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## THE NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

It is a matter of interest to Fraternity men that the possibility of accumulating a trust fund by a simple and direct business system has been demonstrated by Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

It is a matter of congratulation to the directors of the policy of that Fraternity and to every member of the Order at large that the fund has reached such proportions, that it has necessitated the adoption of a resolution for the election of trustees, together with a definition of their powers and duties.

The question whether a surplus is a valuable asset, or an "elephant" upon the hands of a General Fraternity the future will decide; at present, however, the consensus of opinion rejects with emphasis any other interpretation except the former.

Material aid can be given those chapters of the Fraternity struggling to obtain funds to erect a chapter-house, and the temper of the convention seems to have favored such application of the funds. While undoubtedly that is the best use to which a sinking-fund of any fraternity can be applied, still no chapter should at present rely solely upon it.

The fund must be made to yield an income and the trustees would violate the spirit of their trust were they to loan money to any chapter without the closest scrutiny of the loan from the investors' standpoint. If this rule is followed; and it will be, for the business

qualities of the present Board are well known, each chapter will have an equal chance to obtain assistance and the one most worthy, the one most needful of aid, the one showing the real progressive business spirit, with equally valuable security, will receive it.

Many of the chapters have no reason to make the demand upon the fund, as their several positions are assured, their chapter-houses built and paid for, or money for that purpose can be obtained in their own locality at easy rates; but their weaker sisters will petition the board, and since the size of the fund will not permit aid to be furnished to each, all cannot succeed. However, assistance will be given where most needed and the increased strength of the entire Fraternity will be felt. The ever-increasing surplus will permit this assistance to be extended more widely, though as time passes the need will be diminished by a greater ratio than the demand. The individual chapters have made remarkable progress in the past five years in every way, but especially in their chapter finances, many having built and paid for chapter-houses, and it is safe to say, that the next five years will produce even greater results, and now when they can look for substantial aid to their greatest friend, the General Fraternity, vigilance will not be relaxed, but in some cases the struggle will no longer seem so hopeless.

It is my pleasant duty to present to the Fraternity a short sketch of the lives of the several members of the Board of Trustees. They need no introduction to the Fraternity; each one has worked for years earnestly and energetically for the strengthening and the upbuilding of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and for the closer union of all Fraternity men. Their position in the Council of the Order and their recognized professional and business standing in New York City make their selection by the convention an eminent act of wisdom.



Champe S. Andrews, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, was born in Yazoo City, Miss., and was initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute in October, 1890.

He represented his chapter at the Atlanta Convention of 1891, where he attracted the attention of every delegate by his brilliant response to a toast. Since that time he has been continually before the fraternity as assistant editor of THE RECORD from 1893 to 1895; Eminent Supreme Treasurer from 1894 to 1898; elected President of the New York Alumni Association 1900, which position he holds at present. Assisted by Mr. Austin, he laid the foundation for the present financial system, and was the first to invest the accumulated funds of the fraternity.

His services to the fraternity in this respect were recognized by the Boston Convention when it adopted, with few changes, his plan for the custody and management of the surplus funds of the fraternity.

Mr. Andrews's career as member of the law firm of Andrews & Andrews was a brilliant success. His first case before the Federal Court was *Coggin vs. Alabama Great Southern Railroad*, reported in 88 Fed. Rep. 455 (Circuit Court of Appeals). While not in any sense a criminal lawyer, his versatility as a speaker and his legal strategy in the conduct of a suit were shown in his successful defense of Henry Hughes, a member of his regiment indicted for the murder of a soldier and the wounding of three others at Anniston, Ala., in October, 1898.

Mr. Andrews reputation as a lawyer having been so well established in the South, his friends considered it a mistake when he announced his intention to go to New York City.

In the spring of 1899 he removed to that city and was soon afterwards associated with the law firm of Hill,

Thompson & Sturcke. He became a member of the firm of Hill, Sturcke & Andrews, 52 William St., April, 1900. He came into public view when, as counsel to the Medical Society of the State of New York, he actively supported the so-called anti-Christian Science Bill before the recent legislature. Mr. Andrews is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

During the late war he was captain of Company L, 3d Regiment Tenn. Vol. Infantry. He is now adjutant of the Spanish War Veterans of the State of New York, and a member of the Board of Officers of the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American war.

Henry Graham MacAdam, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees, was born in New York City, April 1, 1873, and was initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon February 21, 1895. His education was received in the public schools, the College of the city of New York and Columbia University, where he received his M.D. in 1895.

While at college he was not only a hard student and roll-of-honor-man but was prominent in every branch of college life. At C. C. N. Y. he was in the glee club for one year, in the banjo club for two years, in the Lacrosse team for two years, and inter-class tennis champion for two years. In the College of Physicians and Surgeons he took first honors in the department of Histology and Pathology, and enjoyed the distinction of being the first medical student in New York to have his work sent to Professor Virchow, Germany.

Dr. McAdam is an earnest fraternity worker. He, with Brother Canedy, started the movement to get a charter for New York Mu, and he has ever since maintained close association with the chapter.

He was president of Province Beta from February, 1896, to February, 1898, and while occupying that position he encouraged and aided the struggling petitioners



for a return of the charter to New York Alpha. He was largely instrumental in reorganizing the almost defunct New York Alumni Association of which he now is Vice-President.

In his profession he is associated with another Sig., Dr. F. H. McLaury, at No. 242 West 42d St., and is building up an excellent practice. His lectures upon the Benefits of Medical School Inspection, delivered in October, 1899, at the request of the Society of the Alumni of the City Hospital has been translated into several languages, and was the second article published in the United States on this important subject.

For four years the doctor has been an inspector of the Board of Health. He is also instructor in the Post-Graduate College and visiting physician in the Northern Dispensary.

Bryan Cheves Collier, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, was born at Indian Spring, Ga., March 19, 1870. He entered the University of Georgia from Albany, Ga., October 5, 1885; the same night he was initiated in Georgia Beta chapter of  $\Sigma A E$ , and at once threw himself into active fraternity work. He was obliged to leave college in February, 1888, but returned January, 1889, and graduated in 1890 with the degree of Bachelor of Engineering.

While at college his ability as an orator won for him the position of sophomore speaker, and the same careful and painstaking labor that has marked his career since won him the second honors of the Scientific department at graduation.

Since he left college he has made rapid strides in his profession. He accepted a position with a civil engineer in New York city immediately after graduation, with whom he remained until 1890, when he became connected with the Missouri River Commission.

In March, 1891, he returned to New York and reentered the same office, and in a short time was placed in charge of the entire office and force. He was appointed Assistant Engineer in the Street Construction Department of the 23d and 24th wards in June, 1896, and was given entire control of a branch department in October, 1897, which position he now holds, and is assistant engineer in charge of all construction in the northern and northwestern portions of Greater New York.

That section is being rapidly built up with private residences, and mainly through his efforts is becoming one of the most beautiful parts of the city.

He was married March 1, 1895, to Miss Minnie Basset Sprague of Rye, New York.

As a fraternity man he has held many positions of honor in his chapter and in the general organization. He was a delegate to the Charlotte Convention of 1889; secretary of the Supreme Council 1889 to 1890, and for the past two years has been treasurer of the Alumni Association of New York City.

He has always taken an active interest in New York Mu, and his time and business experience is ever at the disposal of the chapter.

Herbert Conrad Lakin was born in Worcester, Mass., March 11, 1872.

He entered Harvard in 1890, where his record is one of the most remarkable of any man that attended the institution. As a scholar, he graduated *summa cum laude* in 1894 with the degree of A. B. In 1893 he was one of Harvard's victorious debaters with Yale, and at commencement he was class orator. As an athlete he took twenty prizes and was on the Mott Haven Track Athletic team for four years. The list of societies to which he belonged included the Harvard Union, of which he was secretary and vice-president; the Harvard Signet



and the O. K., the former junior literary society, the latter the senior; the institute of 1770, the Hasty Pudding Club and the Powwow Law Club. As an editor he was for three years an editor of the *Harvard Daily Crimson*, and while in the law school of the *Harvard Law Review*, on which staff he was treasurer at the time he was elected editor-in-chief of THE RECORD OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

Mr. Lakin supported himself in college mainly through newspaper work—corresponding for the leading papers of Boston, New York and Philadelphia. His contributions were always in demand.

As a fraternity worker he is one of the hardest and most enthusiastic and has done much to strengthen  $\Sigma A E$  in New England. He was elected president of Province Alpha in 1896, and editor of THE RECORD December, 1896, which position he resigned in December, 1899.

His splendid work while directing the publication of that magazine needs no comment; all must unite in saying that his service to the fraternity merited the cordial thanks of that body.

Mr. Lakin is at present a member of the New York bar, and from October, 1898, to February, 1901, the confidential law assistant to Mr. Beaman of the firm of Evarts, Choate & Beaman, possibly the best known firm in the United States. At present he is with the firm of Lord, Day & Lord.

Albert Milton Austin was born in Franklin, Tenn., on the 23d of July, 1873, and was initiated into  $\Sigma A E$  at the Ohio Wesleyan University in January, 1891, and became at once an earnest and enthusiastic worker. He represented his chapter at the Atlanta Convention in 1891, where he was chosen president of Province Delta, which at that time comprised the entire North and in-

cluded the Southern States of Kentucky and Missouri. He became at once the advocate of northern extension, but while he favored the idea itself, and desired that the scope of the fraternity be widened, he strenuously opposed entrance into any except institutions of standing. Mainly through his energy Sigma Alpha Epsilon is to-day equally strong in the North and South, and is truly a national fraternity. He actually participated in the installation of about thirty chapters. His activity in the extension movement is interesting, in view of the fact that he is now considered a conservative.

As Eminent Supreme Treasurer from 1892 to 1894 he showed his ability as a financier. At the Washington Convention of 1894 he was elected Eminent Supreme Archon; which position he filled with such credit to himself that he won the love of the entire fraternity, and was by each Convention reelected until he refused in December, 1898.

In college Mr. Austin was a representative man and his career there was attended with many honors. Graduating in 1894, he was admitted to the bar the following year and began the practice of law with General M. D. Leggett at Cleveland, Ohio. Two years later he opened an office of his own. He succeeded so well that it is said in Cleveland that no finer practice was ever built up in that city in three years by so young a man.

His practice was mainly confined to the Federal Courts, and it has taken him to all parts of the United States.

Mr. Austin while in Cleveland was a member of the University Club, the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, and the Technical Society.

Leaving a lucrative practice in Cleveland, he removed to New York June, 1900, to accept a partnership in the firm of Reding, Kiddle & Greely, at 38 Park Row, New



York City. He has sole charge of the litigation for some of the largest corporations in the United States. He has won many victories involving the patent laws, and his skill in that difficult branch of the law is bringing him rapidly to the very highest point in his profession.

L. T. FETZER.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AND TENNESSEE  
KAPPA.

In this issue of THE RECORD the active members and alumni of Tennessee Kappa would request attention to a brief history of the chapter and of the university at which it is situated. For naturally associated with an estimate of the fraternity is that of the institutions in which it is represented, and the standard of our chapters is largely determined by the character and work of these institutions.

The University of Tennessee was founded in the year 1794, when the first General Assembly of the "Territory South of the Ohio" granted a charter to Blount College, this name being given in honor of William Blount, the governor of the territory at that period. The franchise and property of Blount College were transferred in 1807 to East Tennessee College, and in 1826 this institution first occupied the present site. In 1869 the proceeds from the sale of public lands donated by act of Congress on July 2, 1862, was given by the General Assembly to East Tennessee University, the previous name having been changed in the year 1840. These funds constitute one of the chief sources of income to the university. In 1879 the present title of the University of Tennessee was given, by act of the Tennessee legislature and laws were passed defining the connection of the State with the institution. In 1887 the appropri-

ation made by the United States Congress for experiment stations was granted by the General Assembly, and in 1891 proceeds accruing from the "New Morrill Act," which was approved August 30, 1890, were pledged to the university in accordance with previous acts of the State legislature.

But to the average reader historical data is not always of intense interest, therefore we will proceed at once to a short description of the present university and of its work.

Visitors in the city of Knoxville are impressed with the view of the university grounds, situated on imposing heights overlooking the Tennessee river. In respect to natural beauty of environment and grandeur of position, there are not many institutions in the East which equal or surpass it. Broad and well-shaded driveways pass through the grounds, making them a favorite resort for pleasure-seekers. From here a magnificent view of the surrounding country may be gained—the Tennessee river winding through the valley and the distant mountains on the North Carolina border lying to the east.

The academic and law departments are situated at Knoxville, and the buildings and equipment are ample to meet the requirements of modern education. The academic department includes the college of agriculture, mechanic arts and sciences, and groups of study, extending over four years, are offered in civil, mechanical and electrical engineering; in agricultural science and biology; in chemistry and pharmacy; in general sciences; in classical, literary and historical studies.

In the law department the usual courses adopted in leading schools are pursued, and they extend over two years.

Laboratories, provided with valuable apparatus and





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ENTRANCE TO HUME'S HALL.

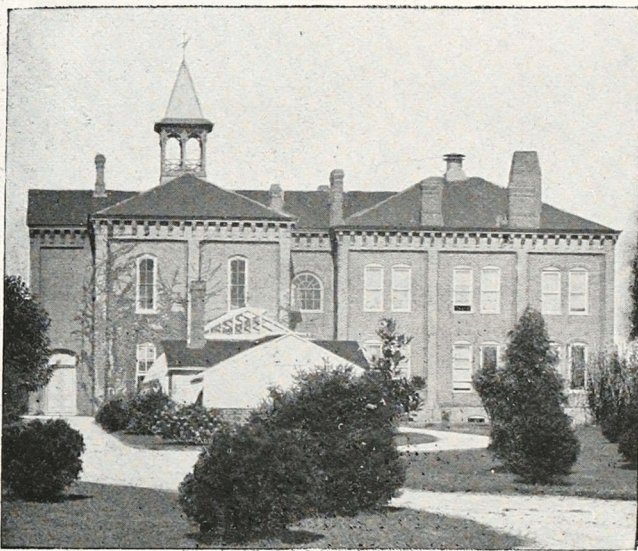
affording ample space, are open to scientific students ; in the engineering departments there is an excellent equipment of testing apparatus, instruments and machinery adapted to the needs of technical students, and spacious, well-lighted shops and draughting rooms, are devoted to their use. The university operates and owns its lighting and power plant, this being situated in Estabrook Hall, a building recently erected.

Among other buildings on the university grounds are Science and Morrill Halls, of which illustrations are given, Hume's and Barbara Blount Halls and the Y. M. C. A. The older buildings are of historic interest, dating to an early period in the settlement of this and of the surrounding States.

The university library occupies spacious quarters in Science Hall, and it consists of 14,000 volumes, to

which many are added each year. Branch libraries may also be found in the Seminary room of Economics and History, in the Government Experiment Station and in other departments. The agricultural library is of great value.

The experimental farm and dairy is situated about one mile from the university grounds and is operated



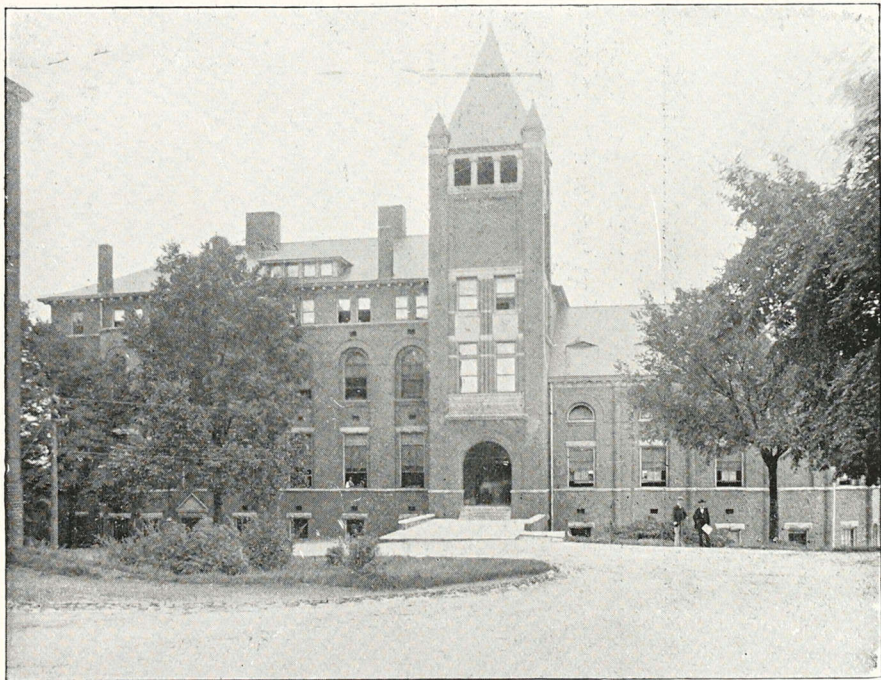
MORRILL HALL AND AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

by students of agriculture; they form a valuable part of the university property.

The departments of classical, literary and historical study are in charge of efficient instructors. Graduate courses afford opportunity for advanced work in nearly all the courses of this department, and library facilities are ample.

The medical and dental departments of the univer-





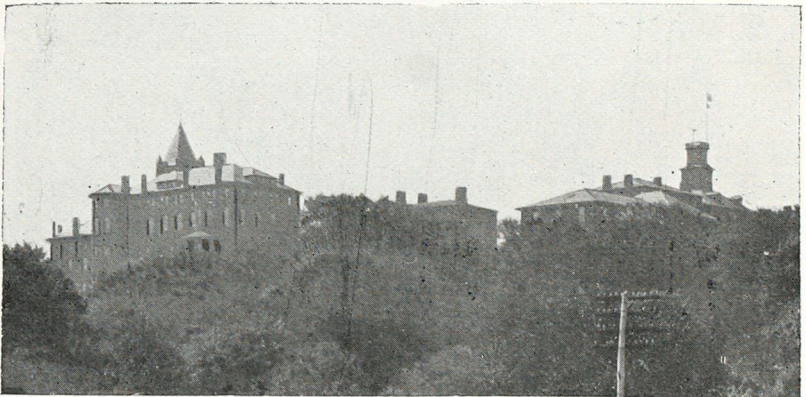
SCIENCE HALL, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

sity are situated at Nashville, Tenn., but space does not permit detailed description of their work.

A high standard is maintained in all the leading branches of academic and professional work, the object throughout being to afford true culture and preparation for useful life. The university is not "over practical," laying stress only upon that class of work which will be of money-making or professional nature, but seeks to preserve even balance between study which is of cultural character and that which will be of use in gaining a livelihood in after-life.

The growth of the university during recent years and its success in all fields have been largely due to the efforts of President Chas. W. Dabney, who has enlarged and aided in equipment of all its departments and has given to them their present high standard of excellence.

The graduates and former students in the university occupy responsible positions in all parts of the country, and their number is constantly being recruited; with their support and with liberal appropriations from the State of Tennessee, there will continue to be a hopeful outlook for the future. The university will maintain a



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high position among American institutions of higher learning.

And now for a brief history of our chapter.

Tennessee Kappa was organized in 1879, *Π Κ Α* being established at the same time. These two are, therefore, the first representatives of college fraternities at the University of Tennessee.

There are seventeen active members in the chapter at present and our city alumni number about forty. The latter are in all cases a great help to us in all fields into which our work extends.

The fraternity occupies quarters on the second floor of East College building, but we hope that before many months we will possess a home of our own; plans are rapidly being matured for the establishment of an *Σ Α Ε* house on the university grounds.

The following fraternities are represented at the University of Tennessee in addition to *Σ Α Ε*: *Π Κ Α*, *Κ Σ*, *Κ Α*, *Α Τ Ω*, *Φ Γ Δ*, and the recently established honorary fraternity, *Φ Α Φ*.

With thanks for the attention of readers and with best wishes for all, Tennessee Kappa will bring this dissertation to a close.

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#### GREEK AND BARBARIAN.

[The following speech was given by F. J. Snite of Massachusetts Gamma at Auburndale, March 16, 1901.]

*Brothers in Sigma Alpha Epsilon:* Our honored toast-master has said he enjoyed putting us on the rack to-night. He has left it to us to say how happy we were to be put on the rack, to be here to-night and speak to our brothers from four chapters. I have looked forward to this night so eagerly that I could not but ask myself why. Why does this night, this place, this meeting,

mean so much to us? It is not the mere dinner that we eat, nor the water that some of us by mistake have drunk. It is not the place itself, for we have all been in the town when it meant no more to us than other villages of its kind, such as Wellesley or Northampton. This meeting has a significance, a charm all its own. It stands for the unity of our Fraternity. We are here to-night in recognition of the ends of our Fraternity, in practice of her precepts, in enjoyment of her blessings. Of these the greatest and the purest is friendship—an open, honest, lasting friendship.

Friendship is a gem that all men possess in various degrees of brilliancy. There are times in every man's life when he feels blue and discouraged in the face of threatening disaster, when he wishes he could cast aside his task and shirk responsibility. But a thought of his friends gives him a new impulse. He returns to the fight with renewed energy because they expect something of him, and he vows that to save them from disappointment he will succeed. All the successes of life are valued by a true man not because they are worthy in themselves, but because they are pleasing to his friends.

As men we feel this. As college men we know it. Friendship is the key-note of our college lives. Years from now, as we look back on our college days, what comes first to our minds? Not the examinations; not the theses and themes and lectures, but our chums. We see them, every one as he was in the good old days. We remember our training for athletic teams not for the victory or defeat at the end. Those are all faded. But we see plainly as ever the boys that stood beside us day after day working for the same team, each giving his best for the same end. We recall our little jaunts and trips not for what we did or saw, but because our companions were Tom and Ed. Or we see ourselves back in the old room, half



a dozen of us, perhaps only one or two, seated round a cheery grate fire. Once more we sip our beer, fill our pipes and blow smoke rings as the genial Bill begins for the nineteenth time his fifty-first story of the Yankospanko War. These make college life what it is. These are the pictures that will come to us in after-life and grow more precious as the years roll on, memories of friendships that the non-college man can never know.

But among all our college classmates we have chosen and been chosen into a still smaller band with whom it is our good fortune to grow more intimate, the small family of brothers united by the magic bonds of *Σ A E*. No memory of college days will be complete without a vision of the chapter-house, the meetings, the pleasant hours of idleness passed in sweet contentment with our surroundings, the initiations of ourselves and our brothers, the Auburndales, evenings such as this one, that shall live in memory as long as memory shall live. All these we have in common with Sigs throughout the land, from the University of Maine to Leland Stanford. They bind us together as brothers through life wherever we may be. They are pleasures which the Barbarian, college man though he be, is denied.

Brethren, do you ever stop to think that there are others who have them in common with us? You have all met at some time a man of another college and another fraternity. When you meet him you feel that here is a man different from the common mass. You know him at once. You chat with him as a friend. You part from him as from a friend, with sincere wishes for a future meeting. You look back on the incident with pleasure. So does he. The reason is simple. He too belongs to a national fraternity with brotherhood as its corner-stone. He is no Barbarian. He is a Greek, not a brother of ours, but we are glad to have him for a cousin. And he welcomes us

as cousins. Though not of our family, yet he is of our kin. He has had his insight into the mysteries of Greekdom. He has marks of culture which distinguish him from the Barbarian. We extend to him a hearty greeting, and he to us. We welcome him because his aim is the same as ours—friendship, brotherhood. We welcome him because he exclaims with us: "Yea, by the dog of Egypt, I should greatly prefer a real friend to all the gold of Darius. I am such a lover of friends as that." As we Sigs are all brothers in the family of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, so too are we all members of one great nation of Greeks, an unorganized nation, bound together only by the intangible but unbreakable bond of sympathy. Among ourselves Athenian vies with Macedonian, Theban with Spartan, Corinthian with Achæan. But at all times we are one solid phalanx of Greeks against the horde of Barbarians. Let Sigma Alpha Epsilon drink prosperity, happiness, friendship, to and among all Greeks.

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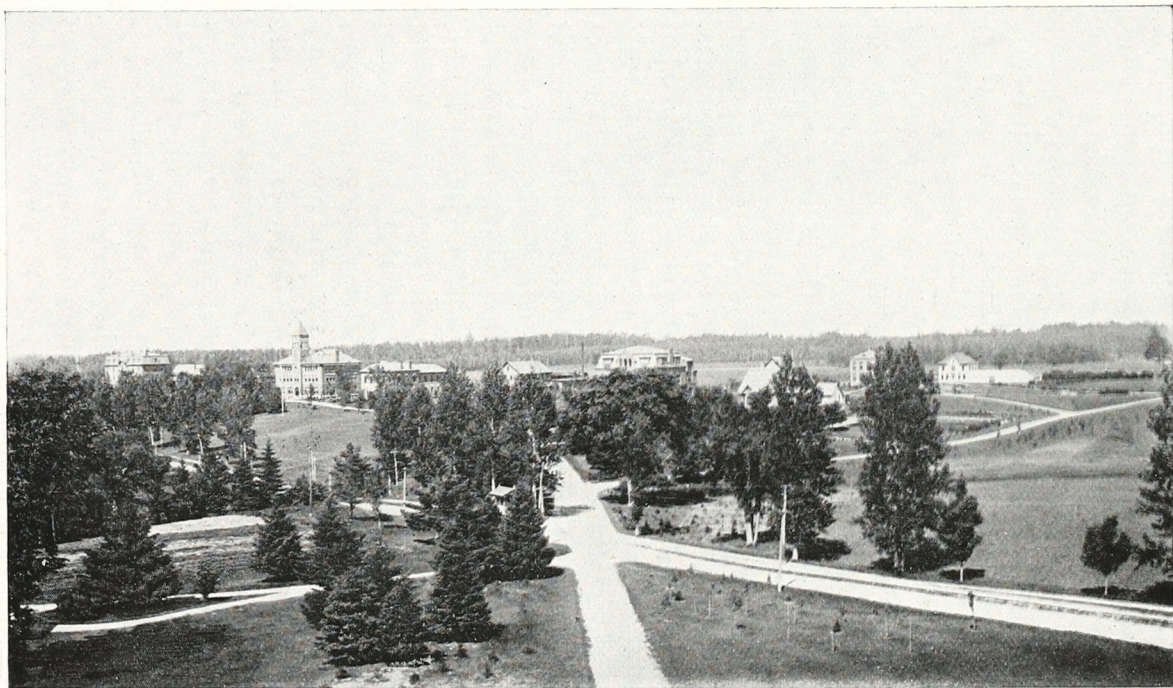
#### MAINE UNIVERSITY.

Back in the dark and trying days of the early sixties an act, passed by Congress, provided for the sale of public lands, from which there should be established a perpetual fund, the interest of which should provide for the foundation of a college within any State that accepted the act and conditions.

Such was the first of the University of Maine, or rather Maine State College, the former name being adopted in 1897. The early history was, like nearly all institutions, a time of trial and perseverance. Little will be given here of that period, as history is dry even to the most interested.

The growth of the university has not been a rapid,





GENERAL VIEW OF THE CAMPUS—UNIVERSITY OF MAINE,

uncertain, upward flight like the rush of a rocket—soon on its downward course, but has been a steady, firm up-building on the best foundations and with the broadest and most desirable objects in view.

Up to 1879 there was little that a student could claim desirable to college life. Only a few students attended, and those were rather below the present college man.

In this year Dr. M. C. Fernald was chosen president. No college or university in the United States ever had a more learned president or one more devoted to the advancement of his charge. Under his firm rule the college began to increase in size, and to become better known to the State.

In the eighties military drill was very popular and the Maine State College ranked third in the United States, West Point being first. It held the championship of the State for years, the Coburn Cadets being one of the best drilled body of troops in the country.

At this time a glee club was organized, football began to be popular, tennis was thriving, several college papers were issued, and social life was up to the standard. Baseball was played, and in 1886 we entered the Maine League with Bowdoin, Colby and Bates. Two years later the championship pennant came to Orono. It might be interesting to note that each year since 1894 the pennant has, with few exceptions, floated from the flag-staff of Maine University.

Many of the present college buildings were built at this time, and appropriations were made by the State. Under the "Hatch Act" of 1887 the Experiment Station was founded. At present the station is among the first in the country. In 1890 the "Morrill Act" was passed and the college received much-needed funds. These funds, according to the conditions, have reached the \$25,000 limit.



The resignation of Dr. Fernald went into effect in 1893. He had served the college for a quarter of a century—eighteen years of which he was at the head of affairs. More than any other man he determined the character it was to take. At every legislature his able arguments helped destroy the strong opposition to the college. He was an earnest man, feeling deeply the responsibility of his position; an indefatigable worker, who never spared himself in the cause so near his heart. The results accomplished, with the limited means at his command, speak more eloquently than words for the value of his services to the people of the State. During this entire period he never took a vacation, and was absent from Orono only in order to study other institutions so as further to advance his own. In the face of much he was always hopeful; whatever the crisis, he was always sanguine as to the result. His work can not be estimated at its full value for another generation. After a vacation of three years he came back to the scene of his life-work, and since that time has guided many students to a better life.

The college did not lose in the change, however, for the new president, Dr. A. W. Harris, was all that one man could be. A keen judge of men, an able statesman and diplomat, of great executive ability, and possessed of tireless energy, he rapidly advanced the works of previous years. His work cannot be given here for lack of space. Not only is the growth of this period represented in numbers and figures, but in the character of the work and the multitude of little things which go to make up the life of the university as it now exists. The visible success with which his work has been crowned is known to all who have watched his efforts; the gain in culture, in refining influences, and in the many ways in which graduates are better fitted to mix with their

fellow-men and to maintain themselves with credit in their later life, is not so generally appreciated.

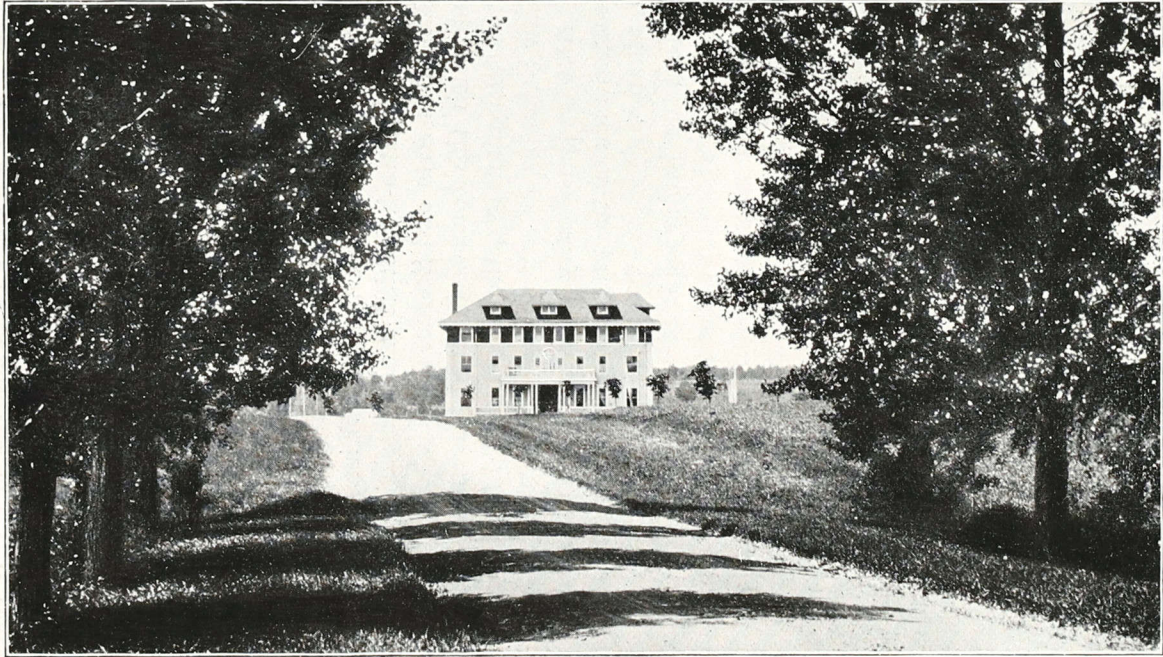
Reference is not out of place here to the fraternities and chapter-house system. Fraternity life has always been an important feature of our college life. In the early days there were but two fraternities, *Q T V* and *B Θ II*. At present there are *B Θ II*, *K Σ*, *Φ Γ Δ*, *A T Ω*, *Φ K Σ*, *Σ A E*, and two strong locals. The average membership is 24.

Contrary to common opinion, this college was the first in the State to have a system of chapter-houses. There are five at present and more are expected.

Such is, in a brief way, the past of the college. The last seven years has seen an advancement in all directions greater than any other college in New England. In material equipment, in faculty, in students, in the appearance of the grounds, in the development of the courses of instruction, and, above all, in the creation of "atmosphere," the results must be known to be appreciated. The change of the name in 1897 from Maine State College to the University of Maine was because the institution was a university and not a mere change of title. Let no one think that the University of Maine is a small college, with no future or influence. It exists as it is to-day, not on the record of the past or in the renown of some famous alumnus. I shall not attempt any plea here for the university. It does not need it any more than Sigma Alpha Epsilon needs a long and diplomatic argument to prove its strength and influence. The fact that the university receives \$25,000 annually from the government and \$20,000 from the State, besides other large endowment funds, shows that it will exist for a while at least.

There are also nearly four hundred students, a large per cent. of whom come from Massachusetts and the





PHI GAMMA DELTA FRATERNITY HOUSE—UNIVERSITY OF MAINE.

West. The entering class for the last two years has been over a hundred. This year there is being built a gymnasium that is second to none in New England. Last year an observatory was completed which contains one of the finest telescopes to be found in the country.

The university has an agricultural college; the act of its foundation requires such. No educated person would undertake to prove that this limits the institution. There are three students in the College of Agriculture, while the other three hundred and ninety find employment in the Chemistry, Scientific, Preparatory, Medical, Latin-Scientific and Classical Courses of the College of Arts and Sciences; the College of Engineering, with the courses in Civil, Mechanical, and Electrical Engineering, the College of Pharmacy and the Law School.

Among the faculty of fifty are some of the most learned men of the present age; the majority are Ph.D. graduates.

That the literary side of the university is up to the standard is shown by the fact that the annual (*The Prism*) is far ahead of any in the State, and the other magazines published are equal to the average.

Much more of detail could be given, but such is not necessary. All college men love their Alma Mater, and Maine men are no exception. Reflections, and unjust ones at that, on the smallness and unimportance of the university where one is fitting oneself for life's work, are unpleasant, to say the least.

Let all in distant climes remember that northward, where the rays of the polar star fall a trifle more vertical, is the home of Maine Alpha, and that it is the campus of the University of Maine over which floats the purple and gold.

HARRY C. PRITHAM.

Maine Alpha, '01.



## FRATERNITIES AT UNIVERSITY OF MAINE.

The steady and healthy growth of fraternities at the University of Maine has given rise to several thoughts concerning the fraternity system as a whole, which it may not be out of place to insert in this article.

The grand showing that fraternities have made at Maine, and the hearty spirit of cooperation that exists between fraternities and the college authorities, we feel sure, have helped to prove that all existing barriers against these helpful organizations of the college world are being rapidly swept away; that the fraternity has come to stay; that it is not a thing of evil, but rather the chief agency for good in the social life of the college. This leads to a retrospection. It is a well-known fact that not many years ago, the fraternity system was looked upon as being an unmixed evil, and was almost considered an agent of his Satanic Majesty to allure young men into paths of evil. But at the present time, it is with pleasure we note that men of intellect and experience, college presidents and professors, are looking more and more to the fraternity to elevate the moral and social tone of our universities, and to sow those seeds that shall grow and ripen into perfect manhood. Every fraternity can point to its full share of representatives in the executive, legislative and judicial departments of state, in the church, in the professions, and in business life. That men, whose judgment in youth leads them to throw their developing energy and broadening wisdom on the side of this particular feature of student association, should have proven so emphatically their inborn worth, is a brilliant testimonial to the wisdom and good influence of this peculiarly American idea.

Six national fraternities are represented at Maine which, according to date of charters, may be named in

the following order: Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Sigma, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Gamma Delta, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. There are two locals, Delta Rho and Phi Gamma (ladies).

At this point it may be well to characterize the various chapters in a few brief sentences. The E. C. Society was organized in 1875; this became the Eta chapter of Alpha Sigma Chi in 1878, and went into Beta Theta Pi with



BETA THETA PI FRATERNITY HOUSE—UNIVERSITY OF MAINE.

that fraternity in 1879. This chapter has always been prosperous. Its members have been active and influential in every phase of undergraduate activity. Several of its initiates have become members of the university faculty, and its alumni includes some of the brightest newspaper men of Maine. In 1886 the chapter leased a house from the college, which it has occupied continuously since that time. This was the first house to be occupied by any fraternity in any Maine college.

Kappa Sigma granted a charter in 1886 to a local society formed in 1885, with the active sympathy and with the advice of the Betas. The chapter occupies a



house on the campus, built in 1896, at a cost of \$6,000. The chapter has always done good, energetic work, and at the present time they are especially strong in athletics. Its membership includes men who hold many of the most responsible positions within the gift of the student body and faculty, and who are earnest, conscientious students and thorough gentlemen.

Alpha Tau Omega was established in 1891. The chapter is quite progressive, and its members hold many positions of prominence. Good students and fine athletes are to be found in their midst, while in society they are equally at home. The chapter rents a very commodious house in the village of Orono. It is understood they have plans drawn up for a chapter-house to be built as soon as the project appears feasible.

Phi Kappa Sigma in 1898 granted a charter to the local society known as Omicron Epsilon Eta Pi. The members of this chapter have always taken a prominent part in college affairs and it is in a flourishing condition. The home of the chapter is in Oak Hall, but it is reported that they intend to build a chapter-house in the near future.

Phi Gamma Delta granted a charter to the local chapter of Q. T. V. in 1899. The first fraternity chapter established at Maine was that of Q. T. V. in 1874, six years after the founding of the college. The membership of the chapter is quite diversified, but they have several men who are quite prominent in college affairs. The chapter has several of its alumni among the faculty of the university, and they are making preparations to publish a one hundred and fifty page volume, which will give a history of the chapter since its founding in 1874, and also a directory giving the address, present occupation, class, etc., of each man ever taken into the chapter.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon entered Maine last February,

and we can truthfully say that the men who compose Maine Alpha are up to the  $\Sigma A E$  standard in every respect. Minerva's youngest is to-day as firmly established as any fraternity at Maine, and her members are to be found in every department of college enterprise and activity.

Delta Rho (local) was founded in 1896. The society is stronger at the present time than it ever has been and is competing quite successfully with the fraternity chapters.

Phi Gamma, the ladies' society, was founded in 1897, and a membership of 14 gives it a sound basis for work.

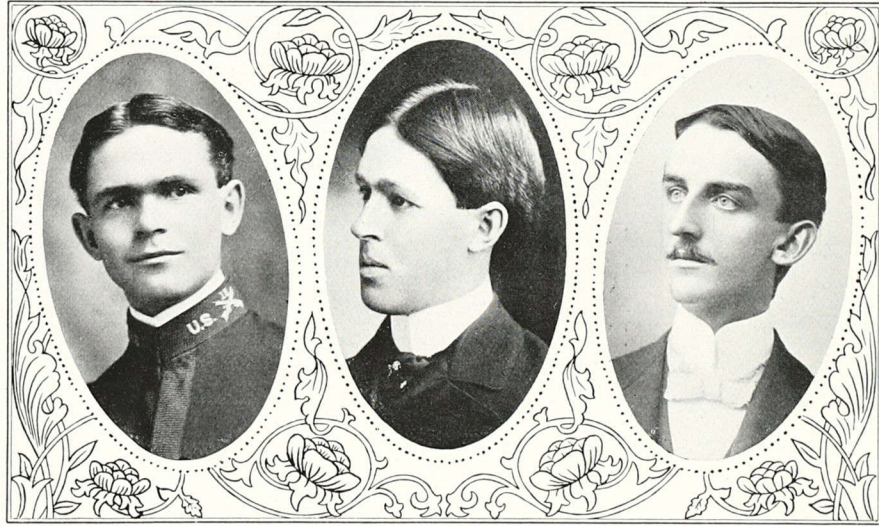
A chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon and  $\Phi K \Phi$ , an honorary senior society, also exist.  $\Phi K \Phi$  was founded at Maine, and plans are on foot to place chapters in many of our best institutions.

We cannot help noting at this point that since the organization of the first fraternity the best good feeling has existed not only between members of rival Greek organizations, but between fraternity and non-fraternity men. That nearly all of the student offices have been filled by fraternity men is rather to be attributed to the fact that most of the upper-class men and the eligible men of the other classes were members of fraternities, than that they were chosen because of such membership.

The fraternities that are installed in chapter-houses give frequent dancing and whist parties, which are recognized as among the leading social events of the year. A reception is given on one afternoon of commencement week at each of the fraternity houses, which is usually attended by several hundred guests.

No account of the fraternity system at Maine can present a view of the effect which it has upon the development of those who are fortunate enough to become members. It is sufficient to state that membership in a fra-





THE FOUNDERS OF IOTA-PHI.

MERRILL.

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BATCHELDER.

ternity is considered of social, moral and intellectual advantage to those who become associated with one. The fraternities at Maine have seemingly worked not only to perpetuate their own Greek brotherhood, but to exalt the idea of the brotherhood of all men striving for a higher education and a broader culture.

MAURICE B. MERRILL.

Maine, '01.

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#### MAINE ALPHA.

In the minds of every Maine Alpha man there are two dates—February 12, 1898, and February 22, 1901—marking the foundation of the local and its admission into the fraternity, which are very sharply defined. In every enterprise of man's invention, there is invariably some characteristic which is a rallying point of its existence.

In this regard the local, Iota-Phi, was no exception. The great salvation of the founders at periods of difficulty and discouragement was to look back at the modest beginning, and, although seeing the goal far distant, felt assured that a great advance had been made.

When the identity of Iota-Phi was lost by its admission to  $\Sigma A E$ , the lesser became the servant of the greater. Maine Alpha feels, though past associations are hard to forget, that she is now only a spoke in the great wheel. The chapter expects to bear its portion of the burden, and in turn looks to the fraternity for advice, support and encouragement.

Every active Sig is more or less familiar with the circumstances attending the organization and early history of Iota-Phi.

In its early days the society was subject to many obstacles. There were numberless chances for the loyal ones to improve their opportunities and disloyal ones to





Small	Robinson	Sheahan	Ricker	J. Talbot	Conner	Bearce
Eldredge	Chase	F. Talbot	Swasey	Libby	Merrill	Adams
McFadgen	Baker	French	Pritham	Sawyer	Towse	Holmes
						Kneeland

MAINE ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MAINE.

shirk their responsibilities. When the test came, however, it was conclusively demonstrated that none of the latter class were members of Iota-Phi. On the event of declaration of war between the United States and Spain, forty students marched away from the University of Maine to the muster grounds, four never to return. At this time twelve were enrolled on the membership of Iota-Phi; of this number went four of our band, soon followed by a fifth.

The loss of two of the founders and sudden depletion of numbers was highly disheartening to those who remained. No thought of abandoning the work was entertained, and with grim determination the race was continued.

This event was unquestionably the severest blow which Iota-Phi ever felt, and its successful outcome was certainly a very great source of strength.

Suffice it to say that Maine Alpha has never had an easy time. Every advance has been with great difficulty, and the prestige now held has come only through exhaustive and tireless effort.

The University of Maine Chapter, Maine Alpha of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, has always been a flourishing local. It has seldom lost a man to whom it extended invitation to membership. It is represented in every phase of student activity.

It is on a strong financial basis, and the fraternity dues will be paid promptly. Delegates will be sent regularly to National and Province conventions, to local and joint initiations, and other fraternity functions. Every possible effort will be made to keep in close touch with the sister chapters, especially those in Province Alpha.

This is a proposition which is not nearly so hard to carry out as appears at first sight. Maine Alpha is less.



than nine hours out of Boston, and with the excellent facilities of communication between Bangor and Boston the idea of isolation is of little consequence.

The alumni of Maine Alpha number six. One is first lieutenant in the United States Infantry, another a prominent member of Aroostook county bar, a third the principal of one of the largest high schools in Maine. The members have followed divers pursuits and professions, and are prominent socially and otherwise in the community.

The great problem on which Maine Alpha is now working is the chapter-house problem. The attitude of the trustees of the university toward the erection of a chapter-house has been very liberal. The chapter stands ready with a sum of money, and on the settlement of a few minor details work will begin on a chapter-house.

Any description of a fraternity chapter must necessarily be very narrow in its limits. It must be confined to facts. Thus what has been said of Maine Alpha is only superficial. The spirit of the chapter and the spirit of the fraternity cannot be penned. It is an innate consciousness of its members.

A. H. ROBINSON.

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ROLAND H. SHERMAN.

Roland Henry Sherman was born in Lawrence, Mass., on the thirteenth of November, 1873. He attended the local schools, and later studied at Dummer Academy, South Byfield, Mass., where he graduated in 1892. In 1896 he was graduated with the degree of LL.B. from the Boston University Law School, and in July of the same year was admitted to the bar. During the next year and a half he practiced law in Lawrence as a mem-

ber of the law firm of Bradley and Sherman, but on the outbreak of war with Spain he temporarily gave up his practice and offered his services to his country.



CAPTAIN ROLAND H. SHERMAN.

On May 10, 1898, Sherman was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Company L, Eighth Massachusetts Infantry, U. S. V. May 14th his regiment left camp at South Framingham and was sent to Chickamauga.



June 15th he was given the appointment of aide on the staff of Brigadier-General J. W. Waites, commanding the Second Brigade, Third Division of the First Army Corps, and on June 28th was appointed Judge Advocate on the staff of Brigadier-General Hains, in command of the Third Division of the First Army Corps. Sherman served as Judge-Advocate until General Hains was ordered to Porto Rico, when he returned to General Waites's staff as aide. While at Chickamauga he served as counsel for the defendants in twenty-seven court-martials.

After the declaration of peace, Sherman resigned his commission and returned to the practice of law in Lawrence, and in December, 1898, was appointed Assistant District Attorney for the Eastern Criminal District of Massachusetts. January 1, 1899, he formed a partnership with his brother, Frederick F. Sherman, under the firm name of Sherman & Sherman.

Sherman has kept up his interest in military affairs, and on the reorganization of the militia, after the mustering out of the volunteers, was elected Captain of Company L of the Eighth Regiment, and served as such until April 22, 1901, when he was appointed Judge Advocate, with the rank of Captain, on the staff of General J. H. Whitney, commanding the Second Brigade M. V. M. He is a member of the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War, and on March 15, 1901, was elected Judge-Advocate General of the Legion of Spanish-American War Veterans.

Brother Sherman was initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1894, and took a very active interest in the fraternity, holding the office of Archon of Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon Chapter for two years.

On April 5, 1898, a month before joining the volunteer army, Brother Sherman was married at Indianapolis, Ind., to Alma C. Haerle, and is the proud possessor of a daughter eighteen months of age.

## PROVINCE GAMMA CONVENTION.

Years intervening between general fraternity conventions are always conspicuous by the number and gaiety of province conventions. So much so have these gatherings become that the various provinces look forward to them as a season when the rank and file can meet, exchange fraternity news of sectional interest and stir up enthusiasm to be served out to those chapters in the immediate bailiwicks.

In 1895 the Provinces of Epsilon and Gamma held joint convention in Atlanta, and repeated the enjoyable event in 1897 at Nashville. The first time that Gamma Province convened alone was at Winston-Salem in 1899, and, like the joint conventions, it was a success.

This year Gamma Province will meet in biennial session at Macon, Ga.—the date yet to be announced—probably December 30, 31, and January 1. The men of Georgia Psi and the resident alumni of Macon are enthusiastic over the approaching event, and will leave no stone unturned to make the convention famous, as the most successful and enjoyable ever held. These same Macon Sigs are capable of doing this, too. They have organized an Alumni Association, and each year at Founder's Day the professional and business men of Macon meet at the Hotel Lanier and exchange anecdotes and good-will with the active men of Georgia Psi.

The details of the convention have not as yet been agreed upon, but certain it is that there will be a reception and banquet. Special efforts will be made to have every chapter represented by a full quota of delegates, and for every alumni association to have at least one delegate, and besides these there will be a host of young and old members to give advice and join in the songs and enthusiasm.



The business feature is never neglected in Gamma Province, and many measures of supreme importance to each and every chapter will be discussed and acted upon. Delegates are hereby ordered to come prepared to talk, make suggestions, and make as much wholesome noise in the convention hall as possible.

Each chapter and association is urged to make preparations to be represented. Macon is a beautiful, progressive city of 50,000 inhabitants, her Sigs are loyal—all of which is enough to guarantee a successful gathering from every view-point.

E. E. POMEROY,  
President Gamma Province.

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#### FOUNDER'S DAY AT EMORY.

Founder's Day was observed most fittingly at Emory with a banquet held in our fraternity hall, which, while not as elaborate as would have been possible in a larger town, still had for those who surrounded the board all that spirit of fraternity and good cheer which is distinctly a feature of Sig Alph affairs. While there were many pleasant features to lend pleasure to the banquet, the preeminent source of joy was the presence with us of four of our alumni, Brothers A. B. Simms, '99, of Covington; J. Raleigh Pattillo, '00, of Atlanta; Irvin M. Callaway, '00, and Alexander Irvin, '00, of Washington, Ga. Since the last mentioned three were our graduates in the class of 1900, their presence made the meeting appear as one of last year's and called to mind many pleasant memories of those days.

The arrangement committee, composed of Brothers Timmons, Anderson and Dozier, furnished us with a most excellent menu, which received full justice from every one. When the supper had been disposed of the

following toasts were heard, L. W. Foreman acting as toast-master :

"Sigma Alpha Epsilon" .....	A. B. Simms.
"Our Alumni" .....	Nicholas R. Bayard.
"The Boston Convention" .....	Robert H. Timmons.
"Georgia Epsilon" .....	Guy T. Smith.
"Noble Leslie DeVotie" .....	Edwin F. Wright.
"S. A. E. Sisters" .....	J. LeRoy Duncan.
"Washington Alumni Association" .....	Alexander Irvin.
"The Goat" .....	J. Chadwick Battey.
"Good Night" .....	Toast-master.

While all the speeches were good, that of Brother Battey on the ever-living theme of "The Goat" deserves special mention, his quick wit and facetious delivery contributing greatly to the pleasure of the evening.

L. W. FOREMAN.

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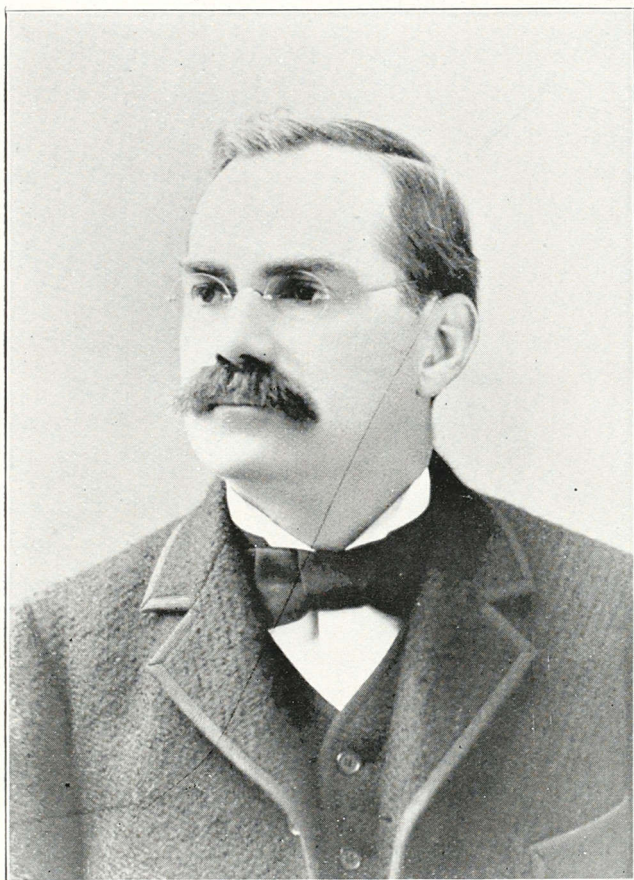
#### WILLIAM STIRLING PARKERSON.

William Stirling Parkerson, recently elected president of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Alumni Association of New Orleans, was born on Stirling Plantation, near Franklin, La., September 24, 1857. Having received a preparatory training in Louisiana, he attended St. Stephen's College, New York, at Annandale-on-the-Hudson. At that university he was a member of the Sigma Phi, which was afterwards absorbed by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon. At college he took an active interest in student affairs and stood high as a student. His ability as a public speaker and in the forensic field was noticeable even in those early years. He graduated with honors in the class of 1879.

From St. Stephen's College he returned South and took the two-year course of the Tulane Law School, graduating in 1880. Ever since that time he has been a prominent lawyer in New Orleans, and to-day ranks among the first at the bar. In 1894 he gained no insig-



nificant reputation by an address before the Home Market Club in Boston on "The South," and was on that occasion a champion on behalf of that part of the Union



WILLIAM S. PARKERSON.

once set aside by Mason and Dixon's line. Shortly after he became still more prominent by an address delivered by him before the citizens of Bloomington, Ill.

To-day, although very busy with the duties of his pro-

fession, he is never too busy to give his time and advice to members of *Σ A E* on matters of importance to them and to further the interests of *Σ A E* at large, and particularly in New Orleans and in the South.

H. P. DART, JR.





## EDITORIAL.

THE RECORD has always stood for fair play and courtesy in all its dealings with other fraternities and their magazines. For this reason the Editor is especially sorry to see, in the last two numbers of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, articles concerning Sigma Alpha Epsilon which were, to say the least, exceedingly ill-natured. It is always in poor taste for any one to praise oneself, yet it is impossible to refrain from saying that after the chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at the University of Mississippi showed the courtesies it did to the newly entering chapter of Kappa Alpha, it seemed natural to suppose that the editor of the *Journal* would conceal his ill nature for awhile at least.

Kappa Alpha has chapters at thirty-nine institutions, and at twenty-five of these Sigma Alpha Epsilon also has chapters. This should furnish all the more reason why these two fraternities should be on friendly terms, as they have so many interests in common. Let the editor of the *Journal* remember, as Brother Snite says in this number of THE RECORD, that, though we are not brothers, we are cousins, and govern himself accordingly. The Editor is glad to be able to say that the individual chapters of Kappa Alpha do not seem to be infected with this same ill feeling towards Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Let us all be friends, though enemies.

THERE has always been trouble in procuring chapter letters for the September number of *THE RECORD*, largely for the reason that new correspondents were elected at the end of the school year and did not entirely understand their new duties. The Boston convention did a wise thing in declaring that the duties of the old correspondent should hold over the summer vacation. All the present correspondents should remember this and be sure to send in their chapter letters on time. They must also remember to see that the Editor has the names and addresses of the newly-elected correspondents in order that the directory and mailing list shall be up-to-date.

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Now that the summer is at hand with its long vacation, we must not relax in our work for the fraternity, thinking there is nothing to be done. There is a great deal to be done, and of the greatest importance. First in importance comes the preparation for the fall campaign. Keep your eyes open, size up the men going to enter your college or any college where we have chapters. Don't pledge any men, but watch them and make up your mind whether they would make good fraternity material. It will save you just so much work in the fall, when time is very valuable. If you know good men going to other colleges, recommend them to the members of your chapter, or if we have no chapter at the school to which they are going, advise them to join some other fraternity ; they will appreciate it later.



ANOTHER important work you can do in the summer is to make the acquaintance of the *Σ A E* alumni at whatever place you happen to be. Arrange for a mid-summer dinner and get them to be present. Many a man has been awakened from his lethargy by such little attentions as these and has come to take a very active interest in fraternity affairs. Arousing enthusiasm in one alumnus who has lost his interest in the fraternity is worth more than initiating two new men.

There is always work to do for one who has the interest of his fraternity at heart.



## NOTICES.

Any one possessing extra copies of RECORD in years previous to 1894, and in 1896, Nos. 1, 2 and 3; 1898, No. 1, will confer a great favor by communicating the same to me. I have quite a number of old *Phi Alphas* and some old RECORDS which I will gladly send or exchange.

ELMER B. SANFORD,

Michigan Iota-Beta.

Ann Arbor, Mich.

Wanted by the E. C. of New York Alpha, E. L. McClure, No. 483 Connecticut St., Buffalo, N. Y., the present addresses of the following:

1. Henry Price Center, class of '93, Cornell University.
2. Peter Wintermute, " '94, " "
3. Smith Bearden Ritchie, " '95, " "
4. Samuel Neely Riter, " '95, " "
5. Frederick Greene Candee, " '96, " "
6. George Shapely Stone, " '97, " "

Chapter letters for the September RECORD should be sent at once. Remember that it is the duty of the correspondent of this last year to see that this is done.

EDWARD MELLUS.

All notices of marriages and deaths should be sent to the Eminent Supreme Recorder. Be sure to give full data.

EDWARD H. VIRGIN.





NEWS AND NOTES.

The following clipping is from the Macon (Ga.) *Evening News*, March 9, 1901 :

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

Greek Letter Men Enjoyed a Sumptuous Banquet Last Night.

The Mercer chapter of the S. A. E. fraternity gave their annual Founder's Day banquet at the Hotel Lanier last night.

This event is looked forward to very much by the members of the fraternity, and the banquet Friday night by far surpassed anything ever given by fraternity men in Macon. This order at Mercer is in a most flourishing condition, and the active members spared no pains to make the spread a success.

The dining-room was tastefully decorated in purple and old gold, the colors of the fraternity. The violet, the emblematic flower, was conspicuous in its decorations, and each member had a small button-hole bouquet.

The alumni members were out in full force, and a number of excellent toasts were enjoyed.

The Greeks were most enthusiastic over the success of their order, and the true friendship and brotherly love which the business men displayed towards the college members was in itself a beautiful tribute to the doctrines of the S. A. E. fraternity.

When the banquet was over both the old and young retired to the lobby of the hotel, and for several minutes the halls resounded with the yells of the fraternity.

The toasts were as follows :

Toast-master.....	Hon. Minter Wimberly.
The Day We Celebrate.....	Charlton G. Ogburn.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....	A. W. Jackson.
The Founding of Georgia Psi.....	Rev. C. A. Turner.
Our Chapter.....	W. W. McDonell.
Once a Sig, Always a Sig.....	Oliver B. Andrews.
Sig Alph Patriotism.....	J. Clay Murphey.
Our Girls.....	E. E. Cox.
Fraternity Ideals.....	Rev. J. G. Harrison.

The following clippings from the *Kansas City Times* of April 25, 1901, refer to a member of Missouri Alpha :

LIEUT. TOM COBB DIES AT HONOLULU.

YOUNG SOLDIER FROM KANSAS CITY SUCCUMBS TO SMALLPOX.

Known Throughout State. Was Formerly Lieutenant in the Fifth Missouri Regiment. Parents Reside at Nevada. Before He Went to the War Cobb was a News-Writer on *The Times*—Was a Born Soldier and Had Prospects of a Brilliant Career.

Lieutenant Thomas M. Cobb, Jr., of the Thirty-ninth infantry, who was attacked by smallpox while on the way home from the Philippines on board the transport Kilpatrick and who was landed at Honolulu early in April, died on Quarantine island there on the morning of April 13.

Lieutenant Cobb was, before he adopted the trade of war, a Kansas City newspaper man. His friends in this city and other parts of the State are numbered by the hundreds, and his death on the lonely and strange island of the Pacific, when his adventures appeared over and he was speeding home to be mustered out, will drag at many heartstrings and bring gloom to many a home.

Thomas M. Cobb, Jr., was the son of Rev. Thomas M. Cobb, a presiding elder of the M. E. Church (South), whose home is now at Nevada, Mo. He was born at Springfield, Mo., March 14, 1877, and was educated at the Wentworth Military academy and the University of Missouri. He left the university to become a local news-writer on *The Times* and was engaged in that work when the Spanish war broke out. Cobb's early military training and the natural bent for soldiering which dominated his whole being, led him to aid in organizing the Fifth Missouri volunteers. He was made first lieutenant of Company D, that regiment, and was later appointed adjutant. He went with the regiment to Chickamauga and, when the soldiers were fever racked and homesick, Cobb, with his big, chesty bass voice, used to tramp about among them and sing coon songs. He was the life of his company, a good officer and a friend to every man Harry in it.

Cobb was mustered out of service at the end of the war and resumed his work on *The Times*. With the outbreak of war in the Philippines he became restless and secured a commission of first lieutenant in the Thirty-ninth regiment, which he helped recruit at Fort Crock, Neb. Cobb received his second commission on August 17, 1899, and a few weeks later sailed for the Philippines.



The Thirty-ninth regiment is now at San Francisco in quarantine, and will soon be mustered out.

WAS POPULAR WITH ALL SORTS.

Lieutenant Cobb was an ideal soldier. He was a big fellow, fully six feet tall, with broad shoulders and deep chest, and he had the long military stride and erect, dignified bearing of one who comes of a line of soldiers, although his boyish face and good-natured eyes were in constant dispute with his fierce, warrior-like tread. He was a good companion in any society, and possessed the faculty of winning and keeping friends wherever he happened to bivouac. He had a brother in this city, younger than himself, William Cobb, in the employ of the Richards & Conover Hardware Company. Had Lieutenant Cobb lived, he certainly would have made his mark in a military way, as his merits never failed to win him recognition from his superior officers.

During his stay in the Philippines Lieutenant Cobb had many adventures which showed the natural bravery and soldierly instincts of the man. At one time he had a small detachment of his company out chasing a band of nine outlaws. His men were footsore and weary of the chase, and Cobb was almost ready to abandon the chase, when he saw the outlaws pass over the brow of a hill half a mile distant. He gave chase, telling his men to follow. He was far in the advance, alone, when he came upon the outlaws, partly hidden in a shallow cave. He ran to the mouth of the cave, ordered the men to throw down their arms and surrender, at the same time giving commands to his men, who were not within hearing, to make ready to fire.

He stood in the entrance of the cave, a revolver in each hand, and made the outlaws come out one at a time and stand in a row. When they got outside they found they had surrendered to one man.

TOM COBB'S GENEROSITY.

Saved a Civilian from Ill Treatment Just before He Was Taken Sick.

Adam O'Kane of Van Buren, Ark., who was in the city last night on his way home from the Philippines, paid a tribute to Lieutenant Thomas M. Cobb, Jr.

"I was shocked to learn of his death, for I had hoped that he would recover," he said.

"I was not acquainted with him personally, but I became a warm admirer of his chivalrous nature through an incident which

shows better than anything else just how big-hearted and generous he was.

"I left 'Frisco with Albert Smith, a civilian, who came over from the Philippines on the transport which brought the Thirty-ninth home. We traveled as far as Salt Lake together, and before we parted he told me the story.

"Smith was a master carpenter in the employ of the government at Manila. When he left on the Kilpatrick he was booked as a cabin passenger, but with the usual contempt the army men hold civilians in, he was treated like an interloper. First he was ordered to leave the cabin, and then he was forced to bunk wherever he could stow away and eat what he could buy from the steward or cooks.

"Cobb heard how Smith was being treated and he interfered in his behalf, demanding that he be given the accommodations and courtesy he was entitled to.

"Well, Cobb won, and Smith was enthusiastic in praise of him, as a gentleman and a soldier in talking with me. He told me how he regretted the fact that his friend and benefactor had fallen a victim to smallpox, necessitating his being left at Honolulu, and when I left him he was eagerly watching for news of him and hoping to learn of his recovery."

Mr. O'Kane served with the Thirty-third regiment in the Philippines, and landed from the Logan in San Francisco March 29.



These resolutions from the *Kentucky State College Record* show the spirit that should exist between chapters of rival Greek organizations :

At a meeting of the Kentucky State Association of Kappa Alphas, held at the Phoenix Hotel in Lexington, Ky., on Friday, April 12, 1901, it being the occasion of the annual banquet of the association, the following resolutions were adopted :

"WHEREAS, Brother Clarke Tandy, in Theta Chapter, has on this day won the Kentucky Intercollegiate oratorical contest by the unanimous vote of the judges; and

"WHEREAS, It is meet upon such occasion to congratulate Brother Tandy and the fraternity upon his great victory; and

"WHEREAS, The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, through its chapter located at the Kentucky State College, sent to Brother Tandy and to his fraternity the following letter :

"The S. A. E. Fraternity congratulates Mr. Tandy and the Kappa Alpha Fraternity upon the great victory of this evening."

"Lexington, Ky., April 10, 1901.

Per G. W. R."



"Now therefore be it Resolved. First, that the victory won by Brother Tandy was a great honor to himself and his fraternity and to the college which he represented. That the thoughts expressed in his speech were evidences of Tandy's deep thought and excellent preparation, and that we do now congratulate him, his fraternity, and his college upon his success.

"Be it further Resolved, That the thanks of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity be and they are hereby extended to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity for its hearty good wishes; that the spirit and sentiment expressed by that letter reminds us of the good feeling and good fellowship which exists amongst the fraternities at the Kentucky State College; and that we pledge ourselves to continue that good feeling amongst the fraternities at the Kentucky State College so long as we are able to do so. And lastly,

"Be it Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be published in the *K. S. C. Record* and in the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, and that it be sent to the State College Chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity."

R. C. STOLL, President.

J. NATHAN ELLIOTT, Secretary.



The union of Central University and Centre College of Kentucky under the name of Centre College of Central University is thus announced by the *Central News*, the weekly paper of Central University :

AGREEMENT REACHED.

Local College Unites with Centre at Danville—High School for Richmond.

The representatives of Central University and Centre College in conference at Louisville, made public the articles of agreement Saturday. According to them, the College of Philosophy, Letters and Science, now located at Richmond, will be removed to Danville and united with Centre College. The combined institutions will be called Centre College of Central University, and will be of the very highest order.

The union of the two colleges will make a very strong combination, both numerically and financially, and will be of the greatest advantage to the cause of education in the State.

Central University will be the common property of the synods of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches in Kentucky.

The building on the campus at Richmond will be retained by the university, and will be used for a preparatory school to be called

the Walters Collegiate Institute. The curriculum of the institute will be sufficiently high to admit its graduates into the Junior class at Danville. Fifteen per cent. of all endowments received by the university will be set aside for the institute until it shall have received a \$40,000 endowment.

The same forces which have operated so powerfully toward the breaking down of sectional prejudice, and the drawing together of the erstwhile hostile sections of the country have made possible that which the stress of circumstances had already made imperative.

Call sessions of the two synods will be held on April 23d to consider the action of the two boards, and there is no doubt that the move will be ratified with little or no opposition. Such being the case, the union will be perfected by next September.



The *Central News* also prints an account of a very enjoyable evening spent by the members of the fraternities at Central University:

SMOKER

Given by the Four Fraternities was Very Enjoyable—First in History of University.

The four fraternities united in an inter-fraternity smoker at the S. A. E. hall last Friday night. A committee had bountifully provided fruits, cakes, pickles, frappé, pipes, tobacco and cigars. A troupe of negroes was also present to enliven with music, song and dancing. Each person was presented with a pipe and proceeded to smoke. They smoked and talked, smoked and ate, smoked and drank frappé, smoked and gave fraternity yells, smoked and listened to toasts, and then smoked again until the ceiling was invisible because of smoke.

Many of the resident alumni were present and made speeches. Messrs. C. E. Woods, R. E. Roberts, John McClintock, D. Sanderson and Dr. A. W. Smith made splendid talks, which were thoroughly enjoyed and heartily applauded.

At twelve o'clock the meeting adjourned, and the members went to their homes amid the din of college and fraternity yells. The smoker was the first inter-frat affair of the kind in the history of the university. Every one present pronounced it a glorious success.



The marriage of Joe H. Etheridge, Georgia Phi, '97, is described in the *Atlanta Constitution* of February 23, as follows:

## WALKER-ETHERIDGE.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Miss T. Belle Walker, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mr. Joe H. Etheridge, of Atlanta, were united in marriage at the country home of the bride on Lookout mountain at noon of Tuesday, the 19th, Rev. Jesse Hunt, of Summerville, officiating.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Walker, formerly of Birmingham, Ala., and is very well known and admired in that city. Mr. Etheridge is a son of Mr. R. B. Etheridge, of Conyers, and is a young man of many noble qualities and fine business ability.

The wedding was very quiet, only the relatives and friends being present. Mr. and Mrs. Etheridge will be at home to their friends after March 1st. They will live in Atlanta.



The following from the *Washington (Ga.) Reporter* refers to Hon. B. S. Irvin, Virginia Omicron, '68:

Hon. Benjamin S. Irvin, head of the Washington bar, was born in Wilkes county February 10, 1848. Was partly educated at Governor Northen's school, Mt. Zion; also took special courses at the University of Virginia. Read law and was admitted to the bar in 1876. When only twenty-one years old he was principal of a female seminary in Washington, and unmarried. He was mayor of Washington sixteen years, going out of office in 1901. Mr. Irvin married the accomplished daughter of Hon. Willis Brewer, of Lowndes county, Ala., who was auditor of the State in 1880, and who took his seat in McKinley's extra session of Congress in 1897. Colonel Brewer is a brilliant man, and the author of some works.



Hon. Thomas Watson, to whom this clipping from the *Washington Reporter* refers, is an alumnus of Georgia Psi, '76.

## HON. THOMAS E. WATSON'S GIFT TO A BENEFACTOR.

Hon. Thos. E. Watson has recently given McDuffie county's efficient clerk and treasurer, Mr. R. H. Pearce, a present of two hundred acres of land known as the Byrd place, situated about two miles below Thomson on the Georgia railroad. The place has

about 1,000 nice peach-trees four years old and a good fish-pond on it. This is certainly a magnificent gift, being so near town. The place is worth at least \$3,000 or \$4,000.

When Mr. Watson was a very poor young man and struggling as a young attorney to make his way in the world, it was Mr. Pearce who boarded him and extended him a helping hand and was largely responsible for Mr. Watson's early success at the bar. Hence this magnificent gift is no doubt prompted by Mr. Watson's gratitude to Mr. Pearce for his favors when the lawyer needed a friend.

We have often thought that, if we had a friend who had stuck to us as we have been told that Mr. Pearce did to Mr. Watson during the latter's early struggles, says the *McDuffie Progress*, it would be our greatest pleasure, when prosperity had smiled upon us and plenty all about us, to show our appreciation of past favors in a substantial way as Mr. Watson has done in this instance.

This is an act after our own heart, continues the *Progress*, for we think that of all men the meanest man on earth is he who turns his back upon his friends and forgets the favors which have been shown him. Above all things give us a man, a true, loyal and grateful man who never forgets a friend.



The following from the *Atlanta Constitution* refers to Rogers W. Davis, '93, one of the charter members of Georgia Phi:

ENGAGEMENT OF MISS REID AND MR. ROGERS DAVIS.

A wedding of considerable interest to Atlantians will take place at Eatonton, Ga., on the 30th of this month, when Miss Frances Clopton Reid and Mr. Rogers Waddell Davis, of this city, are to be married. Miss Reid is one of Eatonton's most charming belles. She is the only child of Captain and Mrs. A. S. Reid and is well known to a large circle of friends here, having at various times visited the Misses Venable, Mrs. W. D. Grant, Mrs. Joseph Van Holt Nash and Mrs. W. F. Crusselle.

Mr. Davis is one of the best known young business men in Atlanta. Some years ago he graduated from the Technological school with honors and immediately began a business career of considerable success and promise. He is now assistant southern manager of a large northern machine company.

The wedding will be a notable social affair and will be attended by a number of guests from this and other cities of the State and from the north. The attendants and ushers will be: Mrs. Lawson



Brown, who was Miss Wylie of Macon, matron of honor; Miss Louise DuBose of Athens; Miss Sadie Foster of Madison; Mrs. William Learned of New York, who was Miss Ezell of Eatonton; Mr. Arthur C Keely of Atlanta, best man; Mr. John Hill of Atlanta; Mr. Gilham Hoyle Morrow of Atlanta, and Mr. Osborn Brevard Nisbet of Eatonton. Ushers: Mr. William Burwell of Sparta, and Mr. Floyd Foster of Madison.



The following clipping from the Atlanta *Constitution* refers to an alumnus of Alabama Mu, '92.

BRANDON IS RETAINED AS ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

Montgomery, Ala., February 17.—(Special.)—The governor has announced the appointment of Hon. W. W. Brandon of Tuscaloosa, as adjutant-general of the State troops. The appointment meets almost universal approval.

Colonel Brandon is among the brightest and truest young men in Alabama. He is less than thirty years of age, and has been a conspicuous member of the General Assembly for eight years. He is an accomplished orator, and is one of the most effective members of the present House of Representatives. He was appointed adjutant-general two years ago by Governor Johnston, and served that gentleman most loyally in his campaign for the United States Senate. He was, in fact, Governor Johnston's right-hand man in that campaign.

Governor Samford and Governor Johnston have not been political friends, and the popular belief has been that Colonel Brandon would lose his place for the reason that he was a Johnston man. When his indorsements came in, however, it became apparent that even the bitterest enemies of the former governor had indorsed Colonel Brandon, taking the position that a man who had been as loyal to one benefactor would be equally as loyal to another. Mr. Brandon was indorsed by Hon. Robert J. Lowe, chairman of the State executive committee; Hon. Daniel A. Green of Jefferson; Hon. Richard H. Clark of Mobile, and numerous other exceedingly prominent men who are unalterably opposed to Governor Johnston, and who have bitterly fought him and most of his appointees.

Colonel Brandon was lieutenant-colonel of one of the Alabama regiments during the war with Spain and was the most popular of all of the line officers, having been presented, upon the mustering out of the troops, with a \$1,000 watch as an evidence of the esteem in which his men held him.

The following from the same journal refers to celebrations of Founder's Day.

GEORGIA EPSILON CHAPTER HAS BANQUET.

Emory College, Oxford, Ga., March 10.—(Special.)—Last evening Georgia Epsilon chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity held a banquet in their club rooms in honor of the forty-fifty anniversary of the founding of the fraternity. The chapter is composed of fourteen representative men of the college and occupies a high place among the fraternities of Emory. The fraternity was founded at the University of Alabama in 1856 by Noble Leslie DeVotie, and now has a membership of over seven thousand and a roll of fifty-seven chapters.

S. A. E. HELD ITS ANNUAL BANQUET LAST NIGHT.

Macon, Ga., March 8.—(Special.)—The annual banquet of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity was held at the Hotel Lanier to-night and a most delightful time was had. Hon. Minter Wimberly, city attorney, presided as toast-master. Following was the program of toasts:

The Day We Celebrate .....	Charlton G. Ogburn.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon .....	A. W. Jackson.
The Founding of Georgia Psi .....	Hon. C. A. Turner.
Our Chapter .....	W. W. McDonnell.
Once a Sig, Always a Sig .....	Walter Grace.
Sig Alph Patriotism .....	J. Clay Murphey.
Our Girls .....	E. E. Cox.
Fraternity Ideals .....	Rev. J. G. Harrision.

There was much brilliant speaking and a rare demonstration of good fellowship. The menu was most elaborate, being one of the finest ever served in this city, which is acquiring a reputation for its banquet service.





MARRIAGES.

REPORTED BY EDWARD HARMON VIRGIN, E. S. R.

1894, New York Alpha.—John Milton Stoddard to Maude Ransome Harp, at Denver, Colo., 29 May, 1901.

1895, Nebraska Lambda-Pi.—Ernest Harlan Haughton to Julia Moore Yeaman, at Henderson, Ky., 4 June, 1901.

1896, Massachusetts Iota-Tau.—Harry Wing Dyer to Alice Morrill Jordan, at Portland Me., 19 June, 1901.

1897, Tennessee Omega.—Frederick H. Sparrenberger to Julia Wilhelmina Brennich, at New York, N. Y., 25 May, 1901.

1898, Kentucky Kappa.—John N. Turner, Jr., to Mary Coleman Letcher, at Richmond, Ky., 27 February, 1901.



## IN MEMORIAM.

HALL OF PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-ZETA,  
STATE COLLEGE, PENN.,  
March 10, 1901.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from our midst our beloved brother in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Joshua Hughes Allen; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That in his death Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta loses one of its brightest and truest members, whose memory shall be revered by the brothers of our chapter.

*Resolved*, That the chapter extends its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives in this their deep affliction.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be inscribed on the minutes of Alpha Zeta; that a copy of them be sent to the family of the deceased, and that they be published in the *Free Lance, Bloomsburg Daily*, the *State College Times*, and THE RECORD OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

GEORGE A. ELDER,  
ELMER T. MCCLEARY,  
B. LINDSAY MOORE,  
Committee.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY,  
BATON ROUGE, LA.,  
March 22, 1901.

(BY THE MEMBERS OF SENIOR CLASS.)

WHEREAS, We, the members of the senior class of the Louisiana State University, have learned of the untimely death of our beloved classmate, Henry F. Cantz n, who by his untiring energy and zeal in student affairs and in his studies has made himself a most prominent member of our class;

*Be it resolved*, That in his death the university, and especially the senior class, has lost a faithful student and an enthusiastic man in all college affairs, who seemed to live for the betterment of his class and was happiest when promoting its welfare.

*Resolved*, That we lose a classmate whose bright disposition and manly spirit bespoke to all friendship and ever imparted to them a kindly greeting.

*Be it further resolved*, That in token of respect, we wear the usual





JOSHUA H. ALLEN.

badge of mourning for fifteen days; that we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent them; and further, that a copy be sent to the *New Orleans Times-Democrat* and *Picayune*, and a copy published in the *Reveille*, and one in THE RECORD OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON FRATERNITY.

H. S. SINGLETARY,  
J. G. LEBLANC, JR.,  
IVAN H. SCHWING,  
THOMAS D. BOYD, JR.,  
Committee.

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S. A. E. HALL, L. S. U.,  
March 23, 1901.

INASMUCH, As we, the members of Louisiana Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, have sustained a great and irreparable loss in the death of our beloved brother, Henry Foster Cantzon, of the class of '01; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we, his brothers in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, hereby express our most profound regret and deepest sorrow for the loss of a noble brother; be it

*Resolved*, That we, as individuals and as a chapter, extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the family of our departed brother, in their bereavement; be it

*Resolved*, That the badge of the fraternity be worn inverted over crepe for fifteen days as a mark of our sorrow; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, a copy published in the *Reveille* and in THE RECORD OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON, and that they be spread upon the minutes of the chapter.

R. P. CRICHTON,  
E. H. MORTIMER,  
LEWIS R. GRAHAM,  
Committee.





## PERSONALS.

## NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Arthur Chase Nutt is instructor of English in Bates College, Lewistown, Me.

William George Fisher, '93, is managing the General Electric Company, in Lynn, Mass.

William Allison Harris, '93, is with the Johnstown Motor Company, of Johnstown, Pa.

William Christian Boueck, '94, is practicing law in Oshkosh, Wis.

Henry Joseph Gerling, '94, is librarian of the St. Louis Public Library, Mo.

Arnold Charles Koenig, '95, is city engineer of Grand Island, Neb.

Louis Rader Cowdrey, '95, is now located at 251 Gregory Ave., Passaic, N. J.

Smith Bearden Ritchie, '95, is a banker in Camden, Ark.

George Frederick Brendlinger, '96, is practicing civil engineering at 810 N. 41st St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Enrique Kentsch Muller, '97, has charge of the mechanical testing of torpedo boats in Richmond, Va.

Fred Lafayette Bryant, '99, is with the Newport News Ship Building Company, Newport News, Va.

## NORTH CAROLINA XI, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

G. B. Patterson, '86, was one of the leading members of the State legislature, and has been elected a trustee of the university.

Owen H. Kenan, '94, has secured through competitive examination an appointment as surgeon in the navy.

Wm. Coleman, S. C. Gamma, Mass. Gamma, and N. C. Xi, has given up his law practice and is now president of the Glenn-Lowry Manufacturing Company at Whitmire, S. C.

John D. Pannill, law '98, is assistant postmaster at Greensboro, N. C.

Chalmers L. Glenn, '01, is bookkeeper in the State treasurer's office, Raleigh, N. C.

## SOUTH CAROLINA GAMMA, WOFFORD COLLEGE.

J. C. Moore, '98, graduated in medicine at the South Carolina Medical College, Charleston, S. C., April 2, 1901.

Henry J. Brabham, Jr., '99, graduates from the law school of the South Carolina College in June.

KENTUCKY EPSILON, KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE.

James S Caldwell is in business with his father at Paducah, Ky.

B. M. Brooks is cashier of the Slaughtersville (Ky.) National Bank.

John Willim is in the wholesale clothing business at Cincinnati.

H. T. Smarr is engaged in civil engineering work at Charlestown, W. Va.

L. B. Brock, '98, is coal inspector on the Southern Railroad, with headquarters at Somerset, Ky., but always makes it a point to return to Lexington in time to attend all the meetings of the chapter.

A. J. Vance, '99, is with the Buffalo Forge Company, with headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio.

W. H. Collier, '97, is with the Southern Engine and Boiler Works, Jackson, Tenn.

SOUTH CAROLINA DELTA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

William T. Capers, '88, late rector of Grace Episcopal Church of Anderson, S. C., has accepted a call from the First Episcopal Church of Jackson, Miss., and has removed to that city.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-ZETA, PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.

George M. Norman, '98, has accepted a position with the General Chemical Company of Camden, N. J.

C. A. Randolph, '99, has a good position in the draughting department of the shipyard at Newport News, Va.

W. C. Hamilton, '00, is working in East St. Louis, Ill.

C. F. Taylor, '03, is with the DuBois Iron Works, DuBois, Pa.





## FRATERNITY NOTES.

K  $\Sigma$  has recently entered Lehigh, making the total number of fraternities now there sixteen.

The Philadelphia Conclave of K  $\Sigma$  provided that all chapters whose letters were late should be fined.

Columbia University registered over four thousand students last year.

The fifty-third annual convention of Theta Delta Chi will be held in Buffalo in July, 1901.

Fraternities at the University of Minnesota pledge high-school men.

$\Delta$  K E holds its next convention in Washington, D. C.; A T  $\Omega$  in Chicago.

$\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$  has eleven thousand names on its membership roll.

$\Sigma$  N has entered the University of Oregon, being the first fraternity to enter that State. Nine men were initiated.

For an alumni association  $\Sigma$  N requires at least seven men.

The trustees of the University of North Carolina have prohibited the fraternities there from initiating freshmen.

B  $\Theta$  II has entered a \$12,000 house at Minnesota.

$\Phi$  K  $\Psi$  will issue a pocket edition of its catalogue.

$\Sigma$  N is the only fraternity with four chapters on the Pacific coast.

$\Phi$   $\Gamma$   $\Delta$  holds its next convention at Niagara Falls, September, '01.

$\Delta$   $\Delta$   $\Delta$  has a yearly examination of its members on its constitution, by-laws and ritual.

The total membership of  $\Sigma$  N is over three thousand, five hundred.

At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sigma Chi has 23 men; Delta Psi, 21; Chi Phi, 26; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 23; Phi Beta Epsilon (local), 21; Delta Upsilon, 22; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 32; Phi Gamma Delta, 17; Theta Xi, 5, the fraternities being given in their order of establishment. Sigma Chi was founded in '82, Theta Xi in '90; 17.9% of the men at Tech are fraternity men. All occupy houses except Theta Xi.

## EXCHANGES.

EDITED BY COOPER GAW.

One copy of each exchange should be sent to Cooper Gaw, care Evening Standard, New Bedford, Mass., one copy to William C. Levere, Evanston, Ill., and one copy to Dr. Edward Mellus, Foxboro, Mass. Three copies will be sent in return to any desired address.



In a recent issue of the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta a writer who styles himself a Yale man, but who withholds his name, perhaps on account of certain plain criticisms of his Alma Mater, treats at some length of the social conditions at the New Haven university. Without stopping to take exception to some questionable statements—like the absurdly broad one that the “students at Yale are socially superior to those of any other institution”—we print the following interesting observations :

The members under all circumstances maintain absolute silence about their society. Out of 330 men 45 is a small number. Many of these 45 men become egotistical in manner and the sense of their greatness follows many of them into after life. Their secrecy is profound. No one but a member is supposed to enter their halls, but workmen and decorators have to, and they state that they are beautifully decorated with every comfort and luxury. The light of Scroll and Key coming from above, the light in Skull and Bones from back, no light but electric ever comes into Sigma Delta Xi, or Book and Snake; the fresh air is drawn in by a fan through an outside chimney and goes out through slits under the eaves. These Tombs are conspicuous features of the architectural side of New Haven. There are besides three senior societies the Sophomore societies now abolished, and there is a University Club. There are to be chapters of Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Psi, course Academic Societies as Beta Theta Pi now is. What standing these will have is yet to be seen. The faculty favor the University Society and has stated such societies will have its help. Why cannot such a great national society as Delta Tau Delta enter this field where not half the men



ever enter any society. None of the societies furnish any rallying point for the students and not all of them combined hold the place together in a social way. The great new dining hall now being erected on Grove street will hold 1,000 and serve as a meeting place three times a day. Yale is now held together by tradition, by its religious life and dormitory life. From my four years' experience and visiting forty other colleges large and small, I advise any boy to go to the small colleges of 300 to 500, where every student knows each other and his life is not isolated; where he comes into close contact with the professors whose character is impressed on him; where he lives on a large campus and roams among the trees by the side of the brook and hillside, a college like Williams, Pennsylvania State, Union, Cornell, Ohio Wesleyan, Knox, Hanover, Dartmouth, University of Vermont, Maine, Amherst, or Trinity.

The three Academic Senior Societies, Skull and Bones, Scroll and Key and Wolf's Head, dominate the whole Academic system. They are rich, they own houses and lands up into the hundreds of thousands; they are profoundly secret. The pin is never supposed to leave the body while they are active members and is always worn on the vest in after life. Fifteen men are taken into each on a Thursday afternoon in the latter part of May toward five o'clock, when these societies announce their elections. It takes an hour to an hour and a half, and occurs in front of Durfee Hall near the northern end of the campus, practically all the 330 members of the senior class assembling there, as well as a large part of the rest of the University, Academic, Scientific and Departmental, with many of the faculty and of the people of New Haven and other parts of Yaledom. The observers are thronged in the windows of Durfee, Farnum and North College, on the steps and roof of Dwight Hall and all about the open campus. Each society has fifteen members, and, beginning at five o'clock, at intervals of from two to four minutes, each of the members emerges from his hall and proceeds to the campus, walking alone, recognizing no one. With solemn face he invades the densest part of the crowd, where the most likely of the candidates from the senior class are gathered; finds the one particular man whose election to that society has been delegated to that particular senior, claps that man on the back; tells him to go to his room; follows the man through the crowd and across the campus to his room, wherever it may be, preserving still the same unbroken silence and grave countenance; announces within the seclusion of that room, in formal language, the election; leaves the room, the dormitory and the campus, in the same manner and with the same demeanor, and returns to his society hall, not again to emerge

until the formal breaking up of the regular gathering of that Thursday evening at midnight. With this the ceremony is over, and for hours and days after the university talks about it, and this society is congratulated and that is condemned. That afternoon has left on the hearts of a score and more men as sharp and painful and deep wounds as perhaps they will ever suffer in all the battles of life. They have lost, generally for reasons which they cannot tell, that which they most desired of all the honors their fellows could give them. Many strive from their freshman year for these senior society elections, every action, every speech was shaped to ingratiate themselves with this clique. . . . .

The writer has studied the society problem, its relations to the colleges and the students, and he feels that its exclusiveness works great injustice to many worthy men, ostracizing them from participating in the life they should have. The failure to be members embitters them for life. Many of the most deserving who attain distinction and fame are never chosen. The true system is one in which every student is a member of some society. The faculty at Wesleyan, Ct., endeavor to have every man become a member of some one, and aim to so influence the incoming class that one society will not be benefited to the detriment of the other. The student coming from his family where he had the watchful, loving care of mother, father and sisters feels homesick and yearns for companionship. These societies supply that want. The senior advises with the underclassmen. The freshman feels some one cares for him, his heart expands in the sunshine of love, he develops as he would not otherwise. The future of Yale will be course societies. Certain parts of the dormitories will be set aside for certain societies as at Brown, more of the national societies will come in, nearly all of the students will be taken into the societies. Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Theta have now started at Yale as four-year course societies. Beta Theta Pi already occupies the same field with 30 men. The academic department with 1,200 men is a splendid field for Delta Tau Delta, and I am sure would be welcomed there as Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Theta are. The true society, and one which President Hadly desires most of all, is a university society to cultivate the feeling that Yale is a university. This system exists at all the great universities of the land; at Cornell, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Amherst, William Union, University of Wisconsin. These societies are for four years; they have beautiful houses, notably at Cornell. It gives a splendid place for the alumni to return to, and this keeps up their interest in the college; it brings the professors in touch with the boy, moulds his character as cannot be done in any other way. The class of students at Yale socially are



superior to those of any other institution, coming from all over the United States from the best families. But institutions like Cornell and Union and Indiana are turning out men more self-reliant—men who think and act for themselves. A great national fraternity like Delta Tau Delta should be in Yale. It will do Yale good. The training of young men morally and socially is more important than mental training, for without moral and social grace men are useless as citizens. We are here in the world to get on, we must treat all men as Abraham Lincoln did, first conquer himself, develop his heart, and will, and brain, to know and feel that every man, no matter what his looks, how humble his position, has the same soul in which dwells the Almighty. The fraternity life is a part of God's plan of the progress of the world, one way to make men. It is not boys' play, it is God's work. More good can be done the boy by proper associations and proper restraints than by the family, faculty or church. He can be trained to govern himself, for he who has learned to rule himself has conquered the world.



Before leaving the *Rainbow* we quote a very sensible article on the matter of caring for fraternity pins. Particular attention should be called to one sentence: "There may be some reason for a man allowing his wife or fiancée to wear his pin, but even in that case a monogram of the letters would be just as good and in far better taste." The last clause coincides absolutely with our view; the first clause, however, we should feel disposed to alter so as to make it read that there is no reason for the practice referred to. The article in full:

Nearly every fraternity man has at some time or other had his attention called to the fact that fraternity pins are too often in the possession of persons who have no right to them. The Greek press has frequently called attention to their being largely found in pawnbroker's establishments. In the latter case it is fairly certain that few of them have been pawned by the owners. The sum realized in this way would be too much smaller than that which could be obtained by their return to the manufacturer to make this step worth a man's trouble, even if he were willing to do such a thing. From a personal curiosity, we visited a rather large number of New York pawnshops in search of fraternity pins. The number we found was so large that any idea we may have had of

attempting their restoration to the rightful owners was discouraged. In one establishment we found eighteen pins, one fraternity was represented by five and another by three. In the course of our investigations we learned that a ready sale for such articles was found. One fraternity's pin, from its resemblance to a brooch, was in great favor with "colored ladies," and largely purchased by them; many other pins were purchased by young clerks to wear during their summer vacations. The latter information is so flattering as a testimonial to the value of fraternity pins at summer resorts that it is pleasant for fraternity men to contemplate.

Many fraternity pins are lost by the owners, but a greater number are lost through the carelessness of a fair maiden who has been allowed to wear the pin by some callow youth. The history of one fraternity pin may be interesting. As the result of a summer flirtation a fraternity youngster allowed a society girl to have his pin. During the winter in town the boy and pin were both cast aside, and the young lady later gave the pin to her maid, a negress. She in turn bestowed it upon her dusky admirer, and the members of that fraternity in a certain city had the exquisite pleasure of frequently seeing the stalwart African parading the streets with their fraternity emblem proudly displayed on his coat lapel. Threats and bribes were alike unsuccessful in securing the pin, and only when recourse was had to a dark alley and a sand bag was it recovered.

To our way of thinking the badge should never be allowed out of the owner's possession. It is more than a mere article of jewelry, and can never mean as much to any one else as it should to the owner. There may be some reason for a man's allowing his wife or fiancée to wear his pin, but even in that case a monogram of the letters would be just as good and in far better taste for both.

As illustrating the peculiar fate that may befall a badge we have an instance of our own. One of our men residing in New York was informed by the Irish lass that served him at breakfast, that her sister had "a breastpin just like his." Further investigation proved that the woman really had a Delta Tau Delta pin with a name engraved on the back. It is a matter of regret that there is such a gap in the pin's history. The woman had received it from a barkeeper in Brooklyn; but unfortunately, no trace of his whereabouts could be obtained. The name engraved on the back of the badge is that of a Delta who is now a clergyman in the South. From him we learned that such a pin had been ordered by him from an official jeweler but never received; the jeweler later sent him a second badge. The badge in question was evidently the one that went astray.

This degrading of fraternity badges would seem to result in the



main from three causes: The practice of loaning badges to girls and loss by or theft from the original owners. The first can only be remedied by an increase of good sense on the part of the individual member; the second might be largely helped by the exercise of greater care by the owner; the theft of badges is greatly lessened by the tendency of most fraternities toward plain gold badges. When the badge lacks expensive jewels there is not the same temptation for a thief, and when a plain gold badge engraved with the owner's name is lost the reward for its return is more attractive than the amount that could be realized on it at a pawnshop.



We lift the following plaintive article about the "nicest" girls, and the grievous restraint they occasionally are under to endure the company of fraternity men who are not the nicest:

But there is a difficulty, an evil, which both the women of the college as individuals and as sororities seem to ignore. If there is one thing which strengthens a woman's character more than anything else, that is intercourse with men of refinement and good morals; if there is one thing more than any other to make her shallow and frivolous, it is to be in the society of careless, dissipated creatures who attend a university for the fun there is in it. Now, the fraternities and the sororities naturally feel in sympathy with each other; their interests are much the same, they are supposed to be working for the same ideals. Though there are many refined and noble-minded "barbs," the fraternities believe that they have selected the best which the place affords. It is but natural then, that, when fraternity men seek the society of women, the women whom they select should be those belonging to sororities; and in turn is it not surprising that these women should prefer the company of the fraternity men. But it often happens that a fraternity possesses some men who are far from the desired standard. Still, society recognizes them, and what we call the "nicest" girls seem to enjoy their company.

Outsiders say, "How can Miss —— go with Mr. ——! She surely cannot help knowing what a bad fellow he is!" The criticism is just, but a trifle severe. In her own home the girl may refuse a man's attentions and offend no one else by so doing, but at school it is an entirely different matter. She can refuse his company to be sure, but if she does, the fraternity to which he belongs (no matter how worthy the other members may be) immediately cuts her. It is a case of "Love me, love my dog," and it

has come to pass that men are rather encouraged in their vices than restrained, simply because of the feeling, "We must stand by each other to the end." She not only is ostracized from their parties so long as she maintains her stand, but is apt to lose the friendship of other fraternity men, for they soon hear of what she has done and disapprove, thinking that if she dare to "insult" one set of men she will not be more considerate of the rest. At last, she is made to feel that while her action has accomplished no good, it has really injured her in the opinion of the students with whom she is thrown in contact.—*The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.*



Here is a new venture in Greek-letter journalism, the publication of a fraternity of which it is said "its bond of brotherhood is deeper and more sincere than can be the case in any society whose purposes are merely social." Are the purposes of any Greek-letter fraternity merely social? What we quote is from the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta :

A new fraternity magazine is the *Garnet and White*, the quarterly exoteric publication of the fraternity of A X P. The first number was issued at Hartford, Ct., September, 1900. It has thirty-two pages and cover, and almost the entire contents are devoted to a history of each of the five chapters and a catalogue of the members of each. The magazine says ;

During the autumn of the year 1894 the Rev. Paul Zeigler, a graduate of Trinity College in the class of 1872, noticing the change that had taken place in the spirit of the Greek-letter fraternities at Trinity, proposed to his son, Carl G. Zeigler, and to his former pupil, Herbert T. Sherriff, both being members of the class of 1897 at Trinity, that they should found a Greek-letter fraternity on a different line from that of the existing societies. Much correspondence was carried on, and during the Christmas vacation the scheme was talked over at Detroit, the home of the three. On the first of January, 1895, the Rev. Paul Zeigler set forth his views in the exoteric Manual of A X P.

After this nothing definite was done until June, 1895, when two juniors were interested and a pin was adopted. The pin is a modified form of the labarum, and does not display the Greek letters. During 1895-96, 13 were initiated, and the esoteric and exoteric organization was perfected. The parent chapter seems to have initiated a large proportion of the honor men at Trinity. A chapter was established in 1896 at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, where  $\Phi K \Psi$  is its only rival ; also, in 1896 a chapter was established at the



University of Pennsylvania, and in 1900 a member of the parent chapter, who was an instructor at the University of Iowa, established a chapter there. The Trinity and Pennsylvania chapters rent houses, and the Brooklyn and Iowa chapters occupy rooms. The Trinity chapter has two honorary members, including Rev. Paul Zeigler, who was valedictorian at Trinity in 1872, a member of  $\Psi T$  and  $\Phi B K$ , and who is rector of Mariners' Episcopal Church, Detroit, as well as principal of Detroit Church Academy. The Pennsylvania chapter has admitted three members of the faculty. Conventions have been held at Hartford, June, 1899; Brooklyn, April, 1900; Philadelphia, December, 1900. The *Garnet and White* says:

Such in brief is the history of A X P from its founding in 1895 till the present time. Its complete history is one that we believe to be unique among those American college fraternities. A fraternity founded on liberal lines, with high ideals, has succeeded where others have failed. It commands respect and honor, and its bond of brotherhood is deeper and more sincere than can be the case in any society whose purposes are merely social.



A recent article in the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* furnishes us with a text for some remarks upon the subject of secrecy in fraternity affairs, a topic to which our attention has often been directed during the last five or ten years. In the article to which reference has been made, the writer contends that most, if not all, of the fraternities have in recent years abandoned a large part of the secrecy with which their proceedings were formerly conducted; so that Mr. W. R. Baird is right in saying, in one of the editions of his book upon American College Fraternities, that their "secrecy is purely nominal." Naturally enough the writer in the *Quarterly* considers this change of policy a vindication of the principles for which Delta Upsilon has always stood. That there has been a most decided movement toward a relaxation of the secrecy that prevailed in former times will be denied, probably, by no one whose experience with fraternity affairs goes back even to such a comparatively recent period as ten or twenty years ago; and we do not need to look outside of our own fraternity for facts that prove the existence of such a tendency. The editor can remember distinctly what a sensation and protest were aroused in the convention of 1886 when it was found that the names of the officers and delegates present, as well as some hints concerning one or two subjects that were under discussion, had been given to the daily papers. Whereas, in recent years it has become customary for *The Shield* to publish almost a complete account of the proceedings of the Annual Convention. To this relaxation of the

rules requiring secrecy two causes, at least, have contributed. One of these is the very landable desire of *The Shield* to publish the news; the other is the fact that only by such a method can those graduates who are unable to attend the conventions be informed concerning the affairs of the fraternity, for, obviously, it would be unwise to circulate among three or four hundred men the printed record of convention proceedings. Some fraternities issue two publications,—one public, the other secret; but even the device of publishing a secret journal is not altogether satisfactory. Last year, for instance, a copy of one of these publications intended only for the elect came to *The Shield* along with the regular exchanges; and, moreover, such pamphlets are certain in many cases to find their way eventually into the hands of dealers in second-hand books. Enough has been said to make it plain that the situation is such as to merit careful consideration. Upon the one hand, we are anxious that our graduates should be informed, as fully as possible, concerning the matters that are of present interest to the fraternity; but, upon the other, our present policy is leading us rapidly and inevitably to a point where our secrecy will become purely nominal. It is not our purpose to enter upon a discussion with the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* concerning the advantages or disadvantages of secrecy: the position of Delta Upsilon is well understood; and it is equally certain that our own policy has, in the past, tended in the opposite direction. But we desire to invite the attention of our readers to a question that involves the whole future policy of the fraternity in regard to a matter that has always been considered of vital importance. Our professed secrecy is not yet a thing that exists in name only, although the last ten years have seen great changes in this particular. In our own opinion the secrecy of the fraternity should *never* become nominal; and it is time that the present tendency should be checked, and that our transactions should be given less publicity. Undoubtedly the cardinal point is our faith in brotherhood, and not secrecy; but we believe that fraternal relations lose something of their charm when the veil of privacy and secrecy is wholly withdrawn, and we trust that Theta Delta Chi will never sanction any policy that must ultimately result in complete publicity. For this reason we shall, in the future, endeavor to draw the line more carefully between the things that are and those which are not, under our traditional policy, proper subjects for discussion outside of our brotherhood.—*Shield of Theta Delta Chi.*



We were all 'ot sand an' ginger when alive,  
The rushing season found us at the 'ead,



An' where the fight was 'ottest we were there,  
 We 'eld our bloomin' own, the people said.

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So 'ere's to you, dear Greek girl,  
 With your honored old degrees—  
 You're a 'ustler, you're a rustler,  
 Red 'ot ginger, if you please.

—*Anchora of Delta Gamma.*

What an interesting creature this Greek girl must  
 be!



The discussions which have been going on recently in educational circles with reference to the small college and its future are of great importance to fraternity men in general, and especially in connection with the consideration of questions of extension. There is no doubt but that the policy of most fraternities at this time is against entering the smaller institutions. Frequently the objections raised by those who are opposed to this policy are well founded, and the statement that it is better for the Greek letter fraternities to foster the chapters which they now have rather than to undertake to build up a large organization in a field which is possibly already overcrowded finds many advocates. With reference to the future of the small college the ideas of President William R. Harper, of the University of Chicago, as outlined in a little booklet, which recently appeared entitled, "The Prospects of the Small College," are especially opportune. It seems that the tenor of President Harper's stand has been misinterpreted in some quarters to mean an opposition to the smaller institutions. A perusal of this booklet shows us that he is a believer in the future of the small college rather than one who is skeptical as to its prospects. In summing up his booklet he makes the following points which are of interest:

1. The small college is certain of its existence in the future educational history of the United States.

2. It must, however, pass through a serious struggle with many antagonistic elements, and must adjust itself to other similar and, sometimes, stronger agencies.

3. In the process of this struggle and adjustment some colleges will grow stronger; some will become academies; some, junior colleges; the high schools will be elevated to a still more important position than that which they now occupy; while, all together, high schools, colleges and universities, will develop greater similarity of standard and greater variety of type; and, at the

same time, they will come into closer and more helpful association one with another. The general result will be the growth of system in the higher educational work of the United States, where now no system exists.

4. The future of the small college will be a great future; a future greater than its past, because that future will be better equipped, better organized and better adjusted.

It would seem, therefore, on the basis of this reasoning that some of the small colleges at least may come in for consideration as possible fields for new chapters at some time in the future, and that by all means Sigma Chi and all other fraternities should put forth strenuous efforts toward the maintenance of chapters already established in the weaker institutions. While undoubtedly the strong will become stronger, it does not necessarily hold that the weak will become weaker. We owe much in our own case to the small college, and we can ill afford to minimize the importance of this element in our present organization.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.



The chapter obstructionist is very patiently dealt with in the following:

Make short work of the chapter kicker or chronic objector. Let him understand that no man has a right to stand in the way of chapter action unless he can give reasons for his position which are convincing to at least a portion of the chapter, and no man has a right to take a position on any question in the chapter unless he can give good reasons for doing so. We have had chapters that were severely handicapped throughout the rushing season because of the absurd demands or downright laziness of some one member who insisted that freshmen measure up to an impossible or undesirable standard, or who declined to exert himself to become acquainted with new men and refused to accept the opinion of those who had the interest and energy to do so. If the whole chapter will call down such a would-be obstructionist with very pointed unanimity, he will be almost sure to subside into insignificance.—*Phi Delta Theta Shield*.



In the course of an article on "The Sigma Chi Group at Harvard," in the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, Louis R. Moore writes as follows:

Scarcely any national fraternity enters into the Harvard life without suffering one of two evils. Either the chapter so estab-



lished degenerates from its national character into one of only local significance, or it retains its national character and never attains to a position of local significance. Examples of the first horn of this dilemma are to be cited in the cases of Delta Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Delta Phi. The first has an honorable, but purely local existence as the famous "Dickey Club," and stands on a footing with the "Hasty Pudding Club" and the "Pi Eta" of dramatic fame, while Alpha Delta Phi is known and desired only as the "A. D. Club." Neither of them are fraternities at all in the national and usually accepted sense of the word. They recognize no one but members of their own local club, and can scarcely be called chapters of the fraternity whose roll they are thought to adorn and strengthen. On the other horn of the dilemma are to be found such societies as Zeta Psi and Delta Upsilon, each of them confessedly of second- or third-rate importance so far as local significance goes. They have, to be sure, a large and flourishing membership, particularly Delta Upsilon, which is, of course, non-secret, and gets many of the high-standard scholarship men.

But even these societies labor under a third embarrassment, due to the peculiar situation of things in Harvard club life. For, contrary to the usage of Sigma Chi and of most reputable national fraternities, men are expected and allowed to be members of two or more clubs at the same time. For instance, Brother Brent, of the Harvard Group, who was in the chapter life at Lambda Lambda for a very short period only, comes to Harvard after a good "prep" experience at Andover, and, during his four years as a very popular Harvard man, joins not only the "Dickey" and the "Institute of 1776," but the "Pudding" and the "Southern Club" as well. The writer knows personally of men whom Delta Upsilon is proud to point out as elected to some high class-day honor, but when one knows that they attained that position because they were also "Pudding" or "Dickey" men, is not the delight in it somewhat lessened?

Neither Harvard nor Yale encourage or give room for the essential feature of all fraternity life—the four years of real fellowship in a chapter-house of a national fraternity, to be followed by an undying loyalty to that single organization through a busy life. Such is the priceless heritage that Sigma Chi has to offer those whom she deems worthy, and it is too splendid and valuable a feature to be lost or tampered with by entrance into the unyielding circumstances of club life in these two ancient seats of learning.

## Chapter Letters.

### PROVINCE ALPHA.

#### Maine Alpha, University of Maine, Orono.

Maine Alpha is now getting accustomed to her new dignity of being a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Since our initiation in February we have been working hard and are now becoming familiar with our new duties. It seems in fact quite natural to be called "Sigs."

At present our chapter numbers twenty-three active members. Of these two have gone home early, to work, expecting to return in the fall.

In rushing freshmen this year we were very successful, taking in six strong and active men.

We have at present a very good location in the dormitory. Our rooms are fixed up in fine shape and we get all there is to be had of college life; nevertheless, we are working for a chapter-house, and hope that another year will see us living in a home of our own.

As a chapter we are now the strongest that we have ever been. Every man is enthusiastic and all are working for the advancement of our fraternity.

The university is growing fast and has already taken its place among the Maine colleges.

We are certain that  $\Sigma A E$  will never regret having put a chapter into this institution.

In college honors we have our share. Without doubt we shall have two men on the baseball team and several on the track team. We had the leader of the mandolin and banjo clubs this season, and there is a probability of two men at least on the varsity football team next fall.

There are very bright prospects for the track team here this spring. The men are now training hard under coach Mack. We have men who are expected to do good work in the weights and sprints. The intercollegiate meet of the Maine colleges is to be held here this year, which will give us quite an advantage in being able to put more men in the field.

Being a chapter of  $\Sigma A E$  will help us more than can be realized, and in the future we feel satisfied that we can hold our place with the foremost.



In closing we would like to express our fraternal feeling toward every chapter, and we extend our heartiest thanks to our Massachusetts brothers and all others who have aided us so much in bringing about the event that we have so long looked for.

Whenever the old royal purple and gold is held up, you can depend upon Maine Alpha to be underneath to yell for it.

Yours fraternally,

ERNEST L. BAKER.

**Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Boston University, Boston.**

INITIATES.

Charles C. Kellough.  
Walter C. Mandell.  
Alvertus J. Morse.  
Fred P. Carr.  
Robert E. Belcher.  
George W. Bennett.  
Alton W. Eldredge.  
Arthur F. Evans.  
Henry P. Mason.

Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, as will be seen by the list of initiates, has not been asleep since the last issue of *THE RECORD*. February 16th we initiated four men, the initiation being held in our rooms in the afternoon, followed by a banquet at the United States Hotel in the evening.

At the joint initiation of Gamma, Delta, Iota-Tau and Beta-Upsilon, held at Auburndale, March 16th, five more men of the university were rescued from barbarism. This puts Beta-Upsilon in a flourishing condition, and will enable us to commence the year next fall with a good-sized chapter.

The boys having now returned from the spring vacation are making arrangements for pool, whist and baseball contests with some of the other chapters. They are also anticipating with great delight the fast approaching final examinations.

Brothers Vernon, Stone, Humphrey, Shepard and Lombard will not be with us next year. Brother White, who has been away this year, will return to the Law School in the fall. Brother Cox, an alumnus who was archon of our chapter last year, has been a great help to us this year by dropping into our meetings and giving us the encouragement which the presence of our alumni always inspires. We wish more of them would do likewise.

Fraternally,

PAUL IRVING LOMBARD.

Massachusetts Iota-Tau, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.

INITIATES.

William Brenton Boggs, '04.

Simon Jonas Martenet, Jr., '04.

Henry Christian Schaefer, '04

In writing this last letter for the college year it seems as if a statement of our plans for the coming year might be in order. To begin with, this year has been a successful one, as two brothers have affiliated with us, and we have initiated eleven men, five of whom are freshmen, the remainder being sophomores. At present our chapter numbers thirty-three. Financially this year has not been a failure, but still we hoped for better things, although we owe no bills and have accumulated a furniture fund of some \$150.00, yet we are always ready to have a goodly surplus. Socially, we have succeeded in holding our ground and gaining some besides. Brothers Cooper, Healey and Ballou have been elected members of one of the prominent dining clubs at Tech. Brother Eastwood has been elected president of the Naval Architectural society. Brother Stow occupies a place on Junior Prom committee, and is also business manager for the coming Tech comic opera, to be given at Hollis Street theater, which many of the delegates will remember was the theater at which the theater party of the conventoin was held. Brothers Belcher, Burdick, McDougall, G. D. Wilson and L. G. Wilson are on the musical clubs. In athletics, Brother L. G. Wilson played on the varsity football team last fall, and got his T., and Brothers Brown and Boggs will make the varsity track team this spring. So with these representatives we feel that we are well represented in Tech affairs.

Now, for the *coming* year we propose to move into a new house in a better part of Boston, and to continue our march of progress into the leading position, if possible. Recently there has been a clash at Tech between "Greek" and "Barb," and the frats have been drawn closer together than ever before. The result of this clash, which occurred in the class of 1903 election, yet remains to be seen, but the horizon of Greece is under a cloud as the "Barbs" compose 80 per cent. of Tech.

On April twelfth we are to have a billiard, pool and whist tournament with Massachusetts Gamma, and we are at present engaged in raising a baseball team to be used also against Gamma, Beta-Upsilon, or in fact any chapter team. "We invite competition."

April sixth we hope to have an alumni night, when we entertain all of our old members so as to give them a chance to re-



new old friendships. to meet new members and to keep alive their interest in their old college fraternity, which is a lasting relic of the college days. Now in closing, just a word to keep an eye open for our new address which will come out in September.

Fraternally yours,

LESLIE W. MILLAR.

Massachusetts Gamma, Harvard University, Cambridge.

INITIATE.

James Lovell Willard, '03, Dorchester, Mass.

The college year, which is now nearly ended, has been a very successful one for our chapter. We have initiated in all thirteen men, and have every prospect of adding several more names to the roll before the end of the year. We have now a larger chapter than ever before, so that our present quarters—comfortable and commodious as they are—are getting too small for us, and we have for some time been discussing the question of purchasing a new chapter-house. This we shall without doubt do in the near future.

During the past three months there has been much in the way of entertainment to interest us, to amuse us, and to keep us busy. On March 2d we held our second annual alumni night, which was attended by a remarkably large number of our graduates, and which was in all respects a most gratifying success. By no means least among the events of that memorable evening was the presentation of a farce comedy, which certain talented members of the chapter had prepared for the edification of our older brothers. It went off with great dash and *esprit*, and made a decided hit with undergraduates and alumni alike.

Then came the spring Auburndale initiation on March 16th, notable for the large number of chapters which were there represented. There also we had the pleasure of extending the right hand of fellowship to some of our newly acquired brothers of Maine Alpha.

Our fraternal intercourse with other chapters goes on with renewed vigor. Our baseball team is getting into shape for the annual game with the Worcester Sigs, and in addition to coming out victorious in the contest we look forward with pleasure to the prospect of doing our best to give our brothers of Massachusetts Delta half as good a time as they gave us last fall. Besides the baseball game with the Worcester chapter we are to have, on April 11th, a billiard, pool, and whist tournament with our brothers of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

We trust that all Sigs who find their way to Boston will feel as-

sured that at 8 Boylston street they will ever receive a warm welcome from Massachusetts Gamma.

Fraternally yours,

ROSSELL R. BROWNSON.

Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester.

INITIATE.

R. E. Kingsbury, '01, Worcester, Mass.

Delta finds herself with her usual number of members, twenty-nine being her membership at the present.

Our Alumni Night, which was celebrated on the 21st of February, brought together about sixty active and alumni members, and a hearty good time was enjoyed. We were also glad to have with us on that night Brother Hodskins of Harvard, and Brothers Leib and Rockwell of Boston University, the latter two now practicing medicine in Worcester.

We wish to mention in THE RECORD the hospitality shown Brother Henry Smith of our chapter when in Ithaca last fall by New York Alpha. That is one of the great features of fraternity life, and at the present day with Sigma Alpha Epsilon, growing as it is, it is hardly possible to get into a place ever so small but what one finds a brother Sig to welcome him and give him the grip.

February 22d is a day always looked forward to with anticipation here in Worcester, for on that evening we give our annual assembly. The event this year proved to be fully as successful as any given in previous years, and we were glad to have some brothers from Gamma with us.

It will be only a short time now before some of us leave the Polytechnic Institute, never to return again as students. We have had many times here which we shall always remember, while on the other hand there are many which have not proven so pleasant, but before the class of 1901 graduates its members who are on the team will have one more chance to lower the colors of Gamma in baseball. We are quite hopeful of the results this year as we have a good team, and under the able leadership of Captain Gray are putting in some good work.

Although we have no members who will graduate first or even perhaps take any of the six prizes which the institute offers, yet our members are all well bunched in the front rank.

We are not looking forward to any formal exercises on graduation day, but we will probably celebrate the day fittingly.

Fraternally,

H. BARDWELL LINCOLN, JR.



## PROVINCE BETA.

## New York Alpha, Cornell University, Ithaca.

After the long and hard rushing season New York Alpha has settled down to the enjoyment of a quiet chapter life, and there is not much of importance to record.

Brother F. Bianchi has been forced to leave the university because of sickness and has gone to Florida. We expect him with us during the festivities of senior week in June.

During the spring recess the chapter gave a card party and dance at the lodge and all our Sig-Alpha sister guests maintain that they had the best time of their lives.

Founder's Day was celebrated in an appropriate manner by a banquet at the New Ithaca Hotel. Following is the toast-list:

Sigma Alpha Epsilon .....	E. M. Hara.
Our Alumni .....	C. F. White.
Fraternity Growth before the War .....	E. A. Rice.
After the War .....	E. A. Wadsworth.
Noble Leslie Devotie .....	H. W. Wright.
N. Y. Alpha .....	E. L. McClure.
Good Night .....	W. L. Strachan.

W. W. Follmer acted as toast-master. Our one regret was that Brother R. S. Kent was absent in New York representing Cornell in the intercollegiate debate with Columbia. He, however, did not miss us as much as we did him, for the brothers of New York Mu entertained him every moment of his short stay, and Alpha wishes to return thanks to Mu for her many courtesies to him on that occasion.

All Cornellians are looking forward with great expectation to May 30th, when the second varsity crew of the University of Pennsylvania will meet us on "our own Cayuga." Many entertainments have been planned for that time and a large crowd is expected. Several of our own alumni will be with us and all other Sig Alphas who find it convenient to be in Ithaca at that time will find a welcome reception at the chapter-house, 804 E. Seneca street.

A series of interfraternity baseball games has been arranged for this term and we expect to turn out a winning team under the able leadership of Brother G. W. Beer. The chapter has also leased a tennis court, and we are all going to have plenty of opportunity to exercise this spring.

Since the convention Sigma Chi and Alpha Tau Omega have entered their new houses; Delta Phi has purchased the home of the artist, Mr. Forbes; Phi Delta Phi has been changed to an

honorary senior law society; Kappa Sigma, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Chi and Phi Sigma Kappa expect to build next year and some of these have already purchased their land. This leaves only Sigma Alpha Epsilon without a home of her own, but the House Committee is not discouraged and hope to report definite success by next September.

Fraternally,

E. LOTHARD McCLURE.

**New York Mu, Columbia University, New York.**

With the arrival of May every man at Columbia is made to realize the awful fact that exams are but three weeks off. Grinding and "cramming" for this dreaded period have now commenced, and entertainments and sociables are few and far between. However, the true fraternity spirit which has been so much in evidence at New York Mu this year has not showed any signs of diminishing under the pressure of approaching examinations. The attendance at meetings has increased rather than decreased, and seldom a meeting occurs without the presence of several alumni or brothers from other chapters.

Business is heavy just at this time in preparation for next fall. As we mentioned in our last letter to THE RECORD everything stands in favor of our renting a house next year. At least ten fellows wish to live in it, and we expect several more will want to next fall, when they see what good times we have.

We have made several arrangements by which to interest incoming men in  $\Sigma A E$ . Committees have been appointed to visit preparatory schools, and invite men taking entrance examinations to the rooms to luncheon.

We also intend to have an outing some time during this month for these new men—a sail up the Hudson or something of like nature.

Several brothers from other chapters have visited us lately, among them Brothers Davol and Guild of Massachusetts Gamma. We are always glad to see Sigs from other chapters, and hope that next year we will be able to receive them in a handsome house and not in an apartment.

The New York Alumni held a banquet last week and invited the chapter. A number of the fellows attended, and, as is always the case at such events, enjoyed themselves immensely.

New York Mu wishes all Sig Alphas a rousing good summer and a return to college in the fall ready to prove to every new man why Sigma Alpha Epsilon is the best fraternity in the world.

Fraternally,

F. MAXWELL WICHMAN.



## Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson College, Carlisle.

## INITIATE.

Claude M. Stauffer, Law, '03.

Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi is entering upon the last term of the present scholastic year in a prosperous condition. We have had the misfortune to lose two of our men, and must confess we miss them very much.

The winter term at Dickinson is a quiet one, but Sigma-Phi has been represented in all the events.

Brother Hardesty is our representative on the intercollegiate debate with State College.

Brother Wood broke the Dickinson record for standing high jump in our mid-winter sports. Brothers Diehl, Morton and Lininger are promising candidates for the varsity baseball team. Brother Wood is also on the relay team.

The installation of the University of Pennsylvania chapter was of great interest to us. Several of our fellows were present and gave a fine report. Fraternaly yours,

ROBERT J. NICHOLSON.

## Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, Pennsylvania State College, State College.

Since our last letter to THE RECORD our chapter has suffered the bitterest loss in its history. On Sunday evening, March 10, 1901, at 5:30 p.m., the sad news reached us of the death of Brother Joshua Hughes Allen, '01, at his home in Bloomsburg, Pa. Brother Allen had been at home for some time, and though suffering from an incurable disease we all hoped against hope. The news of his death coming at the time it did fell upon us with double severity. Nearly the entire chapter attended his funeral on Tuesday, March 12, 1901. The burial ritual of Brother Selvage was used with success. Six of the deceased's brothers served as pallbearers.

In the death of Brother Allen Sigma Alpha Epsilon loses a faithful and loyal follower, and Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta her oldest member and staunch adherent.

Memorial services were held by the college authorities and his class the day of his burial. The entire student body, faculty, and many townspeople attended them, thus by their presence alone attesting to the esteem in which our dear brother was held.

We can report no new initiates since our last letter, but we have several "good fellows" in tow for the coming year.

Though the joy of our coming commencement dance will be somewhat clouded because of our late bereavement, yet every Sig

here trusts to see many old Sigs back with us for a few days, at least, in June.

Brother J. H. M. Andrews, '98, paid us a flying visit in February.

Brother Miller, '03, who was quite seriously ill during the winter months, is out again getting his arm in trim for our baseball season.

In athletics  $\Sigma$  A E is more than holding her own. Brothers Miller, '03, and Hewitt, '03, old varsity men, are out practicing daily for the ball team, while Brother J. D. Elder, '04, is making a strong bid for short-stop. Brother G. A. Elder holds the college record for the golf links. Brothers McCleary and Elder were members of the varsity basket-ball team, McCleary being the captain.

Of the five commencement speakers for this year, two of them will be out of  $\Sigma$  A E's three seniors. They are Brothers Moore and Elder.

Brothers McCleary, '01, and Adams, '02, were in the presentation of "David Garrick," by the "Thespians," the college dramatic organization. Brother Adams in the title rôle and Brother McCleary as "Squire Chivey" made quite an enviable reputation in the places visited on their tour in February.

Yours in  $\Sigma$  A E,

EDW. S. FREY.

#### Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University, Lewisburg.

Commencement at Bucknell University will mark the completion of by far the brightest and pleasantest year of chapter life. Pennsylvania Zeta has ever enjoyed. The degree of success which has rewarded our efforts we can ascribe to the practical and businesslike methods adopted by our chapter officers in procuring financial stability and our share of candidates for the spring initiations, thus making possible a fuller realization of chapter life possibilities.

The fraternity house is the rendezvous of a congenial crowd of fellow students and prospective Sig Alphas, and always offers an inviting "hang-out" for  $\Sigma$  A E's who stroll "Lewisburgwards." Now that the fair weather has come we have added to its many attractions a well-ordered tennis court, while our front lawn has taken on the added dignity of a row of shade trees.

The members of our mother chapter, Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta, recently paid us a visit in a body. Though the occasion was a sad one, the funeral of Brother Allen of Bloomsburg, the opportunity to entertain the entire State chapter was gladly embraced.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to the June Sympos-



sium, which promises to be the largest and most interesting "round up" of Sig Alphas in the history of the chapter. A committee of the chapter and alumni is already arranging for the entertainment of our guests, and Zeta extends a cordial invitation to all Sigs to be with us on the occasion of our annual initiations and Symposium June 16th and 17th.

Yours in  $\Sigma$  A E,

DAVID A. SAUSSER.

**Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg.**

Since our last chapter letter affairs in the fraternity world have been moving very quietly at Gettysburg.

The most important event of the season, the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest, took place at Gettysburg last month. Brother Hetrick represented our institution and won second prize. Representatives from seven colleges participated in the contest.

We look forward to commencement this year with mingled feelings of joy and sadness; joy, because four of our brothers will receive their degrees, and sadness, because we will lose their good-fellowship and efficient service.

The ten speakers for commencement have been announced, and among the number are Brothers Hetrick and Loutz.

Baseball is the topic of absorbing interest at present, as the team has just returned from a successful southern trip. The team is in charge of Brother Loutz, who is serving his second year as captain.

In spite of the fact that we lose four good men by graduation, the chapter will still maintain its high standing. We have several men anxiously waiting to be "put through" the last week of the term. An especially encouraging feature is that we have a large number of underclassmen.

Gettysburg being a place of historic interest, is visited every year by thousands of people, among whom may be many Sigs.

To all brothers coming this way, we heartily extend an invitation to make themselves known to us.

Fraternally,

F. GARMAN MASTERS.

**Pennsylvania Theta, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.**

INITIATE.

David Graham Martin, '03, Germantown, Pa.

With greetings to our brothers, we desire to present our new member, who is a promising candidate for next year's varsity football team. We observed Founder's Day, March 9, by initiat-

ing him in the afternoon, and holding a smoker in the evening. We have two good men pledged, and hope to have quite a few more candidates and a good initiation at commencement time. Our chapter has been so thoroughly discussed in the last RECORD and other publications, that it is hardly necessary to go into personalities; suffice it to say that the men whom we have pledged or are rushing are representative university men, and such as will uphold the standard of  $\Sigma A E$ .

Since our last letter we have discontinued the rooms mentioned there, as they were unsatisfactory in several ways. The problem will probably be solved by our securing a house and furnishing it gradually until fall, when the chapter will move into it in force.

Shortly after our installation we were presented with a fine new Crown upright piano by Mrs. T. S. Stewart, mother of our Brothers Stewart. We cannot sufficiently express our gratitude to Mrs. Stewart for this and many other kind acts done for us.

Several of our brothers attended the inauguration at Washington and report a good time. Brother Cranch says he received a personal salute from President McKinley by directing a "Phi Alpha" at him during a halt in the parade.

Brothers Gawthrop and Brown report an excellent time among the Sig Alphas of Virginia Omicron and Virginia Sigma while on the southern trip of the baseball team. Those chapters have our hearty thanks for the many courtesies extended to these two athletic brothers.

Fraternally yours,

H. WILSON STAHLNECKER.

### PROVINCE GAMMA.

North Carolina Xi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Soon commencement will be upon us, and we hope to have with us a large number of our alumni. Already we are planning to make the occasion so enjoyable that in the future they will strive to be present every commencement and will bring others with them. For several years it has been our custom to give some form of entertainment in our lodge, but this time we expect to eclipse all previous efforts in this direction. We are going to have an informal meeting and smoker for the benefit of the visiting brothers, from whom we shall expect short talks. On Wednesday night we are to give an elaborate banquet in honor of our lady friends.

We are doing all in our power to bring about even a closer relation between the active chapter and its alumni than has hitherto existed. The E. C. has been busy getting ready a chapter letter which will be sent to every one of our alumni and sister chapters.

At present athletics is claiming the attention of all. We have



a strong ball team which has already won victory from Lafayette, Lehigh, Cornell and Clemson College. Brother Battle is one of the pitchers.

Unusual interest is manifested in track athletics, and Carolina is going to send a picked squad to New Orleans to represent her in the S. I. A. A. meet which is to be held here.  $\Sigma$  A E has four men in the team.

For the first time in its history the university is to have a real college annual. Hitherto the fraternities have published an annual, but it did not have the support of the non-fraternity element. This year the two literary societies have joined with the fraternities in the undertaking, and its success is assured. Brother Rankin was elected business manager, but has been compelled to leave college, we regret to say, on account of ill-health. Brother Bynum now represents us on the board of editors.

Brother Jas. P. Bunn, '99, has returned to college to take the law course, and will be with us another year.

The April german was a great success under the leadership of Brother Battle. Brother Andrews was one of the floor managers.

Fraternally,

ALFRED R. BERKELEY.

#### North Carolina Theta, Davidson College, Davidson.

Your correspondent is unable to write a very long letter this time, for Nemesis, in the form of spring examinations, is hovering over him. Examinations at Davidson are not to be trifled with, and woe is he whose lot is to fall below a pass, for he may not be present at the "sheepskin distribution" which take place next month.

We have most pleasant memories of "Founder's Day." We had an informal feast with our alumni and brothers from the faculty to grace the board. 'Mid the wreaths of cigar smoke, in the aftermath were related stories of fraternity life of years ago, and from these incidents of perseverance we received new inspiration to write the name of North Carolina Theta high on the rolls of  $\Sigma$  A E.

The junior oratorical exercises in February, and those of the seniors in March, filled our town with visitors.

McConnell has been selected as one of the commencement orators. Gaurdin is "replier" of the Eumenean Society, and Morse commencement secretary. Brothers Gaurdin and McLelland are respectively the senior and junior business managers of the *Davidson Magazine* for 1902. McConnell is an editor of the same.

Brother James M. Douglas, Theta, '90, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins, will

take the Chair of Physics in Davidson next year. It is most pleasant to have another of our alumni with us.

Dr. H. L. Smith, president-elect of the college, will enter on his term in June.

A new chapel, the Shearer memorial, will be built during the summer. It will be a modern building, handsomely furnished, and will be used as a Biblical Hall.

Brother J. P. Munroe, President of the North Carolina Medical College, has just completed a handsome and well-equipped hospital in convenient reach of his college. Brother C. W. Hewitt, '99, Darlington, S. C., and Brother H. P. Brown, '99, Winston-Salem, N. C., spent a few days with us last month.

The prospects are good for an unusually large class next year, and we expect to do some good work during summer preparatory to our fall campaign.

Faternally,

JOHN W. MCCONNELL.

#### South Carolina Gamma, Wofford College, Spartanburg.

The members of South Carolina Gamma are looking forward to the annual music festival with a great deal of interest. Aside from it being one of the most pleasant features of the college year, a great many of our alumni will visit the boys, and a jolly good time we will have. Among the old men who have expressed their intention of being with us this year are Brothers Googe, Bennett, Brabham, Adams and others. So with such a genial crowd as this we can safely predict a gay time.

Our chapter was unable to celebrate "Founder's Day" with the usual banquet, as it was during our spring examinations, so it was postponed until June, when many of our alumni will be with us. Yet, by no means, did we allow the day to pass unobserved, but about 8:30 in the evening all the members repaired to the hall where speeches were made on different fraternity lines by Brothers Daniel, Prince, Watkins and Gibson, after which a good smoker, with plenty of refreshments and an abundance of good feeling, was enjoyed by all.

In all the different phases of college life, Gamma is ably represented. Daniel, Sullivan and Watkins are members of the college glee club; Prince is commencement marshal; Watkins is one of the debaters at commencement; Sullivan and Brabham are on the baseball team, of which the correspondent is manager, the first playing left-field and the second short-stop. In the game with Cornell on April 9th Brother Brabham was one of the star players, accepting many difficult chances and batting well.

We will lose four men this year—Brabham, Daniel and Gibson by graduation, and Evans, who intends going into business.



The members know of several men who expect to enter college here next year, and whom they think will make desirable fraternity men.

Fraternally,

J. B. GIBSON.

**Georgia Beta, University of Georgia, Athens.**

As the year is drawing to a close, Georgia Beta can look back with satisfaction upon her record for the past, and look forward with bright hopes for the future. Our chapter has shared in the general prosperity of everything at the university, which is just about to close the most successful year of her existence.

Great preparations are being made for the Centennial Commencement which will be held from June 12-19. Every class will hold a reunion, and we are expecting large numbers of our alumni. Our chapter will keep open house, and then, as always, any wandering Sig will find a warm welcome.

During the year our men have upheld the honor of  $\Sigma A E$  in all branches of college life. A few of our honors have been manager, assistant manager and four members of the football team, captain and three members of the baseball team, captain of the track team, business manager and two editors of the college monthly, editor-in-chief of the college weekly and the college annual.

Besides these we have a larger proportional representation on every honorary and social club than has any other fraternity.

The annual reception and dance of the Atlanta Alumni Association is one of the most brilliant social events of the year in Georgia. This was held on April 19th, and many of our men went over to attend.

An item of interest to the fraternity world at large is the fact that Kappa Sigma entered the University of Georgia last March with ten men as members. This is the eleventh fraternity which has entered the university:  $\Sigma A E$ ,  $K A$ ,  $X \Phi$ ,  $A T \Omega$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $\Sigma N$ ,  $X \Psi$  and  $K \Sigma$  being here at present, and  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Delta T \Delta$  and  $\Sigma X$  having died.

We will return about fifteen men next year, and with the greatest internal concord, a renewed interest in the general fraternity and a splendid financial standing, Georgia Beta should have a most prosperous year.

With special greeting to Maine Alpha and Pennsylvania Theta,

Fraternally,

JOHN D. N. McCARTNEY.

**Georgia Psi, Mercer University, Macon.**

The spring days are passing swiftly at Mercer, and the time for examinations is fast approaching. Preparations for commence-

ment festivities are also being rapidly completed, and that occasion replete with pleasures at once sweet and sad is being awaited in expectancy. The season of social gaieties will be inaugurated by Georgia Psi in early May, when she tenders her annual reception to the young lady friends of the chapter.

Since our last letter the most notable occurrence in chapter-life has been the celebration of Founder's Day. A full account of the banquet enjoyed at that time will be found elsewhere.

We lose two men by graduation this year, Paul Pinson, who graduates with the degree of B.A., and A. W. Jackson, with the degree of B.S. Brother Pinson has won a secure place in the affections of his brothers, and his genial presence will be sadly missed. To those who have watched the letters of Georgia Psi, the achievements of Brother Jackson are well-known; and it is needless to say that his short career at Mercer has been brilliant. In college life his ability has won for him the highest distinction, while to his fraternity he has been an enthusiastic and peerless leader. When his fraternity mates gather for the conflict next fall they can with truth exclaim:

"Lo! Ulysses hath gone upon his wanderings;  
In Ithaca there is none who can bend his bow."

The following college honors have been won by our men since the last RECORD: Freshman speakers, Gibbs and Yancey; sophomore speaker, Troutman; senior commencement speaker and Phi Delta representative of senior class in impromptu speaker's contest, Jackson. Junior speakers have not yet been selected, but we expect to be awarded several of these places.

On the college baseball team we have two representatives Kilpatrick and Gibbs, together with representatives on the various class teams. In tennis our men are practicing regularly, and have good chances of capturing the championship in the coming tournament.

The summer campaign association is making active preparations for the work of the vacation, and the future interests of the chapter will be well guarded.

Fraternally,

H. S. HERTWIG.

Georgia Epsilon, Emory College, Oxford.

INITIATE.

Clyde Keener Campbell.

It is with much pleasure that Georgia Epsilon addresses her sister chapters through this last letter of the collegiate year. We have much to be thankful for, taking into consideration how gloomy the outlook was last September. Our number is now



fourteen, all taking excellent standing in social and athletic interests as well as working hard for the welfare of the chapter.

Georgia Epsilon has long wished for a place of meeting which she could call her own, and right now the prospects for a beautiful lodge to be located on the campus seem brighter than ever before. Much interest has been taken in this matter by the chapter and alumni, and before another college session begins we hope to be quartered in a neatly finished building.

Founder's Day exercises were most appropriately observed. Several of our alumni were present, among whom were Brother Sims, '99, and Brothers Irvin, Patillo and Calloway, '00, and added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. Georgia Epsilon is always glad to welcome any  $\Sigma A E$  brother.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES MCNAIR RAWLS.

#### Georgia Phi, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta.

INITIATE.

Stuart Furlow, Americus, Ga.

At the initiation of Brother Furlow on the evening of April 27th, there were present quite a number of our alumni and four brothers from Georgia Psi, Brothers Burt, Cox, McDonald and Watson. The evening was one of social enjoyment and fraternity enthusiasm, and ended very fittingly with a modest "feed" served in the room.

The reception tendered by the Atlanta  $\Sigma A E$ 's to their friends was pronounced to be the most enjoyable affair of the season.

The interest of the college is now centered upon its baseball team and its approaching commencement exercises. On the '01 baseball team, Georgia Phi is represented by Brothers Neel and Moore, and at the commencement will graduate four.

Brother D. D. Towers is coach and captain of the '01 Tech track team, on which several others of our members will probably work.

Fraternally yours,

J. WAYNE MOORE.

#### PROVINCE DELTA.

Michigan Iota-Beta, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

INITIATES.

Charles Oliver Monroe, South Haven, Mich.

Wm. Henry Hemstein, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Charles Riley Borst, Denver, Col.

Wm. Chalmers Borst, Denver, Col.

Arthur Edmond Redner, Bessemer, Mich.

Michigan Iota-Beta has continued to prosper since writing our last chapter letter. We will close the year in a flourishing condition, far better than we even dared to hope for last fall. I think I can safely say that the chapter was never in a better condition than it is at present. Everything seems to have come our way this year, and that, of course, makes the best kind of feeling among the boys. We came back last fall, few in numbers, but with a grim determination, and we have succeeded in initiating eleven men up to the present time. Besides getting these eleven new men we were very fortunate in having an old man, Forest S. Hayes, return to college this year, who has instilled much life and spirit into our work. And one day in February a very enthusiastic Sig from New York Alpha dropped in on us, "Commodore" Nelson, as we call him, who informed us that he was going to attend the University of Michigan this semester. He moved right into the house and has given us many timely pointers as to how they "run things" at Cornell. We thus have practically thirteen new men this year, making us twenty-four active members in all. We lose six by graduation in June, so there will be eighteen back next fall and they are already planning on what they are going to do, and how many men they are going to get. They are determined to keep up with the pace set this year if possible. We will be particularly strong in athletic circles next year, and that will certainly help us in our rushing. We bid fair to have four men on the varsity football team next fall. Brother White is captain, and Brother Shaw, who played on this year's team, will undoubtedly make next year's team, and Brothers Hemstein and Redner of this year's reserve team are coming back with a determination to make the varsity next year. We hope that any Sig in the United States who has a friend coming to the University of Michigan next fall whom he would like to see a  $\Sigma$  A E will write us early, and we assure you we will look him up and pledge him if possible. Through the kindness of Brother Chas. Ling of Denver, Colo., and Brother George Kimball we were thus enabled to get two excellent men this year, Wm. and Chas. Borst.

Now that we have got so many men we feel very much the need of larger quarters, and greatly miss our "old house." But we have decided to stay where we are for another year at least, although we are greatly handicapped by the small frame building we are now in, which only holds twelve men.

We initiated the above five men on the same night, and the old Sig goat was more than kept busy. The initiation was the night before Founder's Day. The next day we took the initiates to Detroit and had a very pleasant banquet at the Hotel St. Claire in honor of the founder of our fraternity and our new initiates. Just



thirty loyal Sigs sat down to the banquet table and a most enjoyable time was spent by all until the wee small hours of the morning. After the inner man was fully satisfied the following toasts were responded to, with Brother J. R. Hughes, Jr., as toast-master:

Founder's Day .....	Ira A. Leighley
Michigan Iota-Beta .....	Clyde I. Webster
Our New Initiates .....	C. C. Barker
The Goat .....	Wm. C. Borst
The Old Days .....	Arthur J. Tuttle
The Ladies .....	Chas. A. Hughes
Ideal Fraternity Spirit .....	Louis C. Ling

Many fraternity and chapter songs were sung, including one by Brother Ira Leighley, entitled "A Hot Time in Sigdom," and every one left the banquet table proud of the fact that he was a member of  $\Sigma$  A E and glorying over the present prosperity of Michigan Iota-Beta.

Yours fraternally,

CLYDE I. WEBSTER.

#### Michigan Alpha, Adrian College, Adrian.

To say we are holding our own is stating our position a little too mildly perhaps, but conservatism has been a cardinal virtue of Michigan Alpha, and so I wish to be conservative as to our estimate of our own glories, especially in a court where our friend, the enemy, is not heard. We are neither on the sterile mountain peaks nor the dead sea of the salt plain, but we do hold a firm place worthy of note in our college among the faculty and students of the institution. The position which we hold is due to a universal conformity to college duties and loyalty to our fraternity. A mention of some of the places of honor we hold may give a better foundation to my claims and disclose to the fraters what we deem worthy of mention.

We have five members of the senior class, the president and vice-president being among the number. Two Sigs are members of the college quartet; one is president of the oratorical league and guides the reigns as president of the Theological Society. We are glad to record that a representative from Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be our contestant in the State oratorical meet of the Michigan colleges, taking place next month.

As a fraternity we are looking forward with pleasure to our banquet and alumni gathering in June during commencement week. "We'll keep Sigma moving on" and Sigma's colors flying with no fear of her sun going down at noon.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. DARK.

## Ohio Sigma, Mount Union College, Alliance.

## INITIATES.

Fred I. Becker, '04.

Frank McClester, '04.

Fortune has not been fickle in her dealings with Ohio Sigma. Most gratifying success has attended her every step, and with undiminished vigor we press on to the end that the first year of the new century shall be the best the chapter has ever known.

Brother Louis H. Brush, '91, publisher of the Salem, O., *Daily News*, at a recent meeting of the Ohio Mutual Insurance Co., was elected a director, filling the vacancy caused by the death of F. Gee.

Brothers A. D. Hill, East Liverpool, O., and Rev. John Jose, Wellsburg, West Va., are the latest of our men to make the venture of matrimony.

Ohio Sigma on March 1st tendered an informal reception to Dr. S. T. Headland, professor of philosophy and psychology in the University of Peking, China.

When at Mt. Union, back in the '80's, Dr. Headland was a member of a *sub rosa* fraternity chapter which was later reorganized as a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, hence he claims a brotherhood which we are only too glad to recognize.

After light refreshments Dr. Headland made a happy talk in which he spoke of his relations with "Sigs" the world over, and of the advantage a fraternity is to a man, even in far-away China.

Dr. Riker, our "Prexie," also spoke briefly of the occasion and of the advantage fraternities may be to a school. Besides President Riker, a large number of the faculty were present, many of whom had known Dr. Headland.

Brother N. W. Stroup, '97, has been appointed assistant pastor of Epworth Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, Cleveland, O.

March 21st Brother K. F. Leet, business manager of the *Unonian* of '99, and I. F. Heacock, who held the same office in '98, entertained the boys at the latter's home. After a sumptuous repast Brother F. E. McGuire, who, by the way, is this year's *Unonian* business manager, as toast-master, called forth responses from each man present. As souvenirs Brother Leet presented each with a copy of the "Sigma Alpha Epsilon March-Twostep," of which he is the composer.

April 1st Brother C. P. Miller, of Alliance, was elected councilman. With a "Sig" mayor and a councilman from the college ward, Ohio Sigma feels that she still sustains her reputation at home as well as elsewhere.

We extend to our bereaved brother, Mayor O. U. Walker, our



sincerest sympathy in the sorrow which comes to him in the sudden death of his brother  
H. ORUCH SEBRING.

Ohio Sigma extends sympathy to Brother H. O. Sebring, her E. C., whose home has been darkened by the death of his brother Leland.  
By order of Ohio Sigma.

Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

INITIATES.

Walter W. Davis, '03.  
Homer L. Keller, '03.  
John E. Austin, '04.

Ohio Delta started in on the third term with twenty men. This number has since been increased by the three initiates whose names appear above and by the affiliation of Chas. W. Baker, who comes to us from Ohio Theta.

Already our alumni are dropping in on us. Brother S. E. Ellis, '97, from Aspen, Colorado, has recently been visiting fraternity brothers and friends in Delaware.

Brother George L. Davis, '99, who is studying for the ministry at Boston University, after a short visit with his parents and the brothers of Ohio Delta, has returned to his work.

Last week Brothers Rhoades and Hill were in Columbus, and assisted at an initiation of two of Ohio Theta's pledged men.

We have recently received word from Brother Raymond A. Kerr, '02, who is now in Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, that he intends to be with us next year and finish his course here.

Ohio Delta is prospering in every way this term and next fall the prospects are favorable for a strong force for service in the "rush."

Yours fraternally,

F. E. WATKINS.

Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati.

The affairs of Ohio Epsilon have been running smoothly and very little has occurred to ruffle the monotony of school life. The monotony, however, will not last long, as the rushing season was inaugurated this month, and while it lasts, which will be till October, the fun will be hot and heavy.

We had a smoker on the 30th of March, at which the most promising men from the various high schools of the city were present. In this way we get a line on the men and know how to conduct ourselves toward each one during the summer and fall. It may seem very early to some to commence rushing, but the competition between two at least of the fraternities in Cincinnati

is very fierce.  $\Sigma$  A E is confident of getting her share of the would-be neophytes.

We have all been much pleased to meet five or six brethren from Kentucky Epsilon. We hope that every Sig who visits Cincinnati will hunt us up. We are not at all hard to find. Any one can tell you where the Palace Hotel building is.

We have been talking of a joint initiation with Kentucky Epsilon and Kentucky Kappa at Lexington this fall. We hope that this plan for a western Auburndale will not fall through.

Fraternally,

EDWIN L. HUTCHINS.

Indiana Beta, Purdue University, Lafayette.

INITIATES.

Herman E. Rhoads, Indianapolis, Ind.

Irwin E. Artz, Dayton, Ohio.

The May issue will find us closing a most prosperous year. With eighteen men, strong in fraternity spirits, to return next fall, what but success can be our portion.

The time since our last letter has passed pleasantly. Though little worthy of notice has transpired, we have been by no means idle.

We have enjoyed a short visit from several of our brothers of Kentucky Epsilon. Several of our alumni have also spent a little time with us, among them Brother Gordon, '00, and Brother Mueller, '99. These visits are sources of profit as well as pleasure, and it is from these that we realize the fact, that the influence of  $\Sigma$  A E extends beyond the walls of our Alma Mater.

Yours in  $\Sigma$  A E,

HARRY J. SHAW.

Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern University, Evanston.

It is difficult to find enough to make up an interesting letter at this period of the year. In former letters we have told of our progress and have enumerated our expectations. It is needless to say that we have had but little to discourage us, and we will leave the university and chapter feeling that when we are again assembled nothing but good prospects and success will greet us.

Our chapter is in excellent condition and we will lose a few of our leading spirits, but we feel that the younger blood will be equal to any occasion that may arise. At this early date any plans for another year must be immature. Proposed additions to fraternity property are not positively assured. Yet our minds are full of the material that dreams are made of, and if it can be as-



sembled into a reality instead of becoming a terrorizing incubus we will be enabled to show our contemporaries at Northwestern that Sigma Alpha Epsilon is a progressive and never satisfied fraternity. If common report is a safe criterion, we have reason to believe that no fraternity here is more highly considered than our own. We have tried to build up a chapter that would be an honor to the university and to the national organization. How well we have succeeded we will let our friends tell. Braggadocio and self-praise have no place in these letters; we try to be modest and let others throw the bouquets.

It would be impossible, in this short space, to tell what we have done this year. We have participated in university affairs and have received our share of the honors. We have not attempted to exercise a monopoly over any one thing, but tried to be generally active.

Brother W. A. Vawter has left for a summer's vacation at Honolulu. He will return in time for next year's work. Others soon will go to different places for the summer. A number of us will remain in Chicago and Evanston.

Brother Levere was recently elected treasurer of the city of Evanston by a plurality that exceeded the vote of any one of his three opponents. He assumes his new position May 1.

Fraternally,

O. L. HALL.

**Illinois Beta, University of Illinois, Champaign.**

INITIATES.

William W. Arnold, '02, Robinson, Ill.

Relph A. Ballinger, '04, Keokuk, Iowa.

Cyrus F. Newcomb, '01, Champaign, Ill.

We also have one pledged member. On February 15th we held our third annual banquet, which was by far the most enjoyable one of the three. After the menu had been fully discussed we listened to the following toasts, Brother Worthen acting as toast-master:

Letters from Alumni.....	F. L. McCune.
The University.....	A. D. Shamel.
Illinois Beta.....	F. G. Frost.
Source of all our Bliss.....	H. H. Anderson.
Alpha and Omega.....	T. O. Holcomb, Jr.
The Boston Convention.....	C. E. Sheldon.
The Fraternity Ideal.....	A. M. Johnson.
The Road to Greece.....	A. E. Logeman.
The Chapter-house.....	J. G. Wilson.
Our Alumni.....	N. W. Wright, Jr.

From a Far Country .....	F. H. Boggs.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....	B. A. Campbell.
Good night .....	Toast-master.

Twenty-five Sigma Alphas and three invited guests enjoyed the delightful affair. The following brothers were present from a distance: George Worthen, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; N. W. Wright, Jr., Mena, Ark.; B. A. Campbell, Albion, Ill.

On February 23d our six patronesses at the home of Mrs. J. L. Ray formally introduced Illinois Beta to the people of Champaign and Urbana.

About eleven hundred invitations for this reception were issued, which makes it by far the largest fraternity function ever held in the Twin Cities.

This reception was one of the social successes of the season and was the means of bringing Illinois Beta prominently before the best university and city people.

On March 30th we held a very pleasant informal dance. We have several other social functions for the near future under consideration.

We are almost safe in saying that we will have a new house next year, built according to our own idea and one which will be the equal of any at Illinois.

Brother Horner was elected hatchet orator for the senior class. Brother Johnson was one of the members of the sophomore cotillion committee. Brothers Kaeser and Ballinger are on the baseball squad. Brother Eckstorm promises to make the track team, and Brother Miller is also doing well in this line.

We will lose by graduation four good men. Brother Frost has secured a position from the Ide Engine Company, Springfield, Ill. Brother McCune has offers from two Chicago firms, and will probably locate in that city. Brother Horner will teach English in the summer school and will probably be at the university next year. Brother Newcomb intends to pursue a course in medicine at Chicago. We expect to return a large membership next fall, so we will have a strong chapter from the start.

Yours in  $\Sigma$  A E,

ALBERT M. JOHNSON.

P. S.—Brother Horner won first place in the preliminary oratorical contest. He will, therefore, receive the prize of twenty-five dollars offered by the university, and will represent the university in the annual contest of the Central Oratorical League, which will be held at the University of Indiana on May 17.



## PROVINCE EPSILON.

Kentucky Kappa, Central University, Richmond.

## INITIATES.

Hamilton Alexander, Jr., '02, Owensboro, Ky.

William Chenault Smith, '03, Richmond, Ky.

Since our last letter Kentucky Kappa has been doing good work, in the way of instructing her new members in the history and rules and regulations of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and in planting the principles and spirit of  $\Sigma A E$  so deep into their hearts that it will be impossible to ever uproot them. At the same time Kappa has been by no means behind in other matters, as may be seen from the following list of college honors:

Brother Toy has been elected chairman of the commencement exercises, and holds down second base on the baseball team; Brother Galbraith is president of the Cotillion Club, and Grumbler of the graduating class; Brother Andres is president of the Y. M. C. A., treasurer of the class of 1903, and was elected assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. State Convention held in Louisville; Brother Rowell represented us in the oratorical contest, and although he failed to carry off the first prize, his speech was considered one of the best of the evening; Brother Stockton is secretary of the class of 1903; Brother Stuart is historian of the class of 1904; and your scribe treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. and historian of the Philalethean Literary Society.

The fraternities at Central are at present far more friendly and closer together than they have been for years. This has been chiefly brought about by an inter-fraternity smoker, which was held in the  $\Sigma A E$  hall in February. At this time it was resolved by all to join forces in the fight against our common enemy—the barbarian, which resolve has from that time been carried out.

Not long since we had quite a surprise, in the shape of a chapter flag, presented to us by one of our most charming and best beloved sisters. It is needless to say that it is the "beheld of all beholders," and all who have seen it have agreed that it is the handsomest thing of its kind ever seen by them. It is also needless to say that our  $\Sigma A E$  sisters are a very potent factor in the life of Kentucky Kappa, and nothing is considered too good for them.

The all-absorbing topic of conversation at C. U. at present is the consolidation of Central University and Center College. It has been thought best by the boards of both institutions to unite the two under the name of Central University and to change the location of the department of philosophy, letters and science from Richmond to Danville, and to keep the medical, dental and

theological departments at Louisville. The union will make the university in every way one of the largest in the South, and will put it in a position where it will be able to hold its own with any of the Southern colleges, which before neither institution by itself could hope long to do.

Although it will be some trouble for Kentucky Kappa to move, yet in the end it will be of material advantage to her. We will be able to take over to Danville almost, if not quite, double the numbers of members of any other chapter here. Thus we will be able from the start to compete in the most satisfactory manner with the chapters that have been established at Danville for so many years.

Kentucky Kappa has at present seventeen active members and two pledged men, one of whom has been pledged since our last letter, and who will in all probability be initiated in June. Out of these we expect at least twelve men to return, so that without any hesitation we can prophesy a strong and vigorous chapter for next year.

We lose this year by graduation three true and loyal Sig Alphas, whose memory will long live and flourish, "like a green bay tree." in the hearts of the remaining brothers of Kentucky Kappa.

Yours fraternally,

J. ROCKWELL SMITH.

#### Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Russellville.

The correspondent of Kentucky Iota is glad to report a flourishing chapter of thirteen men.

By a combination of the other three fraternities here last fall the Sig Alphas lost nearly all positions of honor in the college, but on the whole our reverses have strengthened rather than weakened us. We feel sure that we have gained more than we have lost, and our trials have only bound us closer in the bonds of fraternity.

But the old adage that "every dog has his day" is verified and  $\Sigma A E$  is again taking her old place at the head. For the joint meet of the two literary societies during commencement, five out of eight men to speak are Sigs. We will be well represented in all other features in which the students take an active part.

We have two men on the Advisory Board of *Blue and Gold*, our college magazine, two on the baseball team, captain of field sports for this season, manager of next season's football team, and several officers in the Athletic Association.

We had an informal meeting to celebrate March 9.

$\Sigma A E$  graduates but one man this year, Brother L. D. Denton of Robards, Ky.



Looking back over the past year we can see that we have been eminently successful. We have no other than bright prospects for the coming year.

Fraternally,

E. P. J. GARROTT.

Kentucky Epsilon, Kentucky State College, Lexington.

INITIATES.

A. E. Botts, Sharpsburg, Ky.

D. D. Caldwell, Paducah, Ky.

R. P. Cornelison, Owensville, Ky.

V. G. Collis, Lexington, Ky.

F. W. Milburn, Donerail, Ky.

I think every member of Kentucky Epsilon feels somewhat humiliated before the world of  $\Sigma A E$  in not being represented at the last convention, which was due to our elected delegate disappointing us at the last moment. But while we regret this extremely, still we do not want our sister chapters to think that Kentucky Epsilon is a dead letter. On the other hand, it is in better condition than it has ever been.

We have been very unfortunate in losing four of our members from college: Brothers J. S. Caldwell, Brooks, Ferguson and Collis. Brother Collis, however, still takes an active interest in the work and attends the meetings regularly.

We were greatly honored by a visit from Brother Kimball, E.S.T., some time ago, and recently sent him a healthy check to encourage the new officer. There is nothing that pleases Kentucky Epsilon more than to run across a right enthusiastic  $\Sigma A E$  who happens to come into town. This has proven to be the most pleasant experience of our fraternity existence.

We hail with a great deal of pleasure the selection of Brother Harrison as E.S.A., and from our acquaintance with him, we know that the affairs of  $\Sigma A E$  are secure for the next two years at least, and feel confident that the other selections were equally wise.

We are glad to note the change in the *Phi Alpha*, and think it will result in much good to individual chapters.

Kentucky Epsilon still holds her place in all affairs of college life. In military we have all the commissioned officers and two "non-coms" in the artillery, five commissioned officers in the infantry, and drum-major. Brother Martin is captain of next year's football team, and Brother Wilson is manager.

Work on our new gymnasium is being pushed to completion and we expect to do still greater things in athletics.

We have now seventeen active members, but expect to lose six by graduation this year: Dabney from the Classical Course, Hum-

phrey and Milburn from the Mechanical Engineering, and Perkins, treasurer, and the writer from the Civil Engineering.

We are all looking forward to the intercollegiate oratorical contest here April 12th. We expect the entire Kentucky Kappa chapter over and anticipate a pleasant reunion, with perhaps an initiation to add ginger to it.

Yours fraternally,

GUY W. RICE.

**Tennessee Zeta, Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville.**

Since our last letter to THE RECORD there have been no new initiates, and there has been very little occurring of interest. It was the intention of the chapter to celebrate Founder's Day in a suitable manner, but as some of the boys were observing Lent, it was deemed best to postpone the celebration until after Easter.

Preparations are being made to have a reception, and every one is devoting his energy to make it a success.

Σ A E will be represented by one senior this commencement who was elected salutatorian of the class.

The chapter this session is composed of seven men, the average size of fraternities here, and all are congenial, enthusiastic Sigs. Σ A E is well represented in the faculty, four out of eleven, and they are the professors of English, theology, chemistry and Latin. Three of these men are from the chapter at Davidson, N. C., and though they have not been in active touch with chapter work for some years, they are still enthusiastic and often encourage us by their interesting talks and visits to the chapter meetings.

Fraternally,

P. A. LOTTERHOS.

**Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Lebanon.**

INITIATES.

E. Claud Leeper, Freedonia, Ky.

J. C. Reid, Paducah, Ky.

As this is the last letter before the holidays do not think it out of place to mention some of the accomplishments of Lambda. We began work last fall under embarrassing circumstances, and with only two or three men in the chapter; nevertheless, within a few weeks, by an extra effort, we had strengthened our membership to fourteen. About Christmas time we were so unfortunate as to be deprived of five active members, who were compelled to discontinue their work as students. Later our number was increased to eleven. At present we have only ten active workers, owing to the loss of Brother Reid, who was called from the theo-



logical department to Paducah, Ky., as pastor of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Σ A E has been represented on the football field, in the gymnasium exhibition, in class politics and in various other ways.

The chapter has relieved itself of a great burden by paying off all debts incurred by former members of the chapter. The payment of this debt is, I think, by all odds, the best thing we have been able to do for our further advancement. The chapter is now on a firmer basis than it has been for years; she has just attained a position in which she may be able to do something for the honor of the fraternity in general as well as for herself. Prospects are flattering in more ways than one.

It is very likely that a new railroad will pass through Lebanon, or at least, preliminary surveys have been made for one.

The faculty has an endowing agent in the field working hard in behalf of Cumberland. The good people have voted saloons out of town, and, in fact, everything is pointing toward greater success for the institution in point of quality and number of students. If the school improves Σ A E will advance accordingly.

Some several days ago we had a visit from the Eminent Supreme Archon, this being the first time in two years we have had a visit from any one of the Supreme Council. As it happened, we had two candidates for initiation on our regular meeting night, so he (the E. S. A.) remained a day longer than he intended in order to see the initiates introduced into the sacred and mystic bonds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

After the initiation had been conducted in due form the E. S. A. gave a talk which, though short, was enthusing and instructive to all who had the pleasure of hearing it. He spoke of the national standing and growth of our fraternity as compared with that of other fraternities, afterwards addressing to us a few personal remarks which were much needed and highly appreciated. All formality was then cast aside and every one joined in a hearty handshaking with the newly initiated brothers.

Fraternally yours,

S. W. BRYAN.

Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

INITIATE.

— Crenshaw, Bermott, Ark.

Our chapter here is moving on in the even tenor of its way with a full enjoyment of those pleasant associations which make up a good part of true fraternity life. The scholastic year is drawing to its close, and as we look back upon the work of the session, we

find no cause for regret; on the contrary, we feel there is great cause for rejoicing. True, our loftiest ideals have not been achieved; and if they had been, for what might we look to the future? But following the guiding principles taught by our order, peace and prosperity have been within our gates, and we look with hopeful eyes to the days that are to be.

This year has been our first experience in a chapter-house; for the present we are renting and find it a very successful and satisfactory arrangement. It has far exceeded our expectations both in facilitating and improving fraternity work and in the degree of pleasure to be derived from this close union of brothers. It is the consensus of opinion among us now that we never before experienced the meaning of real fraternity life, and we hardly see how we ever got along without a chapter-house. We would advise all chapters not at present in houses, to take advantage of the coming vacation and arrange some plan of this kind.

It is a very great satisfaction to some of the older members of Tennessee Nu, who are nearing the end of their college course, to see an active group of young brothers about them who are taking such interest in fraternity work, and under whose guidance the chapter cannot but prosper. Sigma Alpha Epsilon in Vanderbilt continues to stand for those things that are noblest in university life, and against every tendency that would connect the name of our cherished fraternity with anything that is not the purest and the best.

Since the last issue of THE RECORD we have been so unfortunate as to lose our E.C., Brother Campbell, who has withdrawn from the university on account of his health. We hope to have him with us at the beginning of another session. Brother William Court of the class of '99 was married on the 20th inst. to Miss Cora Trawick of this city.

Fraternally yours,

MARVIN E. HOLDERNESS,

Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

INITIATE.

Milton P. Jarnagin, Jefferson City, Tenn.

It would require much larger space than the present to record the various events in college and fraternity life which have been of interest to the members of Tennessee Kappa, but as is customary among our chapters we will proceed to relate only certain ones which lead in importance.

First of all we will mention our celebration on Founder's Day, which we endeavored to observe in befitting manner. On that well



known day we assembled at the Hotel Imperial and sat down to one of the most enjoyable and generally harmonious banquets which the chapter has ever held in its history. After an excellent menu was served and after our freshman brothers were exhilarated by various strong cigars, our toast-master, Brother Alex. M. Hall arose. A few toasts which we deemed appropriate to the occasion were proposed in eloquent terms, and with equal eloquence the responses were made. Following this came impromptu addresses by each and every one of our chapter, freshmen included, and at the close of the last we took our leave, bearing many happy memories of the evening with us. Let me assure all readers, however, that we did not have to carry any of our esteemed brothers, for coffee was the leading beverage in which our chapter indulged.

During recent weeks we have had the pleasure of welcoming back to the chapter Brother H. T. Herring, of Jackson, Tennessee. Brother Herring was passing through Knoxville on his way to West Point, New York.

Our tennis club is progressing in fine shape, and Tennessee Kappa's interest in that sport is unabated. A large proportion of our men are members and accommodations for playing are excellent.

Fraternally yours,

ALBERT T. SUMMEY.

#### Tennessee Omega, University of the South, Sewanee.

After the winter vacation of three months the University of the South has again taken up its work and the Lent term has been ushered in under most auspicious circumstances. All departments are full, and there has been an increase gratifying in the extreme and auguring a most successful year for the entire university.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has returned almost all her old men, and with a chapter of sixteen members devoted to the interests of the fraternity we feel sure a most prosperous season awaits us.

The faculty have recently passed a rule preventing men from being tendered invitations to a fraternity until they have been in the university one term. This seems a most salutary step and one tending to raise the tone and caliber of all chapters enrolled here. In fact a man's true worth cannot be correctly ascertained on very short acquaintance, while a measure of this kind enabling every man's true worth and character to be viewed in a correct light can be so correctly gauged as to allow no chance of a mistake. The disgusting and evil practice of overrushing a man is thus removed, and from every standpoint the measure seems to have filled an urgent and long-felt want.

We therefore have no initiates to report in this letter, but by

next term we feel sure of presenting to the fraternity at large a number of devoted and loyal  $\Sigma$  A E's.

Brother H. L. Rankin, of North Carolina, has recently entered the university and we rejoice in having gained such a valuable affiliate.

The election of Brother G. Hendree Harrison to the position of Eminent Supreme Archon is a matter of supreme pleasure and gratification to the chapter, for knowing the gentleman as we do, we are certain the honor has not been misplaced, and will doubtless reflect great credit and reputation not only on our chapter, but to the entire fraternity.

Yours in  $\Sigma$  A E,

R. E. COWART, JR.

Tennessee Eta, Southwestern Baptist University, Jackson.

INITIATES.

J. W. Taylor, Taylorville, Ill.

T. S. Williams, Eagleville, Tenn.

W. P. Glisson, Trimble, Tenn.

T. E. Mercer, Mercer, Tenn.

Standing on the threshold of the new century, with a glorious record to inspire us and a cloudless sky for the future to beckon us on, Tennessee Eta chapter extends to her sister chapters in  $\Sigma$  A E greetings and love.

Though we do not take advantage of every opportunity offered, as we should, our banner is floating high in our school and city as an ideal fraternity. For honors in the college we have no rival that has equalled us in the past, and a relative comparison of men should give us no reasons to dread, or fear defeat in the future.

Our ideal has always been *quality* rather than *quantity*, and because of our wise choice in that direction the hospitality of Jackson homes is standing wide for our reception, while from the windows of our own beloved Lovelace Hall the girls are forever greeting us with the familiar old notes of  $\Sigma$  A E.

We had two representatives on the primary State oratorical contest—Reese and Bloom, and we are glad to say that our banner was carried high. Reese stood first in the contest and Bloom second, and we feel sure that Mr. Reese will hold our banner high in the final State oratorical contest, which comes off the 12th day of April, 1901, at Lebanon, Tenn.

We have also three graduates, E. E. Moore, W. L. Medling and J. A. Bloom, who are strong men and will not let the honors be misgiven without a heroic effort on the part of the victor.

J. CICERO COCKROFT.



## Alabama Mu, University of Alabama, University.

Since the last issue of THE RECORD life at the university has been keeping the even tenor of its way. The winter is over and with the spring comes renewed activity in all directions. Our chief concern at present is baseball. Under a competent coach and by constant practice the team of this year is thought to be superior to that of several former years. In the selection of the men who are to compose the team,  $\Sigma$  A E has not been neglected. Brother McCreary is left-field, and Poew short-stop, the same positions held by them last year. In addition, Brother Stickney is a substitute, pushing some of the men very closely for their positions.

On March the ninth we celebrated Founder's Day by a banquet in town. Besides the members of the chapter there were present all our alumni in Tuscaloosa, so that twenty-six sat down to the table. After the good things to eat had been disposed of, toasts were in order. For nearly two hours the hall was filled by loyal  $\Sigma$  A E sentiments—words of encouragement and advice, reminiscences and anecdotes from our alumni, thoughts of devotion to fraternity and chapter, praises for the past and bright promises for the future of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, words of good fellowship and brotherly love from our members. Every one left wishing that the opportunity could be theirs to celebrate many more such anniversaries.

All our thoughts, especially the seniors' thoughts, are turned towards commencement, which will so soon be here. Our chapter will lose nearly half its members by graduation this year, but we feel that we leave Alabama Mu in good condition and on a solid foundation, so that we have no fears for her future. Those who will be left are earnest workers, and while the membership next year may not be so large as this, they can be depended on to keep up the chapter's record and sustain its high position among our sister chapters.

Brother Ely has been appointed Business Manager of the "Crimson-White" for the rest of the year, and Brother Noble has been elected assistant manager of the football team for next year.

Yours in  $\Sigma$  A E,

P. B. SMITH.

## Alabama Iota, Southern University, Greensboro.

INITIATE.

J. C. Hope, Pine Hill, Ala.

The second term of the collegiate year is now drawing close to an end. It has indeed been a prosperous year for Alabama Iota.

While we have made no pretentious display, yet it is gratifying to us and all our friends to know that the internal workings of the chapter were never in all its history in a better condition. Our finances are on a sound basis, and it has always been a source of genuine pleasure for us to see Alabama Iota on all the honor rolls of the fraternity. Brother C. E. Waller is one of the commencement orators from the senior class. In the sophomore contest we are represented by Brothers Patton, Rarden and Thomason. Brother Threadgill has been the assistant in the laboratory.

On the baseball team we have Brothers Dunlay, Thomason and C. E. Waller.

Brother Cross was elected as our associate editor of the *Province Annual*.

When the commencement of 1901 has passed into history we believe that  $\Sigma$  A E will have won her full share of the honors.

Fraternally yours,

J. D. CARPENTER.

#### Alabama Alpha-Mu, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn.

The beginning of the last college term finds  $\Sigma$  A E at Auburn, as usual, among the first; though we have had numerous setbacks by the loss of several of our staunchest brothers, we have passed the crisis, and our prospects for next year are flattering in the extreme.

The chapter-house has now become an indispensable feature of fraternity life at Auburn, and from the present condition of affairs Alpha-Mu will be the proud possessor of one at no distant day.

Though our active membership is numerically weaker than it has been for some time, we are very strong in the college faculty; besides the president we have three professors, three adjunct professors and two assistants in all departments of college.

We are very glad to note that Brother Watkins is back with us in the capacity of baseball coach; he coached our last year's football team through a most successful year.

We were disappointed in not celebrating Founder's Day, but found it impracticable as exams started about three days previous. We hope, however, to entertain our visiting alumni and all remaining  $\Sigma$  A E's in a becoming way during commencement.

Fraternally,

ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSON.

#### PROVINCE ZETA.

##### Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri, Columbia.

Missouri Alpha is experiencing the most successful year it has ever known. She has twenty-four active members, twenty of whom are in the chapter-house.



The prospects for next year are good. We lose but two men by graduation and the others all expect to return.

Brother Miller will graduate with the highest honor of his class.

Brother Brown won second place on the declamatory contest and is entered on the Shakespearian which takes place next week.

Missouri Alpha and Michigan have had an experience which should be an object-lesson to every Sig Alph. A man who was fired from Missouri University went to Ann Arbor and claimed to be a member of Missouri Alpha. He had the grip and knew a few things which would lead one to believe on short notice he was a Sig Alph. But some of his actions caused suspicion and on investigation he was found to be a scoundrel and liar. This was no doubt brought about by some careless brother who used the grip and signs in his presence. This should be guarded against with great care.

Missouri Alpha is holding her own in athletics, baseball, track tennis and bowling. Brother Hogan is considered the best all around man in school.

Brothers Underwood, Woodson and Saunders are out for track team.

We are now making preparations for our big commencement reception and dance. And we are going to give the people of this vicinity the warmest thing in that line they have ever seen.

Missouri Alpha is called upon to announce the death of one of its former members, Brother Thomas M. Cobb of Kansas City.

He was returning from Manila with the Thirty-ninth infantry of which he was first lieutenant, when he was stricken with small-pox and died in Honolulu.

His biography and obituary will appear in the next issue of *THE RECORD.*

S. B. HOUX.

**Missouri Beta, Washington University, St. Louis.**

INITIATE.

Julien A. Gehrung, '01, St. Louis, Mo.

Since the writing of our last letter, Missouri Beta has been plugging along, keeping her eyes open to watch her needs and weaknesses, and doing everything to make the brothers proud of each other, and of the chapter as a whole. 'Tis needless to say we are proud of Missouri Beta. We are working now to make her the best chapter at Washington.

A few things of importance have happened, which it will be well to chronicle. First in point of time was the visit of Brother Leroy P. Sawyer, of Nebraska Lambda-Pi, Vice-President of our Province. We found Brother Sawyer to be one of the most con-

genial fellows we have met in a long while. Judging from the brothers who have come to us from Nebraska, we have a fine chapter there. Two, Brothers Harmon and Sipherd, have been in St. Louis all winter, and have been regular attendants at all our meetings. We have learned several new initiation "stunts" from our "shining lights" from Nebraska.

The next item which I find in my diary is an initiation, which took place March 2, 1901. Brother Gehrung, who was initiated then graduates from the St. Louis, Missouri, Medical College this spring, and will consequently see but little active chapter life. It may seem strange to initiate a man a few months before he leaves college, but we justify ourselves on the ground that he was too good a man to lose.

One week after the initiation came Founder's Day, which we celebrated with an informal dinner at the Mercantile Club. Brother George H. Bunting, of Kansas City, the genial "Hustler," was our guest that evening. Brother Bunting is the President of our Province, and his visit had a twofold object—to inspect our chapter and to be present at the dinner. We only hope that the impression which our boys made on Brother Bunting is as good as that he made with us. It seems that the more Sig Alphas we meet the more contented we feel with our berth in the world of Greeks. There were about thirty brothers at the "spread," all of them full of their old-time college spirit, which fairly bubbled over in story and song until almost midnight, when we separated. All agreed that it was one of the best dinners we have ever had. Perhaps it was owing to the presence of Brother Bunting.

Just at this time of the year baseball is the dominant topic. We are making arrangements to play a series of games with our rivals, the Phi Delta Thetas. We trounced them last year and hope to repeat the operation this year.

In the way of athletics, Washington University seems to have experienced a revival this spring. Baseball has been taken up with a vim, the football managers have completed a good schedule, and everything seems to be on the *qui vive*. A new departure is rowing, which promises to become a prominent feature among our athletics. The only thing we have to complain of is the daily press, who think that with one visit a week their reporters can give the details of the week's history at the University. As a result we have all sorts of fairy tales, which are amusing to read.

As I said before, we are running along smoothly, with seventeen active members and with good prospects of a large number of initiates next year.

Yours in  $\Sigma$  A E,

H. A. DAWES.



**Nebraska Lambda-Pi, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.**

## INITIATES.

William A. Shock, '03.

Guy W. Hood, '04.

In addition to our two recent initiates we have pledged four men. Already we have our eyes on a number of good men throughout the State, and, what with the twenty old men back (an unprecedented affair for Lambda-Pi) and all the new men, next year will be by far our best, and we hope to do something to open the eyes of the fraternity world.

Socially the year has been rather dull, being devoted mainly to very small informals. April 12th, Kappa Kappa Gamma is giving a large dancing party at the Lincoln, to which the majority of our men are going. The social season will be at its height, however, during the National Convention of Delta Gamma, which is here in May. This will be closely followed by the pan-Hellenic, the largest dance of the year.

In athletics we have been especially favored this year. Shidler is assistant manager of the baseball team, on which we have three of the star players; and Cowgill is manager of football for the ensuing season. Among other things, Klinge is captain of Company B, and we have had three masters of ceremonies: Cowgill at the Junior Prom, Shidler at the Sophomore Hop, and Wallace at the annual dance of Company B. All these point toward a brighter future for next year.

Brother Sipherd has just returned from St. Louis after an absence of a year; while Brother Funke came back from his winter in California singing the praises of our sister chapters at Leland Stanford and Berkeley.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES ORAN STEWART.

**Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.**

The sole topic of interest and conversation here now is the bill which has been introduced in the Arkansas legislature to abolish "frats" from the U. of A. The fight will be hard, but we must win. The "barbs" have been working hard, while I am sorry to say, the "Greeks" have been sleeping.

In February Brother Govan left us to prepare for the U. S. Naval Academy. Brother Govan was our E. A., and in losing him we feel we have lost our most energetic worker, and one of the best fellows that ever lived.

We celebrated "Founder's Day" by entertaining ourselves with a "smoker." Short talks by several made the night both in-

teresting and beneficial. We had the pleasure of having Brother Stephens of Corning, Ark., with us on this occasion. Brother Stephens was E. A. last year. He made us a fine talk on "rushing."

Phi Delta Theta had a man in our midst for a few days the first of this month. He was here in response to a request made by nine students of the U. of A. for a charter. Arkansas University needs more fraternities, and we would be glad to welcome a chapter of Phi Delta Theta.

In athletics we are doing our share. Several are trying for the track team, and we hope to be represented by at least three. We will be represented on the baseball team by two men.

Fraternally, F. M. BILLINGS.

### PROVINCE ETA.

Colorado Chi, University of Colorado, Boulder.

#### INITIATE.

Warren F. Blecker, Pueblo, Colo.

Chi continues in a very prosperous and flourishing condition. Several of our alumni have visited us recently. Charles Sumner, '94, Lucius Wightman, '99, and "Bill" Nye attended our last dance.

Kappa Kappa Gamma installed a chapter in the university on Friday, April 5th. Almost the entire Kappa chapter from the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln, was present, and many alumni from Denver and elsewhere about the State. The fraternity men of the university held an informal reception for them at which a very enjoyable time was had. The Kappas make the third sorority at the University of Colorado, the other two being Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi.

The university is in a prosperous condition. The recent legislature gave us an ample appropriation, in which is included \$50,000 for a new library building. The university representative won first place in the State oratorical contest, and will represent Colorado in the Interstate contest at Des Moines. We are now choosing a team to debate with Kansas University on the Chinese question. The Glee and Mandolin clubs return Thursday from a three weeks' tour of the State.

Colorado Sigs are making preparations to cordially welcome President McKinley upon the occasion of his visit to Denver this month. No definite arrangements have as yet been made, but the committee hopes to receive permission to tender him a reception of some sort.



But a few weeks of the present school year remain, and our chapter will soon be scattered for the summer vacation. We look back upon the work of the past year with self-congratulation upon the results attained. We look forward to the coming year with every confidence in our ability to maintain our present position, prepared to leave nothing undone that this end may be reached.

Very fraternally yours,

J. VAUGHN SICKMAN.

Colorado Zeta, Denver University, University Park.

Our chapter, at this the last chapter letter of the school year, is the same as ever, with the exception of the loss of two of our members for a time. Our Eminent Archon, Arthur Gullette, received such a lucrative offer to work with a surveying party that he found it to his advantage to leave school until next fall.

Brother Vaughn, whom we had just recently initiated, had hardly recovered from the effects of it, when a lucky chance came for him to go and spend a year in Germany. He will go with his brother-in-law, Brother Eugene M. Autrim, a former member of Colorado Zeta, who won the Jacob-Sleeper fellowship given by the Boston University. Although these two brothers are not lost to us permanently, still we miss them keenly.

We just received the convention number of the *Phi Alpha* the other day, and it brings many of us to a greater realization of the fact that we belong to a national fraternity, and not to a local chapter. Of course we are very proud of the fact that Brother Geo. D. Kimball is E. S. T. He is one of the few of our alumni who keep in touch with the chapter. He meets with us quite often, and gives us good advice.

It was announced to the student-body to-day that next year the faculty of the Liberal Arts would be increased by two new professors, one in oratory and one in physical culture and athletics. Up to last September we had a very fine instructor in oratory, but he left at the end of the year, and the college has been looking for a suitable person to fill his position. We are not in possession of the names of either of them at present. We have never had a professor of physical culture and athletics heretofore, and the student-body has felt the lack of one seriously. For want of one we have never been able to make the records in athletics that the material we had would warrant. We hope now to be able to cope more successfully with the other institutions in the State.

Our college annual, *The Kynewisbok*, will soon be out. We expect to have even a better display than usual. Our main display will be the group picture of the chapter, which is one that suits everybody in it, a rare thing for a photograph.

*The Rocky Mountain News*, the leading daily paper in Colorado, lately had quite a piece about Sigma Alpha Epsilon in Colorado, and what it would do for President McKinley when he came West. If he'll let us, we'll show him a royal good time, that's sure. But don't let any one think that we only care for the really great ones of the fraternity, and so keep his identity secret. We may give President McKinley a little more to eat, but we can't treat him any better than we would any brother whom we might chance to meet.

Yours fraternally,

WALLACE E. BAYLISS.

#### California Alpha, Stanford University, Palo Alto.

We will lose Brother Stewart this spring by graduation; Brother Parker will also graduate, but he will return next fall to do post-graduate work. Brother Babcock was compelled to leave on account of his eyes. He is enjoying a quiet rest at Pasadena, where he will stay until college opens. Brother Prentice has secured a position at the Buffalo Exposition. He, too, will return next fall. Brother Plumb, who has just returned from the City of Mexico, will be back bringing a cousin with him. Although our crowd has dwindled down to fifteen men, we feel certain that eighteen old men will be back to open our new house. In the summer some of us are sure to get on the trail of a few preps.

During the year we have enjoyed visits from Brothers Benford and Whitticker of Michigan, Brother Funk of Nebraska, and Brother Vawter of Northwestern. Some of us also had the pleasure of meeting Brother Buttler from the University of Virginia, who is on the Fish Commission Boat "Albatross."

The banquet on Founder's Day was a great success. Forty-five men met at the California Hotel. It was the largest banquet ever held here, and there were many alumni from the East and West. Most of the men realize that while here in college this is the principal opportunity of enjoying the benefits of a national fraternity.

Next year, in some secluded spot, we are planning to have a joint initiation with California Beta. President McKinley will visit Stanford this spring. We feel proud that we will have a chance to meet our most honored brother. Brother Parkin is on the reception committee and he has arranged to have the President take lunch with us.

We had about twenty city girls down to our dance this year. It is to our advantage to get a good stand-in with them as they can influence the preps in the city. The house was artistically decorated with flowers. The first thing to be seen as one entered was the letters Σ A E in electric lights, made striking by a background of flowers.

Fraternally,

ROY KEITH.





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LOUISIANA EPSILON, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

## PROVINCE THETA.

Louisiana Epsilon, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

INITIATE.

James E. Byram, '02.

It is our painful duty to announce the death of Brother Henry F. Cantzon. In his death Louisiana Epsilon loses one of her most loyal and enthusiastic members. Brother Cantzon was in the senior class and stood high with all his schoolmates and friends.

As the Easter holidays are just over everything seems to be on the lull. Now that we have all returned from our short visit home during the holidays, we will be kept busy looking after the men of the freshman class. As has always been the case, Louisiana Epsilon promises to get her share. We lose only one man by graduation this year.

Our baseball team is now beginning active practice. Brothers McNeese and Schwing will play on the team, the former having been elected captain.

During the final week we are in hopes of having a reunion of all our brothers who left us at the beginning of the semester. We are all very anxious to meet them once more.

Fraternally,

R. POWELL CRICHTON.

Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, Tulane University, New Orleans.

Little of interest to  $\Sigma$  A E has been going on here for the last three months, the phenomenal growth of Tulane and the numerous intercollegiate contests, both literary and athletic, now going on at this university, being the center of attraction. The Tulane-Texas Debate, the Gulf States Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest, the S. I. A. A. Track Meet, and the activity of the newly-founded Tulane Cercle Français, are all viewed from an attitude of expectancy, as Tulane's reputation is embodied in them. In all this, however,  $\Sigma$  A E and her sons are doing their full share in upholding the honor of their Alma Mater.

Tau-Upsilon is as strong as ever, and stronger, her membership now being twenty-three. Our greatest need, however, is a chapter-house. The Sigma Chi's have a very comfortable little place, and in consequence our jealousy is aroused. A fund, nevertheless, is now being raised for the purpose of erecting a chapter-house. For this reason, among others, the  $\Sigma$  A E Alumni Association of New Orleans has been revived, Brother Parkerson, a well-known lawyer of this city, having been elected president.



The majority of the alumni now in the city are taking an active interest in the project, and its success is almost assured.

The members of  $\Sigma$  A E in this part of the country are looking forward with interest to the day when President McKinley passes through New Orleans on his tour through the South. He is scheduled to arrive on May 1, and to remain twenty four hours. In that time we intend to secure his autograph, to shake hands all around with him, and if possible to get him to have his picture taken with the chapter in a group.

All this necessarily entails time, and as McKinley probably can give us but about fifteen minutes, it is feared that the first two items on the program will be the most we can expect.

Two other facts of interest to  $\Sigma$  A E are worthy of note. One is the recent founding of a new fraternity, or rather of a new chapter of an old fraternity, the Phi Kappa Sigma at Tulane. The other is the appreciation of  $\Sigma$  A E by the  $\Sigma$  A E girls here as shown by the giving of several dances in our honor. It is a mark of appreciation that is in turn appreciated by us.

Fraternally, HENRY P. DART, JR.

#### Mississippi Gamma, University of Mississippi, University.

Mississippi Gamma, for reasons too numerous to mention, has failed to have a letter in THE RECORD for several issues.

We were very fortunate in our efforts to initiate new men for this year. We secured five good men, Brothers Young, Dabney, White, Payne and Stone. We have been so unfortunat as to have several of our men leave school during the year, but we flatter ourselves that though we are few in numbers, we have held our own in every way and have secured our share of all honors. Factional feeling is very strong in our college, and this same feeling has caused some little unpleasantness, but we have the consolation of believing our Frat. was on the right side and came out victorious. We will probably return eight men next session, and hope to add several new men. In last year's work one of our men took first honor in the law class, won the set of law books given by the Edward Thompson Publishing Company, and was also elected manager of the baseball team.

We also had a man on the Junior "Prom," as well as securing business manager of "Ole Miss." We had a man secretary and treasurer of the German club, and a few minor honors. Having had only ten members, we feel that we held our own in college honors.

We will be more prompt hereafter in sending our letters.

With best wishes to our sister chapters.

I am fraternally,

W. P. WYNNE.

## Texas Rho, University of Texas, Austin.

The winter term at the university is always uneventful along fraternity lines, and this year has proven no exception. Having no separate spring session here, we have but little opportunity to get initiates at this season and so have none to report at present. All of the best material comes down in the fall, and as the rivalry is very close, the different fraternities represented here concentrate their entire rushing force on the first month of the fall term.

Brother Merrill, Academic, '02, won the position of alternate for the annual debate with Tulane, over half a dozen competitors.

Brother Connor, '04, is playing a star game at second this season. Texas was unfortunate last season in having her champion baseball team suspended from athletics *en masse* for breach of a faculty regulation. With this handicap, however, she has developed a team which has so far been all victorious, and we hope on good grounds that their record will be unbroken.

Brother R. M. Shaver has withdrawn from the university to enter the oil business at the Beaumont wells. We are glad to state that his ventures have been attended with every success. A number of Texas Sigs are prominent in the tremendous operations now going on in the Texas oil fields.

It is with keenest pleasure that we await the coming of President McKinley to Austin on his Southern trip, as we have arranged to meet him in a body during his visit to the university.

Brother P. J. Shaver, at present a student in the Medical Department, is taking a prominent part in all the student affairs of the institution. He will spend commencement in Austin as a guest of the chapter.

There was no suitable celebration of Founder's Day, owing to the fact that it fell in the midst of the winter examinations. An "informal" that night was greatly enjoyed by all the chapter.

Socially this has been a most delightful winter, enjoyed by no one more than by the Sig fellows and girls who have taken quite a prominent part in affairs of this kind this year.

The members leave for the summer vacation in high spirits over our successes of the past, and are confident of a prosperous year to come.

W. FELIX RAMSEY.



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