerbaum, the Debater's in the Caliopean Literary Society, and your correspondent Williams' Prize Medal in Declamation given by the college. And at this time, the beginning of a new term, we are not without our share of honors, both as regards college and athletic work. Bro. D. M. Sanders held the position of third Monitor, given by the faculty as being third highest grades in college. Bro. H. H. Atkinson held the position of secretary of the E. & H. B. B. Association, while your correspondent is captain of the first B. B. team of the college.

We have taken in but one member this year, H. H. Atkinson—a true and loyal Sig, but we have an eye on several others, and hope to report our membership greatly creased at our next writing.



Soon after the opening of college, we were much pained and deeply grieved by the loss of our brother, H. B. Griffith, as true a man and as good a Sig as ever wore our badge, who returned to his home in Columbia, on account of the ill-health of his father. Our best wishes are with him *always*, and the hope that he may soon be able to return to college to finish the work so well begun and nobly carried on.

Our officers, as elected at the beginning of the term, are: H. B. Griffith, E. A.; J. S. French, E. D. A.; H. H. Atkinson, E. C.; D. M. Sanders, E. T. ; J. S. French, editor.

J. S. FRENCH.

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TENN. OMEGA, UNIV. OF THE SOUTH,  
SEWANEE.

To our sister chapters, who are now entering upon a new year of life, we extend our heartiest good wishes. May you all meet with unparalleled success and prosperity, and by your efforts, advance in every field the cause of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

We, here at Sewanee, who, unlike other chapters, have been carrying on our work throughout the entire summer, can yet realize the hopes and aims with which you enter on the coming term. May your fondest wishes be fulfilled.

Omega has missed her RECORD for the past few months, sadly, and she will be glad to welcome its pages again. What would our order do without Bro. John G. Capers?

Sewanee's commencement this year, as usual, served to show Omega's standing as a chapter here.

We had two of the four commencement orators, and two of the four society contest orators also, chosen from our ranks.

Brothers Smith, H. T., and C. C. Higgins took degrees, and Bro. E. H. Rowell covered himself with glory by capturing both the university medal for Latin and the one for French also, missing, but by a few points, obtaining the Master's Greek medal too.

At the anniversary of the Pi Omega in September, Bro. F. L. Cagle was awarded, by the votes of its members, the

medal for the best old member of the society. Let our Alumni believe that we are still striving to keep up the record they left behind them.

Our initiates this term have been but four, but such a four as suits well Omega's standard, and will, we hope, do honor to the fraternity: Rev. M. L. Benton, formerly of Louisville, Ky., but now Head Proctor of the University; Mr. J. L. R. Bailey, of Charleston, S. C.; Mr. N. H. Hall, of Texas, and last, but not least, the brother of one of S. A. E.'s best known and beloved Alumni (F. H. Weston), Mr. Wm. Weston, of Columbia, S. C.

From now till the convention comes on, we shall think of it as a great pleasure to look forward to, and we hope all of the chapters will be well represented there. Let us all meet in December, resolved to make '90's convention at least the most joyous in our history, and let each chapter strive to do what she can to promote there the happiness and the welfare of the whole fraternity. Till then, Omega bids you all a loving farewell.

P. T. GADSDEN.

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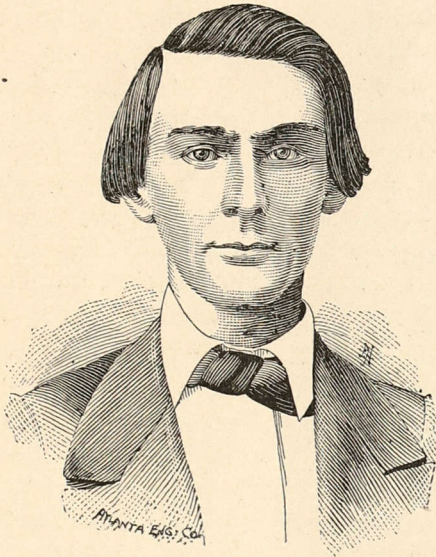
## MARRIAGE.

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Hear the mellow wedding bells—golden bells!  
 What a world of happiness their harmony foretells!

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MARRIED, at the residence of the bride's parents at seven o'clock on the evening of June 10, 1890, John Wilbur Goode to Miss Valetta Schee. The ceremony was performed by President Holmes, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, J. P. Morley and B. D. Hull being the representatives of Iowa Sigma. Miss Schee was a member of the Delta Delta Delta Fraternity, and the Sigsall fell to rejoice that Bro. John has won so worthy a lady as we know her to be.



NOBLE LESLIE DE VOTIE,  
Founder of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity,  
University of Alabama, March 9, 1856,

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ASSOCIATES :

John W. Kerr.  
Nathan E. Cockrell,

Wade Foster.  
Samuel M. Dennis.

John B. Rudolph,  
Abner E. Patton.

## EDITORIAL.

A NATIONAL CONGRESS OF GREEKS.—The fraternity world had read but little of the Pan-Hellenic scheme so ably championed by Alpha Tau Omega's *Palm*, when Sigma Alpha Epsilon's RECORD contained the following: "A spirit of friendly rivalry is essential to the welfare and growth of any organization, whether political, religious or social, and peculiarly so to the college fraternity. The reason, however, that there is not concert of action, sympathy and appreciation of motive and effort, and in fact, that there is occasionally schism among the chapters of the different fraternities, is because of lack of some higher tribunal, some court of appeals as it were, where each fraternity would have a common interest, and where they could mutually sound the voice of peace and good will and feel rejoiced that the touch of the true fraternal spirit is felt throughout the fraternity world. A Pan-Hellenic conference subserves this purpose.

If two lines diverge the smallest part of a fraction, when prolonged sufficiently they widen into feet. At first fraternity differences might be easily adjusted, but they are often allowed to run too long. We should have in every college a Pan-Hellenic conference or general committee, composed of two or three members from each chapter, whose duty it should be to adjust all wrongs and differences, and to adopt such measures as tend to produce harmony and good will among all fellow Greeks." The Pan-Hellenic scheme has now developed into a thing of national importance in the Greek world, and the suggestions which several years ago were meant for a chapter's notice, now broaden into a question demanding the action and attention of the annual conventions of the respective fraternities. "Consolidation" we oppose; it is inexpedient, and would prove ruinous to our fraternity system, the *Palm* does not advocate consolidation, nor do any of the representatives of the Greek press.

We do urge, however, that the several fraternities should effect between themselves such an organization as will bind them in friendship and protect them from attacks from without and from all false doctrine and schism relative to themselves, so that they might ever have unity, peace and concord in fraternity work in its broadest meaning. The practical adoption of a plan is peculiarly the work of the conventions of the respective fraternities. Sigma Alpha Epsilon will meet in Cincinnati, Ohio, in December, and while, of course, subject in detail, to the call of the Pan-Hellenic authorities, will elect, say ten delegates, to meet in Washington. Let each Frat. convention, from Canada to the Gulf, take similar action in turn, and then let the Pan-Hellenic organ fix the time. Then a *National Congress of Greeks* will assemble and take definite action and adopt positive measures which will fairly start this great movement which is destined to be the means of demonstrating, strengthening and broadening the true fraternity spirit.

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TENN. OMEGA.—At the University of the South, Sewanee, the customary vocation is not as in almost every university and college in the land, during the summer months, but on the contrary, during the months of December, January and February.

The boys of Omega are therefore without the RECORD, though at college, during June, July and August.

We sympathize with the correspondent from that chapter in this issue, in a complaint that it seems so long a time since they have seen the RECORD, for we all know that it is while actively at college that we appreciate our fraternity journal most.

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COLLEGE JOURNALS.—Chapter editors are requested to send copies of college annuals published by the fraternities where S. A. E. is represented, to John G. Capers, Greenville, S. C., and H. S. Bunting, Clarksville, Tenn., as it is desired to make a review of all such in the RECORD.

THREE HUNDRED DELEGATES.—Even if the trains are all off the track and the steamers run aground—what's the matter with *the Goat*—S. A. E.'s Billy? Why, he's all right, and off for Cincinnati, he is used to exercise and won't stop for anything. Stand back, boys, the *Goat* is King at the Chapter meetings and won't brook an obstacle. You can't



Off for Cincinnati!

keep those Southern boys down, they regret the disaster in high railroad rates and that there are no navigable streams, but they are going to Cincinnati any how, for old Bill has been capering round for months and his heart is in the work, he has done much for the good cause, and is now trying to hustle the boys on to the Convention. Look at the earnest, almost wild enthusiasm in old Billy's eye, and the sweet smile of satisfaction on the face of the determined delegate. Old Bill has three hundred trips to make, for though dead game, he is a little fellow and can't carry but one at a time. But he won't tire, he means business, and knows full well that there is work to be done at the Convention, and that delegates from *every* chapter *must be there*, and that many questions of the most vital importance to Sigma Alpha Epsilon are to be settled and determined on at Cincinnati, and that every province and every chapter should be present and raise a voice and cast a vote for all measures which will brighten and broaden and make more useful and influential the fraternity we love to honor and serve.

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THE CONVENTION.—The approaching convention in Cincinnati promises to be by far the most profitable, and one of the most important in the fraternity's history. Every Sig who can possibly so arrange should be on hand, The very fact that we are to be treated for the first time to the hospitality of our Northern brothers, should be a special inducement to many who wouldn't otherwise attend.

PHI DELTA THETA'S PLAN.—Of all methods devised for holding the interest of active and alumni members together, Phi Delta Theta has given the easiest and most practical lesson. The semi-annual chapter letter which is printed by each chapter, serves a three-fold purpose of putting every alumnus of the fraternity into direct communication with his chapter twice a year ; of supplying accurate, and, perhaps, private data of the life and fluctuations of each chapter ; and lastly, the whole being an inexhaustible fund of information, occurring in regular chapters for the use of the fraternity historian. Much will be preserved of interest to the fraternity in this way not obtainable from any other source. Copies of each issue are supplied by the chapter issuing to every officer, and to every other chapter of the order, while the expense is so small to each keph that the system is as practical as it is beneficial.

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A TIME TO ACT.—Just as there comes a certain moment in the existence of a tender chick, when it must break through its encompassing shell and receive the attention of mother hen, or have its frail life blasted, just so surely there comes a critical time in the inceptive life of a chapter when it must at once be taken under the protecting wing of mother fraternity or suffer from the lack of it. And if that moment happens to arrive long before the proscribed forms for admission can be complied with, recourse must be had to some indirect method or loss endured.

Suppose that in some college of undoubted merit, a certain number of men, known to be worthy men, may be secured if prompt action is taken, and thus the foundation be laid for a strong chapter. While on the other hand, if delay occurs, the men may become discouraged and thus easily influenced by the wiles of old and strongly established fraternities or misled by the interested advice of fraternity men in the faculty, and the opportunity is lost.

Some of the fraternities have a provision in their constitutions for the founding of provisional chapters, differing from regular chapters, in that no chapter is granted at first,

but that the provisional chapter is considered a part of and under the control of a regular chapter, until such time as the fraternity may see fit to charter it.

While S. A. E. has no such constitutional provision, yet its practice is not forbidden, and there are many presidents that would tend to justify such a course in a case of emergency, where the following out of the proscribed plan would invite defeat.

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THE EAST.—Sigma Alpha Epsilon has already become a power in western college life, and now the East is to be invaded, and our colors raised in fields where they are comparatively unknown.

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BRIGHT PROSPECTS.—The Record is greatly elated over the most encouraging reports of the splendid condition and flattering prospects of each and every chapter of the fraternity. 1890-91 bids fair to furnish the most brilliant page of S. A. E.'s history.

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STATE ASSOCIATIONS.—THE RECORD would have the Sigs of every State where our order is largely represented, begin at once to materialize plans for the organization of State associations. Such a man would prove of incalculable benefit to S. A. E.

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A REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE —Our E. C.'s should not lose sight of the fact that nothing can be more conducive to the general healthfulness and advancement of our fraternity than a regular correspondence between the chapters. An exchange of news, sentiment, etc., etc., brings the chapters into more intimate relations with each other, as well as serves to strengthen and increase our enthusiasm, thus the better enabling us to make a grand "pull together" for the furtherance of our objects. "In union there is strength", and this union in a fraternal body can best be effected by bringing the members into closer relations of intimacy with each other.



AT YALE.—A new life has invaded the fraternity domains of Yale College. It seems that the lower "class" organizations are at last to step down to their rightful positions, and poll before the general university fraternities—which have for so long held off from competition with them. With the appearance of such formidable rivals as Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Gamma Delta, who are determined to institute the natural order of things at Yale, it is hoped by the fraternity world that the long expected revolution will grow in popular favor and soon become established for a certainty. With this change opens up a new field for extension. Young Sigma Nu, of the South, has manifested her activity by improving the opportunity, and others are realizing the unusual chance offered as a reward of pluck and determination. There are representatives of S. A. E. in attendance there, and men by the way who have gained considerable distinction already, and the question confronts us, "Why not also enter Yale?"

It seems to the writer that we should investigate the matter, and if deemed prudent, to make the venture.

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APPLY IT TO THE RECORD.—We hope all founders of chapters will unite in asking the convention to use the money due them for medals, in illustrating and beautifying the RECORD. A brother who has founded a chapter should desire no further reward for his services than the feeling of pleasure at having served a cause he loves.

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SOME SUGGESTIONS TO WORKERS.—The new session is now well under way, the bulk of the work of getting new members over with, but a few suggestions may yet be of use to some during this year, and I hope that all will paste them in their hats, and use them to advantage in coming years.

I. We should be slow in pointing out the defects of other Frats., because, first, we should remember that we ourselves are not what we ought to be; second, such a course is by no means courteous nor politic, nor conducive to good feeling

among the fraternities; third, if the new material has not sense enough to find the faults of the faulty, he is not qualified for S. A. E.

II. Don't be hasty; keep cool and see that the new men you work do likewise. Give a man all the time he wants in which to decide, and if he doesn't want enough time make him take it. We know from experience that the most conservative-minded college boys are apt to become excited and hasty at such times.

III. Approach new men you think you will probably want, talk to them on general Greek subjects, impress upon them the importance of careful consideration, tell them how you feel in relation to them, and pledge them to join, nor promise, no fraternity in a certain period—giving yourself ample time to decide upon their desirability.

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OUR WISH TO OUR EXCHANGES.—With the beginning of another college year, we extend our most hearty greeting to our exchanges, and the orders they represent, bespeaking them Godspeed in the fulfillment of their noble aims.

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FOR THE CONVENTION.—Mr. W. Travers Daniel, the vigorous and able editor of the *Palm* and of the *Pan Hellenic Supplement*, submits the following to the editor-in-chief of the RECORD. We think the matter eminently worthy of consideration, and we expect to present to the convention a plan placing us squarely in line with the spirit of Pan-Hellenism:

*To the Editors-in-Chief of Fraternity Magazines:*

GENTLEMEN: All of us are so much occupied and so distant from each other, that little of permanent value can be accomplished by a meeting at this time, and before matters are properly presented for your consideration in writing. The following suggestions I therefore submit for your careful, practical consideration:

1. Should we not establish in New York, under the Supervision of a competent editor-in-chief and board of associate

editors, composed of editors-in-chief of fraternity magazines or their representatives, a joint office charged with the publication of the *Pan-Hellenic Supplement*, to the expense of which we all contribute our proportionate share.

2. Should we not utilize, incidentally, the clerical force of such an office to attend to the ordinary routine work of our official organs in the matter of collecting subscriptions for our accounts ; copying, mailing chapter circulars, securing data from chapters for our official organs, keeping our books and records in accurate and reliable order for convenient reference at all times ; looking after our printing and securing bottom rates for us.

3. Should we not confine our official organs' to chapter letters, official communications, personals—publishing general matter in our *Supplement* ?

So editors-in-chief, you have the power to control the matter you now publish and can lessen your cost and increase your profit, in money and time, by printing matter in the *Supplement*. If you have not such power, get it from your convention, if you approve.

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“THE KALDRON.”—We acknowledge receipt of a volume of this college annual.

We midly express ourselves in saying, we are delighted with the *Kaldron*. Teaming with handsome illustrations, and amusing characteristics, it is at once elegant and enjoyable. Wit and fun are sprinkled all through its pages, as are also valuable records of college history and life at Allegheny.

We feel especially proud to know that Bro. John A. Gibson is the editor-in-chief and Bro. F. A. Collins on the editorial staff of thirteen editors.

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BRAVO, E. C.'s!—Although in some instances it took three letters and a postal card, to bring a letter, we did get them, and no issue of the RECORD, for years, has contained such a full and satisfactory collection of chapter correspondence.


BRO. WEST'S VIEWS.—We take pleasure in calling special attention to the views of Bro. Preston C. West, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, on the subject of "Uniting the Offices." The article is a clear review of the situation and an able explanation of the advisability of uniting the S. A. E.-ship and editor of the RECORD. The correspondent from the Augusta, Ga., chapter, in his letter in this issue expresses the same idea, and these two articles place on record the strongest argument for the plan.

E. A. WRIGHT, ENGRAVER, &C.—The beautiful engraving design of S. A. E., which appears in this issue, is the work of E. A. Wright, 1032 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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PROVISIONAL CHAPTERS.—In a recent letter from Bro. H. H. Cowan, of Pittsburgh, Pa., one of S. A. E.'s most ardent and devoted workers, he expressed his ideas on the provisional chapter as follows:

"My idea about a provisional chapter is, that in a case where a petition has been received and it has received the approval of the supreme council, and where delay seems dangerous, that the grand chapter should be authorized to take the vote of the province, and that being found favorable, let the grand chapter authorize the initiation of the men without awaiting the arrival of a charter. The initiation to be under control of chapter recommending them."

 CONVENTION DELEGATES.—We know that Cincinnati is a long way off from some of the Southern chapters, but it is the imperative duty of every chapter to send one delegate or more. The Northern chapters sent delegates to Columbia, Nashville and Charlotte, and we must reciprocate this expression of earnestness from them. This convention will be an important one, and definitely decide matters of great consequence to the fraternity, and it is a sacred duty

each chapter owes its fraternity to be represented. The chapters must remember that there will be a convention fund which will be divided out among the delegates after reaching Cincinnati, and which will greatly lessen the cost of the trip. This is an opportunity for special effort on the part of the chapters, and if necessary the financial assistance of alumni should be secured, in order to *have your chapter represented at the convention.*

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#### OFFICIAL NOTICE.

The chapters will please inform Ohio Epsilon of the number of delegates they will send to the convention in December, so that accommodation can be provided. Visiting delegates will be kind enough to report to the chapter at 51 W. 9th St., Cincinnati, Ohio, where the undersigned reception committee will meet them. Any correspondence relative to the convention should be addressed to Jas. B. Strauss, 360 W. 9th St. Hoping that the chapters will be prompt in forwarding the names of their delegates, we are

Fraternally,

RAYMOND RATLIFF,  
PAUL HEINDORF,  
Ohio Epsilon.

# IN MEMORIAM.

"Say not good-night, but in the better world, bid good-morning."

HALL OF CHAPTER GAMMA, S. A. E. FRATERNITY,  
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WHEREAS, God, in his all-wise Providence, has seen proper to remove from us, since our last meeting, our worthy and honored brother, Judge William McMillan Rogers;

And whereas, the State has lost, in his death, the services and support of a good and pure citizen; the church, a strong pillar; the profession which he so much adorned, the labors of a great jurist and profound thinker, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, a loving and enthusiastic member; and his family, a support, protection and companionship beyond the measure of our poor speech to describe. Thereupon, be it *resolved*,

1. That our most heartfelt sympathy be extended to his family in thus their hour of deep grief.

2. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Chapter Gamma, and that we wear the usual insignia of mourning for thirty days.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and that they be published in the S. A. E. RECORD.

P. A. RUSH, E. G. MARTIN, JAS. N. PROVINE,	}	Committee.
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Adopted, October 18th, 1890.

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