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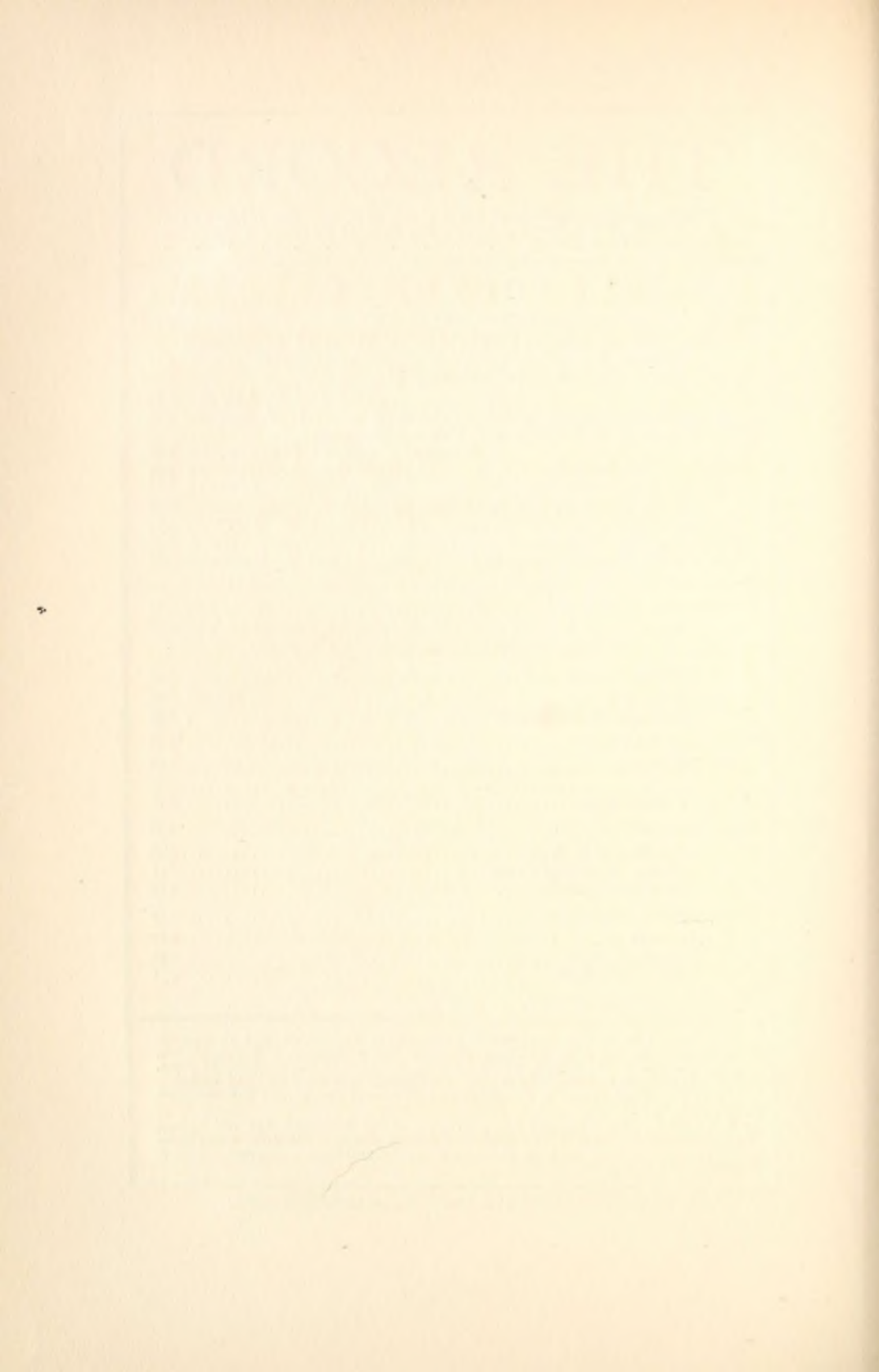
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Georgia Military Institute : The Unique Home of an Unusual Chapter.

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IN this article, it is intended to give the present day generation of Sigma Alpha Epsilon an insight into the curriculum and mode of life of the students of the Georgia Military Institute, as it is to be obtained from a copy of the "Official Register of the Officers and Cadets of the Georgia Military Institute, Marietta, July, 1857." In a subsequent issue of *THE RECORD*, more attention will be given to the chapter proper and its members. That we may the better understand Georgia Pi's place in our history, it may not be amiss, by way of introduction, to give a brief sketch of the other ante-bellum chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Mother chapter was founded at the University of Alabama on the night of March 9, 1856, by Noble Leslie DeVotie, Nathan Elnes Cockrell, Samuel Marion Dennis, Wade H. Foster, John Webb Kerr, and John Barret Rudolph, of the class of 1856, and Thomas Chappell Cook and Abner E. Patton, of the class of 1857. Of these, Noble Leslie DeVotie was the leading spirit. After graduating from the university he entered Princeton Theological Seminary, of New Jersey, returning to Selma, Alabama, to become pastor of the Baptist church of that city. With the opening of the war he went to the front as chaplain of the "Independent Blues" and "Governor's

Guards," and, they being assigned to Fort Morgan, he was appointed Chaplain of that fort. His life on earth was to be short, for on February 12, 1861, while bidding farewell to some friends, he stepped off the wharf in the darkness, and was swept out to sea by the rapid tide. Three days later his body was recovered and taken to Columbus, Georgia, the home of his parents, where it was interred with military honors. The first initiate of the mother Chapter was Newton Nash Clements, 1858, who later became a colonel in the Confederate service, and subsequently represented the sixth congressional district of Alabama in the Forty-sixth Congress of the United States.

At the time Sigma Alpha Epsilon was founded at the University of Alabama, three other fraternities had already installed chapters, viz.: Delta Kappa Epsilon, established in 1847; Alpha Delta Phi, established in 1851, and Phi Gamma Delta, established in 1855. Mr. Raimond Baird is, therefore, in error when he states, on page eight of the 1898 edition of *American College Fraternities*, that "the second southern fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, was founded at the University of Alabama in 1856, after seven fraternities had established chapters there."

The career of the mother chapter was brief, for, in July, 1856, the trustees of the University of Alabama passed a resolution forbidding students to join secret organizations. The four fraternities sought to have this rule abolished, but in vain; and accordingly, on October 5, 1857, the mother chapter passed a resolution pledging itself to initiate no new members. The organization was continued, however, up to January 9, 1858, when the last meeting was held, charters having been granted during this period to eight other southern institutions. Twelve of the twenty-two men initiated became officers in the Confederate service: DeVotie, '56, became a chaplain; Rudolph, '56, a colonel; Cook, '57, a surgeon; Adams, '58, a major; Clements, '58, a colonel; Hall, '58, a colonel; McLaughlin, '58, a captain; Wells, '58, a captain; Owen, '59, a lieutenant; Golsan, '60, a colonel, and Judkins and Vaughan, '60, adjutants. Of the entire twenty-two, ten were killed or died while in service.

From the above it may be seen that our founders were unusual men. Sigma Alpha Epsilon came into existence, not because its

founders were inferior men, who were disgruntled at not having being invited to join other organizations, but because, under the influence of DeVotie, a group of friends formed a permanent association that they might the better cement their friendship and accomplish their work in college and later life. We have the testimony of the Reverend Samuel Boykin, who was not a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, that "Mr. DeVotie's conduct, while in college was so exceptional, and his character so exalted, that Dr. Garland, who had assumed the presidency of the university, praised him publicly in the highest terms. And Dr. Manly, the former president, who had known him well during his college course, said of him: 'I have never seen or heard anything of Noble during his college course which I could condemn.'"

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has just cause to feel proud of its founders. Their careers in the larger world outside the college halls are an excellent indication of their standing as students. Yet they were not without fun and good fellowship, as the following extracts from Mother Mu's chapter records indicate:

"Cockrell was fined for failing to produce the essay on the literary programme"; DeVotie was "fined for disorderly conduct"; "Clements was fined twice for having his foot on the chair"; "Adjournment being in order, the members retired to the University, where they feasted the physical man on the fat thighs of a Shanghai gobbler."

It is interesting to note that the Mother Chapter never initiated any Freshman, and that our founders intended to extend the organization into other southern institutions; for the original constitution, adopted before any applications were made from other colleges, contained an article relating to duties of officers of the "Grand Chapter." Our present nomenclature of chapters, that is, the name of the State with some letter of the Greek alphabet, was not adopted until the Convention of 1886, held at Atlanta, Ga. From 1856 until the first Convention of the Fraternity at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in 1858, during which period eight charters had been issued, the chapters were known by the names of the towns in which the colleges were located. Thus the Mother Chapter during that time was known as the "Tuscaloosa Chapter"; after the Murfreesboro Convention as "Mu"; and not until the Convention of 1886 as "Alabama Mu."

The second chapter was the "Nashville" or "Nu," organized at the undergraduate department of the University of Nashville, then known as the Western Military Institute, or the Nashville Military College. Other fraternities represented at the institute at that time were Delta Kappa Epsilon, established 1848, and Phi Gamma Delta, 1848. Nu chapter existed from 1857 until 1860, initiating some thirty-six members, many of whom saw service in the Confederacy; and of this number George W. Gordon, of the class of 1858, became brigadier-general. A short sketch of General Gordon appeared in the September, 1902, RECORD (page 279). The chapter was re-established in 1876, but became inactive in 1878; and in 1883 a second Nu chapter was established at the newly organized Vanderbilt University, which is, however, an institution separate and distinct from the University of Nashville.

The third chapter was the "Chapel Hill" or "Xi," our present North Carolina Xi, of the University of North Carolina, established in 1857. This chapter, in 1859, edited the first catalogue, but as many members went into the Confederate service, the chapter became inactive in 1862, having been Grand Chapter from 1858 to 1860, after the Mother Chapter became inactive, and having initiated thirty-one members. Other ante-bellum chapters at Chapel Hill were Delta Kappa Epsilon, established 1851; Phi Gamma Delta, 1851; Beta Theta Pi, 1851; Delta Psi, 1854; Delta Phi, 1855; Chi Psi, 1855; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1856, and Theta Delta Chi, 1857.

On May 30, 1857, an application was received by the Mother Chapter from students of Union University, Tennessee, and the Nashville chapter having investigated their standing, a charter was granted on July 4, 1857. The "Murfreesboro" was the fourth to be established, and was known later as the Lambda, and then as Omega, and to-day is on our inactive roll as Tennessee Lambda-Omega. Its career was cut short by the war, for in 1861 the University closed its doors, its buildings being used throughout the struggle as hospitals. After the war an unsuccessful attempt was made to reopen the institution. Thirty-two men are on its membership roll. Besides Sigma Alpha Epsilon, there was established in 1851 a chapter of Phi Gamma Delta, and in 1860 a chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Our fifth chapter was the "Williamsburg," now on our inactive roll as Virginia Kappa, established in the fall of 1858, at the College of William and Mary. The Columbus Convention of 1860 made this chapter the Grand Chapter, and it served in this capacity until it disbanded, thirteen men having been initiated. The buildings of this, the second oldest collegiate institution in the United States (chartered 1693), and the house of oldest Greek-letter fraternity of the country (Phi Beta Kappa, founded 1776), were burned to the ground by the Federal troops in 1862, and the college suspended work until after the war. Theta Delta Chi (1853) preceded Sigma Alpha Epsilon at William and Mary.

The "Charlottesville Chapter" or Omicron, at the University of Virginia, came into existence on February 16, 1858, and up to 1861 initiated some forty members. Like the other ante-bellum chapters, Omicron became inactive from the fact that the members left college to enter the Confederate army. At the close of the war Omicron was reorganized by Atkinson, '58, of Virginia Kappa; Bagby, '62, of Washington City Rho, and Spencer, '63, and Wynn, '64, of Georgia Pi. Then, as now, the chapter drew largely on other southern chapters for affiliates. Other fraternities represented at that time were Delta Kappa Epsilon, established 1852; Phi Kappa Psi, 1853; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1855; Beta Theta Pi, 1856, and Northern Kappa Alpha, 1857.

The seventh chapter, the main subject of this article, was the "Marietta" or "Pi" of the Georgia Military Institute. It will be discussed in detail later.

The "Independence" chapter, or "Theta," was established at Baylor University, an institution organized under a charter from the Republic of Texas, and located on one of the central highways of the State. The advent of railroads saw the town's retrogression, and the institution was removed to Waco, Texas, where it is still located. The chapter was established in 1858, but became inactive when the removal took place in 1861, after having initiated seventeen men. Phi Gamma Delta, established in 1856, was the only other fraternity having a chapter at Baylor at that time.

Bethel College, at Russellville, Kentucky, was the next seat of

extension; the "Russellville" or Iota Chapter receiving its charter in April of 1858. The chapter lived for some four years, but the war caused the institution to close its doors, the chapter becoming inactive after having initiated thirty men.

The first Convention of the Fraternity was held at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in 1858, the home of Union University, and it was there decided to designate the chapters by letters of the Greek alphabet. Accordingly, the next chapter established at the Kentucky Military Institute was called Chi, probably because of that Greek letter being the form of the Roman numeral X, Chi being the tenth chapter. Only seven men were initiated in the two years of its ante-bellum existence, and of these three were killed while serving in the Confederate Army. Other fraternities established at Kentucky Military Institute before Sigma Alpha Epsilon, were Phi Delta Theta and Delta Kappa Epsilon, both of which were established in 1854.

Rho Chapter, installed on December 30, 1858, at Columbian University, Washington, D. C., by Jewitt Gindrat DeVotie, of Alabama Mu, '60, a brother of our founder, is unique in that it alone of all our ante-bellum chapters, was represented in the Union service. This chapter for a short time became inactive during the war, leaving only one active chapter in the organization, the Georgia Pi of the Georgia Military Institute. Rho was, however, almost immediately revived, and continued active until 1869, by which time members of the Fraternity, returning from the army to complete their college training, had revived the chapters at the University of Virginia and Cumberland University; while at the Universities of Georgia and Mississippi new chapters were established, these in turn to be followed by the revival of Kentucky Chi and the establishment of new chapters at the Louisiana State University, Southwestern Baptist University and Washington and Lee University. It was thus that Sigma Alpha Epsilon recovered at the close of the war, no other Greek-letter fraternity of the time probably having so unfortunate a geographical distribution, as regards losses incurred from the war. Southern colleges suffered severely from the effects of the war, for where buildings were not destroyed by opposing armies, funds were lost by investments in Confederate securities. In other instances the

clients upon whom the colleges depended for support themselves lost their means and so were unable to aid the institutions. Many colleges closed their doors. That is one reason Sigma Alpha Epsilon has such a large inactive list.

It is interesting to note that Sigma Alpha Epsilon alone of the three ante-bellum fraternities in the South, was able to preserve its integrity, the W. W. W. or "Rainbow" fraternity, founded in 1849, at the University of Mississippi, being absorbed in 1886 by Delta Tau Delta, that organization changing the name of its journal, "The Crescent," to "The Rainbow," in honor of the union; and southern Chi Phi founded at the University of North Carolina in 1858, uniting in 1874 with the northern order of the same name, to form the Chi Phi fraternity.

The revived chapters were not, for a time, acquainted with one another's existence, and it is quite probable that they first became aware of each other through the correspondence of Georgia Pi members scattered among them. To return, however, to Washington City Rho—among the forty-two members were the following Confederate officers: Colonel E. T. Fristoe, Adjutant-General, W. A. Harris (late U. S. Senator from Kansas), Captain J. H. Wright, Adjutant W. S. Wright, and Captain W. F. Dunaway. Colonel Daniel D. Johnson and Major E. A. Crandall were in the United States Army. Sigma Alpha Epsilon was the first fraternity to place a chapter at Columbian University.

Eta chapter of Oglethorpe University, Midway, Georgia, was chartered in 1859, but disbanded in the spring of 1863. Thirteen men were initiated, and every one of these entered the service: Pelham, '59, becoming a captain; Hoge, '60, a colonel; Lanier, '60, a marine signal officer; Weems, '60, a private; Baker, '61, a private; Coleman, '61, a private; Thomas, '61, an ordnance sergeant; Varnedol, '62, a sergeant; Lane, '62, a private; Smith, '61, a private; Goetchius, '68, a private; Dean, '64, a private, and Whitaker, '65, a private. The funds of this institution were dissipated because of the war, and although an attempt was made to reopen its doors in 1870, it was not successful. Beta Theta Pi established a chapter at Oglethorpe in 1859, but it also lived but two years.

The Tennessee Lambda of Cumberland University was established in 1860, but its career was short, ten men being initiated. Beta Theta Pi chartered a chapter in 1854; Delta Kappa Epsilon in 1857; Delta Psi in 1858; Alpha Delta Pi in 1857; Phi Kappa Sigma in 1859. Upsilon was established at Hampden-Sidney in Virginia in 1860, and initiated eleven men previous to the beginning of the war, all of whom entered the Confederate service.

This brings us to a consideration of our main theme, the "Marietta" or "Pi" chapter of the Georgia Military Institute, seventh in the order of establishment, having been organized on February 23, 1857, and continuing throughout the war. On page 276 of the 1898 edition of *American College Fraternities*, Mr. Raimond Baird, in his historical sketch of the Sigma Chi fraternity states:

"A unique feature in the history of Sigma Chi, and one which has no parallel in the records of other fraternities, was the existence, during the war, of a chapter in the Confederate army, composed of members serving under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, in the Army of the Tennessee. It was called the "Constantine Chapter," and was organized by several Sigma Chi comrades for the purpose of perpetuating the fraternity in the South during the most intense period of the war. It made few initiations, was never officially chartered by the fraternity, and became inactive upon the disbanding of the army."

On page 20 of the 1893 catalogue of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, James T. Van Burkalow states:

"The last chapter to be dismembered by the war was Georgia Pi. In fact it may be said of this chapter as of Washington City Rho, it 'continued during the entire war,' but Pi continued in a very different sense—it went to the war *en masse*. The cadets of the Georgia Military Institute were not dispersed at the beginning of hostilities, but were organized by the Confederacy into a Cadet Corps. During the first three years of the war they were detained at Marietta under drill, and were ordered into active service on Sherman's approach to Atlanta, early in May, 1864. The Cadets' first battle was at Resaca. After that they were in constant service until they were mustered out May 20, 1865, the last organized forces of the Confederacy east of the Mississippi. During all this time Georgia Pi was in active organization, and its members were cheered with brotherly sympathy in the tedium of the drill ground, and in the dangers of the battlefield."

A comparison of these two quotations will show that the "Constantine Chapter" of Sigma Chi did have in the Georgia Pi of Sigma Alpha Epsilon a decided "parallel."

It is not the purpose at this time to deal with the chapter life of Georgia Pi; that will be left for some future issue of *THE RECORD*. It will suffice for the present to remember that

“The Institute was situated on a prominent hill, on the northern limits of Marietta, in full view of the beautiful Kennesaw mountains, about twenty miles from Atlanta. . . . Although the Cadets were quite youthful, they saw hard service during the war. During the early years of the conflict, they drilled continually. The battalion went from the Institute into active service in May, 1864. It was among the most valuable of Georgia's trained soldiery. In return for cradling troops for the Confederacy and the saucy assaults his army had received from the G. M. I. Cadets, General Sherman burned the Institute to the ground. The only picture extant of the old buildings is a drawing made by a Union soldier, a Polander, just before the destruction and given to the mother of one of the Cadets.

Forty men were initiated, and of these Raleigh S. Camp, Professor of Mathematics, became a major; William H. Dickinson, '57, a captain; Joel R. Griffin, '57, a colonel; Robert C. Irwin, '57, a lieutenant; William A. Hansell, '53, a captain; C. Holcome, a private (killed during the war); John S. Lanier, '58, an adjutant-general; Samuel B. Brooks, '59, a captain (killed at battle of Seven Pines); James N. Gilmer, '59, an inspector-general; Jamison H. Moore, '59, a captain (killed at Gettysburg); Thomas S. Paine, '59, a captain; George F. Todd, '59, a captain (killed at battle of Malvern Hill); Giles Goode, '60, a Captain (died during service); Adolphus C. Powell, '60, an adjutant-general; John W. Reynolds, an orderly sergeant; Robert M. Wade, '60, a captain; Henry C. Harper, '61, a private; George P. Harrison, '61, a brigadier-general; Horace D. Randall, '61, a lieutenant; Christopher C. Sanders, '61, a colonel; Robert H. Atkinson, '62, an adjutant; Egbert Beall, '62, a captain; David Blount, '62, a private; Theodore M. Elyea, '62, a lieutenant; Paul Faver, '62, a lieutenant (Battalion Georgia Cadets, C. S. A.); Archibald C. McKinley, '62, a lieutenant; George M. Blount, '63, an adjutant-general; George T. Goetchius, a private; James R. McCleskey, a lieutenant (Battalion Georgia Cadets, C. S. A., lieutenant commanding, '64-'65); James H. Shorter, '63, an ordnance officer; Samuel Spencer, '63, a private; James S. Todd, '63, a sergeant (Battalion Georgia Cadets, first sergeant); Martin L. Arnold, '64, a private; P. A. Hazlehurst, '64, a sergeant-major (Battalion Geor-

gia Cadets, C. S. A.); James H. Meade, '64, a captain; Charles H. Solomon, '64, an adjutant (Battalion Georgia Cadets, C. S. A.); Solomon M. Wynn, '64, a private (Battalion Georgia Cadets, C. S. A.); Francis Fountaine, '65, a captain; Lodowick J. Hill, '65, a lieutenant (Battalion Georgia Cadets, C. S. A.), and Lawrence A. R. Reab, '65, a private. We doubt if this record can be equaled by any chapter of any Greek-letter fraternity.

We are indebted to James N. Gilmer, of the class of 1859, at present a resident of Seattle, Washington, for the copy of the "Official Register," from which we shall now quote. A perusal of its contents at once demonstrates how closely it—in common with such institutions as the Virginia Military Institute of Lexington, the Western Military Institute of Nashville, the South Carolina Military Academy of Charleston, the Kentucky Military Institute of Farmdale—followed the system and standards of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and how these institutions, scattered throughout the South as they were, gave to the Confederacy a goodly proportion of her most able officers.

As previously stated, the cover-page of the "Register" has printed upon it:

OFFICIAL REGISTER
of the
OFFICERS AND CADETS
of the
GEORGIA MILITARY INSTITUTE,
Marietta, July, 1857.

On page 3 are the names of the following gentlemen, composing the "Board of Visitors":

"His Excellency, Jos. E. Brown, Governor of Georgia, President ex-officio; Gen. George R. Jessup, Madison; Col. William S. Rockwell, Milledgeville; Col. John Milledge, Augusta; Capt. John W. Anderson, Savannah; Capt. P. H. Colquitt, Columbus; Dr. James P. Screven, Savannah; Hon. Thomas M. Hardeman, Macon; Dr. A. A. F. Hill, Athens; Capt. Goode Bryan, Augusta; Gen. George P. Harrison, Savannah."

Page 4 contains the names of the "Board of Trustees," which consisted of:

Hon. David Irwin, President of the Board; Hon. Charles J. McDonald, Col. James Brannon, William Harris, Esq., Col. M. Myers, David Ardis, William Root, Col. David Dobbs, A. Connell, M.D., Col. A. V. Brumby, Gen. A. J. Hansell, Secretary, A. N. Simpson, Esq., Treasurer.

On page 5 are the names of the faculty, designated as the "Academic Board." Its members were:

COL. A. V. BRUMBY, A.M.,
Superintendent, and Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

CAPT. THOMAS R. MCCONNELL,
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Commissary.

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Steward.

Next follows the curriculum of the institution under the head of "Synopsis of the Course of Studies and Military Exercises," the "fourth class" therein mentioned being the lowest or Freshman class:

	DEPARTMENT.	TEXT-BOOKS, ETC.
FOURTH CLASS.	Mathematics	Davies' Arithmetic; Bourdon's Algebra; Legendere's Geometry and Trigonometry.
	French Language	Value's Ollendorff; Vie de Washington; Manget's Analogy.
	English Language and Literature	Bullion's Grammar; Practical Exercises in Compositon.
	Geography	Mitchell's.
	History	Frost's United States.

	DEPARTMENT.	TEXT-BOOKS, ETC.
THIRD CLASS.	Mathematics	Davies' Descriptive Geom., Spherical Projections and Warped Surfaces. Davies' Shades, Shadows, and Perspective Surveying. Analytical Geometry.
	French Language	Value's Ollendorff; Manget's Analogy; Charles XII.; Racine.
	Rhetoric and Elocution	Practical Exercises in Composition; Rhetorical Reading; Declamation.
	History	Weber's Universal.
	Drawing	Landscape and Linear.
SECOND CLASS.	Mathematics	Church's Calculus.
	Natural and Experimental Philosophy	Bartlett's Mechanics; Brewster's Optics; Olmstead's Astronomy; Davis's Electricity and Magnetism.
	Chemistry	Johnston's Turner's.
	Rhetoric and Elocution	Practical Exercises in Composition; Declamation.
	Drawing	Landscape, Linear and Topography.
FIRST CLASS.	Engineering and Architecture	Mahan's Civil Engineering; Mahan's Field Fortifications; Lectures on Architecture; Practical Exercises in Constructive Drawing.
	Mineralogy	Dana's.
	Geology	Hitchcock's.
	Ethics	Alexander's Evidences of Christianity; Wayland's Moral Philosophy.
	Intellectual Philosophy	Abercombie's.
	Rhetoric and Elocution	Blair's Rhetoric; Practical Exercises in Composition; Delivery of Original Speeches.
	Law of Nations	
	Constitution of the United States	Kent's Commentaries.
Tactics	Scott's Infantry; Anderson's Artillery, and Practical Instruction.	

Hours of recitation from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Drill from 4 to 5 P.M., and dress parade at sunset (Saturdays and Sundays excepted).

Pages seven to fifteen, inclusive, contain lists of the

CADETS
 Arranged in
 ORDER OF MERIT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CLASSES,
 As Determined by the
 GENERAL EXAMINATION
 in
 July, 1857.

And under the head of "Notes," the following information is given:

1. The names of the first five cadets in each class marked thus (*) are reported to the Governor and published in the papers of the State, in accordance with the thirty-eighth article of the Regulations.

2. Cadets whose names are marked thus (†) were turned back to recommence the studies of their respective classes.

3. Those cadets whose names are marked thus (=) did not enter the Institute until the second term of the academic year, and, not being sufficiently advanced in their studies, were not permitted to rise to the next higher class.

4. We omit the names of all those cadets who have either resigned or been dismissed during the year, and publish only those who were in actual connection with the Institute on the 15th of July, 1857.

Each class was then taken up in turn, the Cadets being numbered in the order of their rank in scholarship; the name of the Cadet, his residence and standing in the various subjects being given in separate columns.

The Register of 1857, being of the same year in which the Marietta chapter received its charter, mentions only a limited number of its members in the roll of students. The contrast between student and army standing may be markedly brought out by mentioning the students' army rank in connection with their standing in studies, thus: Colonel J. R. Griffin is listed with the "second class" and ranks first in his class in conduct, but as regards studies is marked "Absent without leave—not examined." Of the "third class," Captains J. H. Moore and W. H. Dickinson stand third and fourth in "Order of General Merit," and their names were "reported to the Governor and published in the papers of the State." Adjutant-General A. C. Powell stood sixth, Captain S. B. Brooks, ninth, Inspector-General James N. Gilmer, twelfth, and Captain George F. Todd, thirteenth.

The order of these third class men whose names were just given as regards "rank according to conduct," is Captain Moore, fourth; Captain Dickinson, sixteenth; Adjutant Powell, twelfth; Captain Brooks, first; Inspector Gilmer and Captain Todd, second (Gilmer and Todd both had the same number of demerits.) In the "fourth class," in "Order of General Merit," Adjutant R. H. Atkinson was second; Lieutenant A. C. McKinley, twentieth; Captain T. S. Paine,

twenty-second. In order of "conduct" they were respectively third, forty-fifth and twenty-ninth.

Then follows an alphabetical "list of Cadets, some of whom entered the institution a short time before, and others since the examination," and among these are the names of Captain Giles Goode, Private Henry C. Harper, Private George C. Holcombe, Brigadier-General George P. Harrison, Lieutenant H. D. Randall, Orderly-Sergeant J. W. Reynolds, and Captain Robert M. Wade.

After this, four pages are devoted to the "Roll of the Cadets, arranged according to merit in conduct, for the year ending July, 1857." Under the head of "Explanation of the Conduct Roll," the following rules appear:

The Conduct Roll is compiled from a Register of Delinquencies for the whole academic year in the following manner, to wit:

All of the recorded delinquencies are divided into seven classes, each class comprising offenses of nearly the same degree, in a moral and disciplinary point of view, and to each class a number is attached of the demerit to be recorded for offenses contained therein.

The demerit to be recorded for offenses of these seven grades is as follows:

For offenses of the first grade, 10 demerits; second grade, 8 demerits; third grade, 5 demerits; fourth grade, 4 demerits, fifth grade, 3 demerits; sixth grade, 2 demerits; seventh grade, 1 demerit. For example:

Disobedience of orders is	10 demerits.
Gross neglect of duty	8 "
Visiting in study hours	5 "
Absent from drill	4 "
Absent from any roll-call	3 "
Room out of order	2 "
Late at roll-call	1 "

On the 20th of July, annually, the numbers expressive of the demerit of the offenses recorded against each cadet are added up, and the sum thus obtained is that found in the column of "demerit" in the annexed Conduct Roll.

When any cadet has a number expressing his demerit greater than 200 for the year, such cadet is declared deficient in conduct and is dismissed.

In the roll of 162 students listed, Captain S. B. Brooks, with no demerits, ranks fifth; Captain G. F. Todd, with 3 demerits, was twelfth; Inspector James F. Gilmer, with 3 demerits, was thirteenth; Colonel J. R. Griffin, with 5 demerits, was eighteenth; Captain J. H.

Moore, with 6 demerits, was twenty-first; Captain T. S. Paine, with 21 demerits, was fifty-first; Adjutant A. C. Powell, with 46 demerits, was seventy-fourth; Lieutenant A. C. McKinley, with 74 demerits, was eighty-second, and Captain William H. Dickinson, with 128 demerits, was eighty-ninth.

The last four pages containing the "Rules," from which we take the following excerpts, make interesting reading:

ADMISSION OF CADETS.

No applicant will be admitted as a cadet who is less than fifteen years of age, or who is deformed or afflicted with any disease which would render him unfit for military duty.

No applicant will be permitted to enter the first class, nor to pursue a partial or irregular course.

The regular time for the admission of cadets is at the commencement of the academic year, on the first Wednesday preceding the 20th of July, but candidates prevented by illness or other causes from being present at the Institute at this time will be admitted on the 20th of the next February; provided that, on examination, they are qualified to go on successfully with the studies of the class for which they apply.

TERMS.

Each cadet, as soon as he is admitted, before he is permitted to join his class in the recitation room, must pay to the superintendent the sum of \$112.50, for which a receipt will be given to him in full for tuition, board, washing, fuel, lights, and all other Institute charges for one session of five months. For each succeeding session while he is a member of the Institute he will be required to pay in advance the sum of \$112.50, and upon the failure of any cadet to make this payment for the space of six weeks after the beginning of the session, he will be reported by the superintendent to the Board of Trustees for such failure, and by them suspended until payment is made.

COMMISSARY, CLOTHING, FURNITURE, ETC.

A commissary, elected by the Board of Trustees, furnishes the cadets with such articles as the superintendent directs, charging each article at the time of its delivery (with the price fixed by his contract with the Board of Trustees) in the check-book kept by the cadet to whom it is delivered.

A Board of Inspectors, consisting of three officers of the Institute and two cadet officers, examine the clothing and all other articles of every description, which the cadets are allowed to purchase. They also examine the price at which each article is sold, and compare the selling price (marked in figures upon each article) with the original invoice price, in order that the price fixed by the commissary may not be above the per cent. allowed by his contract with the Board of Trustees.

Each applicant for admission into the Institute will be required to bring with him, or provide at the time of his admission, the following articles :

8 pairs of white pantaloons,	1 hair brush,
2 pairs high-quartered shoes,	1 tooth brush,
2 pairs of white Berlin gloves,	1 comb,
7 shirts,	1 mattress, single width,
4 pairs of drawers,	1 mattress-cover and bed-strap,
7 pairs of socks,	1 pillow,
4 pocket handkerchiefs,	2 pillow-cases,
6 towels,	2 pairs of sheets,
1 clothes bag,	2 pairs of blankets,
1 clothes brush,	1 pair of shoe-brushes,
1 trunk,	1 iron bedstead.

In addition to the above articles, each cadet must keep himself supplied at all times with the following, the cost of which, at the commissary's, is here stated :

1 uniform coatee of grey cloth.....	\$16 00
1 uniform overcoat of grey cloth.....	16 00
2 pairs uniform pants of grey cloth, each.....	8 00
1 fatigue jacket of grey cloth.....	10 00
2 fatigue jackets of unbleached drilling, each.....	2 25
1 dress cap.....	4 50
1 forage cap.....	1 55
1 bombazine stock.....	45
3 sets white belts.....	1 00
1 set belt-plates.....	81¼

Each cadet will unite with his room-mates in purchasing for their common use one pine table, one looking-glass, one foot-tub, one tin washpan, one bucket, one dipper, one axe, and one broom.

Articles of bedding, if bought from the commissary, will cost as follows : Mattress, \$5.00; pillow, \$1.50; mattress-cover, \$1.60; bed strap, 62½ cents; blankets, per pair, \$4.50 and \$5.00; pillow-case, 30 cents; sheets, per pair, \$2.20. White pantaloons may be bought at the commissary's at from \$2.50 to \$3.75 per pair.

ACCOUNTS.

Each cadet should deposit semi-annually with the superintendent a sum of money sufficient to purchase the articles already mentioned, or such of them as he does not bring with him, and to cover all necessary expenses for one session.

Every cadet is required to keep an account book, of the form and size prescribed by the superintendent, in which shall be charged every article he may purchase from the commissary.

Cadets are not allowed to contract any debts in the town of Marietta, nor

to be furnished with any article whatsoever by the commissary, without written permission from the superintendent.

At the end of each session the superintendent will transmit to the parent or guardian of each cadet an account current, which shall exhibit his deposits with the superintendent, his debts with the institution, and with the cash on hand or the amount due, as the case may be, and remittance required, if any, to pay arrears. The commissary will, at the same time, make out his accounts against the parent or guardian of each cadet and present them to the superintendent, who will compare them with the cadet's account book, and if correct will forward them to the parent or guardian.

The cadets being required to conform strictly to the prescribed uniform, no opportunity for extravagance in dress is allowed; and as they can at all times receive from the superintendent permission to receive such articles as are strictly necessary, they have need but for very little money in their own hands.

From an examination of the accounts of cadets during the past year it is found that the commissary's account against each cadet during his first term at the Institute averages about \$100.00, and during each subsequent term about \$45.00.

TERM TIME, VACATION, COMMENCEMENT.

The academic year is divided into two sessions of five months each. . . . The first session begins on the 20th of July and ends on the 19th of December. The second session begins on the 20th of February and ends on the 19th of July.

The intermediate time, from the 20th of December to the 20th of February, is vacation.

The annual commencement is on the first Wednesday preceding the 20th of July.

EXAMINATIONS.

The annual examination of all the classes, preparatory to their advancement, takes place in July, and occupies the last fortnight of the second session. The cadets are then examined by the Academic Board in the presence of the Board of Visitors, the Board of Trustees, and such other literary and scientific gentlemen as may be invited to attend, and any others who may choose to be present. Cadets found deficient at this examination are not advanced to the next higher class, and if, in the opinion of the Academic Board their deficiency is attributed to utter incapacity or habitual want of application, or their conduct be grossly immoral or improper, they are discharged.

Immediately after the annual examination the Academic Board will select for publication, and report to the Governor, the names of such cadets as have most distinguished themselves in the examination and during the preceding year, not exceeding five in each class, and specify the studies in which they particularly excel.

The semi-examination is held in December, and occupies the last fortnight of the first session.

ENCAMPMENT.

Immediately after the commencement in July there is an encampment of not less than two nor more than four weeks, during which time the instruction is exclusively military.

SOCIETIES.

There are two literary societies formed by the cadets for improvement in extemporaneous speaking, composition and elocution. Each society has a commodious and neatly furnished hall in which its meetings are held weekly, on Friday evenings.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence are never granted to cadets for a longer time than twenty-four hours, except upon the written application of their parents or guardians, addressed to the superintendent.

During the encampments no leaves of absence will be granted to cadets for a longer time than twenty-four hours, even upon the application of their parents or guardians, except such application shall state that there is an actual necessity requiring the leave to be granted, and specify the necessity

The "rules" just quoted complete the contents of the Register. The unusual record made by Georgia Pi's members in their army careers have made us long desire to call more attention thereto than is given in the short sketch of the chapter contained in the last Catalogue, and we trust that what has here been written may lead our undergraduates to desire a better knowledge of the history of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

After reading the brief sketches of our ante-bellum chapters as given above, we can not but concur in the views of a contributor to Volume XV, of *THE RECORD*, who, in discussing "Fraternity Sentiment," wrote: "Sentiment is the birthright of S. A. E., it seems to me, more than of any college fraternity. . . . It has known circumstances in her forty years which will always stand out as the most picturesque in our national history. . . . The Fraternity was cradled in the lap of the 'Old South.' It was in the palmiest days of an aristocracy, almost feudal in its romance and magnificence. Our order is—except for Phi Beta Kappa, Mother of Greek-letter organizations—the only college society of that circumstance and lineage."

And of this, I am sure, we are, all of us, as loyal Sigma Alpha Epsilons, very glad and proud.

The Supreme Council Mid-Convention Meeting.

By *William C. Levere,*

Eminent Supreme Archon of the Fraternity.

BUSINESS is to be the keynote of the Supreme Council meeting to be held in Chicago, December 21-24. It is true that our western alumni are arranging to sound the note of gaiety, and there is no reason to doubt that the evenings will be given up to good fellowship and a happy time; but the days are dedicated to work. This mid-convention meeting of the Supreme Council is no new feature in our fraternity economy, for such meetings have been held by previous councils from time immemorial. This must have been in the mind of the veteran worker of the Fraternity who, at Washington, moved on the convention floor that the present council should so meet. The motion was opportune, for as a national organization we are now at a point where such a conference can be of vast benefit to the Fraternity, of a benefit, I do not hesitate to say it, of equal value to that of a national convention. It is true that the Supreme Council has no legislative power; but it can systematize and bring certain matters to a focus, it can push to completion the pet projects of the Fraternity, it can arrive at definite conclusions. It must be remembered that Supreme Council opinion on the matters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is expert, or at least it ought to be expert; for here we find five men who, by the very nature of their duties, are compelled to give more time and thought to the Fraternity than any other five men in our brotherhood.

What, then, will these December days bring forth? First and foremost, I believe they will result in something absolutely definite about three proposed publications of the Fraternity—the Catalogue, the Manual and the Song-book. The Fraternity has waited long

enough for all of these. It is ten years since a catalogue appeared; it is seven years since a manual was first proposed; and, as for the song-book, the Fraternity has been calling for one almost ever since DeVotie and his men first met in the little schoolhouse in Tuscaloosa.

The publication of the catalogue is a serious problem. It will cost between two and three thousand dollars of the Fraternity's money, and to publish a defective or weak book will far from satisfy the men who have been for so long looking forward to the appearance of this volume. As one result of the conference the Fraternity can expect to learn the present status of the catalogue, and the approximate date of its issue.

If I am not mistaken the demand for a Manual grew out of the St. Louis Convention, in 1896. Ever since then such a book has existed very much in name, but very little in reality. It has become a sort of ghost that has haunted us in our dreams; has been discussed in our conventions, and been looked for by our membership, but the spirit has never materialized. The original idea regarding the Manual was to furnish a book that would be of service in informing sundry "goats" and neophytes of the history and strength of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. An attractive outline of what such a book might be was given in the Nashville Convention number of the *Phi Alpha*. It has happened in the course of events that the accumulated material for this publication has come into the hands of Henry Sydnor Harrison, editor of *THE RECORD*, and chairman of the Manual Committee, which the Washington Convention directed the Supreme Council to appoint. It is expected that the conference will touch bottom on this manual matter, and whether it will come to the top with its hands full of pearls, or of mud, remains to be seen.

National convention after convention has passed resolutions about a national song-book, but it has become evident that they "may resolute till the cows come home" and yet not accomplish their purpose. I am going to promise this much: That the conference will so forward the work of the national song-book committee that while a song-book will probably not be published between now and Memphis, a substantial basis for one will be arrived at. I will guarantee, in fact, that there will be a preliminary song-book in actual existence that will by far surpass anything hitherto attempted in this line.

One of the biggest questions that will come before the conference will be the ownership of chapter-houses by our chapters. I wish I could guarantee that when the conference closes, the corner-stones of sixty-three chapter-houses would be laid; but, unfortunately, I can not do this. But it does seem to me that we ought to be able, as a fraternity, to hasten the day when every chapter will be harbored in the shadow of its own porch. We have squandered time too long, and it is ardently hoped that at least the first step to realize this "consummation devoutely to be wished" will follow the Chicago gathering.

In an order where every member is pledged to its extension, the consideration we give to this important question should be on more scientific grounds than we have hitherto reached. It is hoped that from our conference there will come the suggestion of a plan which will eventually lead to the evolution of a systematic and orderly process of growth. This plan should be based, among other principles, upon the consideration of our own needs and duties toward disbanded chapters, and, we may even hope, that a settled policy concerning them, not collectively, but individually, will be adopted.

Every fraternity is troubled from time to time by what are usually termed "weak chapters." The student of the Greek-letter society will long, but never expect, to see the millenium when these phenomena of fraternity life, if I may call them such, will entirely disappear. The constant shifting and changing constantly going on in chapter life threatens to involve almost any chapter, and there is no man in our own Fraternity, or in any other, who has not witnessed the sudden decline of a strong chapter to pitiful weakness. It is useless to discuss or point out the causes that lead to such incidents; they are too well known to require explanation. In ten short years of watching the chapters of some of the strongest national organizations in one of our colleges, the writer can testify to having seen all of them on mountain heights of prosperity, and in the dark slough of despond. It simply remains for national fraternities to be always prepared for these emergencies, for frequently they come quickly. If a careful plan were adopted to nurse these individuals during their period of sickness, we should then find, instead of so

many tombstones standing everywhere through the Greek world, seasoned veterans who, having run the course of their disease, had come to renewed vitality.

These are only a few of the matters that will engage the attention of the council in Chicago. If an effectual solution is reached in any one of them the expenditure of time and money will be far from wasted.

Program of the Supreme Council Conference.

December 21.—8 P.M.—Reception and smoker in honor of the Supreme Council, given by the University of Chicago chapter at the chapter-house, 6116 Lexington avenue, Chicago. Address of welcome to the members of the Supreme Council by President Carl E. Sheldon, of Province Delta. Response by Henry Sydnor Harrison, editor of *THE RECORD*. Paul Walker, E.A. of Illinois Theta, will preside.

December 22.—9 A.M.—Report of the Eminent Supreme Archon on the condition of the Fraternity to the Council.

Discussion.

11 A.M.—Report of the E. D. S. A.

Discussion.

2 P.M.—Report of the E. S. R.

Report of the E. S. T.

Report of the editor of *THE RECORD*.

Discussions.

7 P.M.—Informal reception to the Supreme Council by the Northwestern University chapter at the chapter-house, 502 Davis street, Evanston. Address of welcome to the city by Mayor John T. Barker. Response by George D. Kimball, Eminent Supreme Treasurer. Roy H. Monier, E.A. of Illinois Psi-Omega, will preside.

8 P.M.—Grand Province initiation conducted by the Supreme Council under the auspices of Illinois Psi-Omega.

10 P.M.—Informal supper with speeches by prominent members of the Fraternity. Marvin E. Holderness, Eminent Deputy Supreme Archon, to preside.

December 23.—9 A.M.—The catalogue discussion will be led by the Eminent Supreme Recorder.

11 P.M.—The manual discussion will be led by Henry Sydnor Harrison, chairman of the national committee on manual.

2 P.M.—Plans for the Memphis Convention. Discussion will be led by William C. Levere, Eminent Supreme Archon.

3 P.M.—The chapter-house problem. Discussion will be led by George D. Kimball, Eminent Supreme Treasurer.

4:30 P.M.—The song-book. Discussion will be led by Marvin E. Helderness, Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon.

7:45 P.M.—Grand banquet at the Chicago auditorium, given in honor of the Supreme Council by the Chicago Alumni Association.

December 24.—9 A.M.—The day will be given to the consideration of extension; weak chapters; rules and regulations; the fiftieth anniversary; dead chapters; private business; unfinished business.

Christmas eve the Supreme Council will probably attend one of the Chicago theaters, and all brothers will be invited to join the party.

Christmas Day.—The Supreme Council will eat Christmas dinner together, and any brother away from home will be welcomed to this dinner.

The Social Features of the Council Conference.

BY *J. W. Skinke,*

Indiana Beta, 1903.

THE Supreme Council has decided upon Chicago as the place of their mid-convention meeting. As a result, the Chicago Alumni Association has once again found a good excuse, should an excuse be asked, for bringing together a band of Sigma Alphas to participate in a series of pleasant reunions, for the purpose of booming up the reserve of fraternity spirit and adding another chapter to the ever-growing history wherein is chronicled those un-forgotten events in the life of a Greek. The reader is therefore requested to analyze himself with care, and should the microbe of fraternity spirit be found lurking in his system, he is urged to give the little creature a bit of exercise by bringing it to Chicago.

Of course all Sigma Alphas are expected in Chicago, and yet it may be possible that many will hesitate in making a long pilgrimage without first knowing what lies at the end of the journey. If it is necessary, when soliciting a gathering of Sigmas to cry out about the good things in store, we may say that what awaits us in Chicago is nothing short of a gala day. It fails to compare with our national conventions only in the absence of the days of diligent work. Every Sigma Alpha who has not attended a national convention should not fail to come to Chicago.

Money is but a medium of exchange. You make personal sacrifices to get it and spend it for personal gratification. Looking at the matter then in its true light, it can be readily shown that those who make the trip will profit enormously. Let us consider for a moment the good points for thought. For three days we shall be more or less in the company of our Supreme Council, and will become thoroughly acquainted with them. Certainly that will be an equiva-



DR. D. E. W. WENSTRAND

The efficient and popular president of the Chicago Alumni Association, who will preside at the banquet given to the Supreme Council on December 23

lent to the cost of a railroad ticket one way. We shall spend one evening at the Chicago chapter house, where an informal reception and smoker will be held. Our railroad fare returning is now more than paid for. Upon the next evening we shall be present at a joint initiation of Province Delta. The pleasant recollections which this will stir up in our breasts will be worth much more than the slight expense while in the city. This seems to balance up the books, but why stop when we can make a few dollars? On the evening of the 23d, we shall all sit down to a banquet at the auditorium, and after listening to the toasts for two hours, and forgetting all worldly affairs, who is so short-sighted as not to feel at least fifty dollars ahead? This is a fair return for three days' rest. Can we afford to miss such an investment?

Plans for entertaining visitors are being carefully made, that no one shall go home without having the best of times. Acting in conjunction with the Chicago Alumni Association, one of the youngest chapters in our Fraternity, Illinois Theta, at the University of Chicago, has taken it upon itself to provide the opening feature of the program. Upon December 21, the chapter house will be thrown open for an informal reception and smoker, and the affair will be a source of pleasant remembrance to all who can be present. Never will there be a better opportunity for becoming acquainted with the men composing our chapter in one of the largest schools in the country. Then, of course, there will be many alumni and the active members from neighboring chapters present, together with our executive officers. Informality will be the order, every one being expected to feel as though the house were his personal property. During the evening, as the smoke grows thicker, extemporaneous addresses and music will be called for. Remember the number—6116 Lexington Avenue.

The Northwestern chapter, Illinois Psi-Omega, comes to the front with a plan which should meet the hearty approval of all. The brothers at Evanston have conceived the idea of bringing together all the chapters in the province in a joint initiation, and in order that an idea of a perfect ceremony may be demonstrated, the members of the Supreme Council will assume the official roles. Surely

there is none of us who would not consider it an event of his life to be initiated under such circumstances; and it can safely be said that to many of the older brothers it will be a revelation to witness the beauties of the ritual when properly conducted. The initiation will take place in one of the halls in Evanston on December 22, and after the ceremony all will adjourn to the chapter house to welcome the newly-made brothers into the Fraternity.

After meeting for two evenings, we should all be sufficiently acquainted, and, if we must say it, sufficiently indulgent to think of the work yet to be done and toward which we have been harboring our energy, for as the last official event of the holiday festivities, the Chicago Alumni Association believes it most fitting that all Sigmas should sit with them at their mid-convention banquet in honor of the Supreme Council and Judge Jacob M. Dickinson, lately returned from winning international honors as counsel for the United States in the Alaska Boundary Commission. Here is where all are expected to show what Sigma Alpha Epsilon stands for. Come to the banquet room of the Auditorium Hotel feeling that you have more enthusiasm than is good for safety, and we'll all open our safety-valves together. The fatted calf has browsed upon the best fields, and the lion has been caged too long. Upon the 23d of December, at 8 o'clock, we shall assemble to do as our feelings direct, to sacrifice the calf, to hear the lion roar and to uphold the traditions of S. A. E. as befits the occasion. Let every Sigma be there, and with him bring another Sigma. Our Supreme Council is composed of five great men who lead a great fraternity. Have we failed to prove it in the past? Are we coming to Chicago to prove it again?

The University of Virginia and Virginia Omicron.

By *Thomas McNider Simpson, Jr.*,

Virginia Omicron.

PERHAPS no other institution of learning in our country centres its ideals and traditions so largely about one personality as the University of Virginia does about Thomas Jefferson. There were three achievements of his life that this great statesman thought worthy of mention in his auto-epitaph—the authorship of the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, the framing of the Declaration of Independence, and the founding of the University of Virginia. The first of these was accomplished when he was in the service of his native State; the second when he had become a servant of the nation; the third when he had retired from a long life of public service and was devoting his last years to the advancement of the educational interest of his beloved Virginia. The University, which he planned and which he saw take form and being, was intended as the capstone of a system of public instruction so thorough that the State has never been able to complete it.

The work of the University, as now constituted, is divided into four principal departments—academic, medicine, law, engineering. In all departments the courses are comprehensive, the requirements for degrees stringent, and the faculty strong. With the reputation which it has throughout the country and especially in the South, the University needs no meed of praise at my hand.

Situation and environment are well nigh ideal. Just west of Charlottesville, overlooked from the east by Jefferson's Monticello, and from the west by Mt. Jefferson, the site of the observatory, one of the largest in the country, the University grounds present a very fair picture. There is a lack of the compactness that characterizes many large institutions, for the five hundred and twenty-four acres

of campus give plenty of room for the working out of an elaborate architectural scheme. And this is one of Virginia's prides. The central feature is the terraced lawn—the quadrangle—at the upper end of which is the old Rotunda, modelled half-size after the Pantheon. This serves as a guide for the architect; and the classic idea is well carried out in the three buildings shutting in the lower end of the lawn, and in the long colonnades flanking its sides. The dormitory ranges, the hospital, and the gymnasium preserve the classic thought. And the outline of this plan is also due to Jefferson.

The location of the University in the centre of the State, in beautiful and healthful Albemarle, is a testimony to his judgment; the classic style of architecture, simple and grand, unique among American colleges, is a tribute to his taste and idea of propriety of environment; but most of all does the real Jefferson live again in that spirit of personal liberty and the absolute independence of the individual which pervades—nay, which is the very atmosphere of—the place. There is no room for espionage. Hand in hand with individual freedom goes slavery to honor. This institution was a pioneer of the honor system, having introduced it in 1842. Since then it has been in uninterrupted operation, and those rare violations that have occurred have been promptly dealt with by the student-body itself.

Founded by one of the country's greatest statesmen, Virginia's University has been prolific of statesmen; for it is true, as President Roosevelt has well said: "The University is not old in years, as years are counted in an older world; but there are very few institutions of learning in Europe which, however old, have such an honor roll of service to the State, in the council chambers of the State, and of service on the tented field; which have such an honor roll of statesmen and soldiers, as the roll that can be furnished by reading the list of the graduates of this University of Virginia."

In its government, the University is a democracy. Each professor is master of his own department, and the executive is simply one of the professors dignified with the title of Chairman of the Faculty, and clothed with authority to be the official representative of the University. The last Legislature, however, created the office of

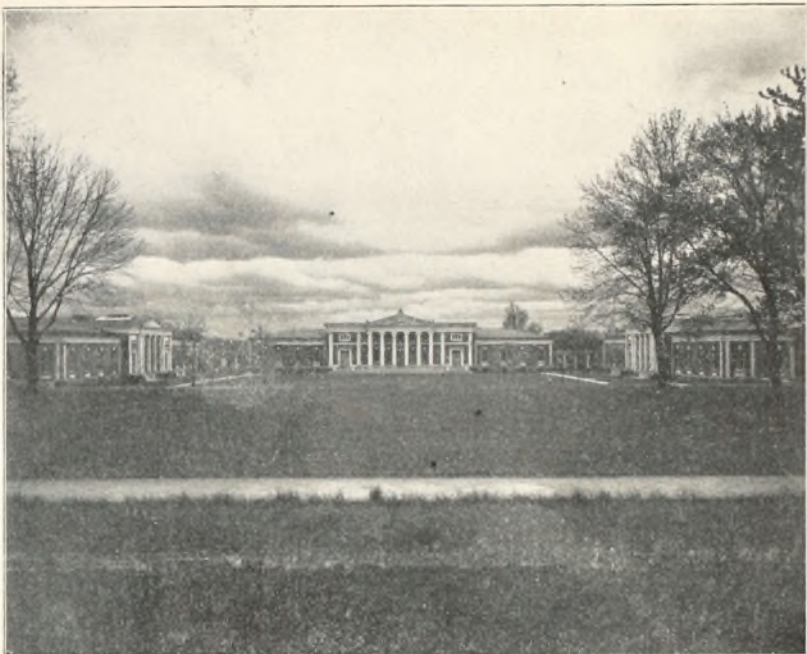


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President, an office which the Board of Visitors has not yet filled. Meanwhile there is considerable difference of opinion as to the wisdom of the change.

Personal freedom of action is, as I have said, the pervading atmosphere of the institution; it is also, to as large an extent as is consistent with discipline and order, the underlying principle in the dealings of faculty and students. It is on this account doubtless that fraternities at Virginia are neither encouraged nor discouraged, that they are left to their own devices. The University was founded in 1819, opened in 1825, and it was in 1850 that Phi Kappa Sigma, founded that same year at the University of Pennsylvania, established her chapter here. Within the next four years, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi and Beta Theta Pi entered Virginia, and in 1858, chapters of Chi Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Phi Gamma Delta were established. Since, the chapters have come and gone, until to-day there are represented sixteen regular Greek-letter fraternities, besides the three class fraternities—Phi Delta Phi (law), Pi Mu (medicine), and Lambda Pi (academic). Of the fraternities now represented here, Delta Tau Delta, established 1889, is the latest comer. In 1897, Mu Pi Lambda was founded here, but its four chapters decided last spring to disband, and its membership has been scattered. Sigma Nu also went out last session, its charter being called in by the national convention.

Virginia Omicron of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was established February 16, 1858, within two years of the founding of the Fraternity, and was the seventh chapter established. Of these first seven, three are now inactive, so that Omicron is fourth in age among our sixty-odd active chapters. But '61 came soon after '58, and the South—Virginia in particular—became the scene of civil strife and indescribable desolation. Colleges and universities closed their doors or saw their numbers dwindle to practical nothingness. Not a chapter was left to Sigma Alpha Epsilon in all the South, with the exception of Washington City Rho alone. The war over, Virginia Omicron was the first chapter to re-establish itself, and from 1867 to 1869 it discharged the duties of Grand Chapter. It was during this term of office that the chapter prepared the Fraternity's second

catalogue, ready in manuscript in 1868, though not published until 1870.

Since the war the chapter has suffered one other suspension. During the session of 1878-9, only one member of the chapter being in the University, the Grand Chapter withdrew the charter, which was not reissued until 1885. The credit of the re-establishment is due largely to the efforts of J. H. Phinizy (Georgia Beta), and H. D. Flood (Virginia Sigma), now representative of the Tenth Congressional District of Virginia. The history of the eighteen years that have elapsed would be but the old story, familiar to all chapters, of ups and downs, of successes and disappointments. These we do not care to dwell upon, for the present is full of encouragement, the future full of promise.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is one of the fraternities at Virginia which draw most largely upon their sister chapters for recruits. With those fraternities which are well represented in the South, the annual inflow of affiliates is a matter of interest, if not of concern, for different sections send to the chapter a diversity of material. Virginia Omicron has been singularly fortunate in its affiliates, and for many of the best names on her records, and of the most valuable members of her chapter, she is indebted to other institutions and other chapters. The transfer system is fraught with a danger as well as laden with a blessing. It is a temptation to take one's ease when it is seen that the chapter roll is well filled with returning members and affiliates, and there is a danger that new material may not be properly examined; but on the other hand, it is a comfort to be able to feel that there is no absolute necessity of an initiation, and that no man is needed merely to increase the number of members, if he can bring no decided talent or prestige to the chapter.

Now for a confession—Omicron is unhoused. At some institutions this would mean much against her, but at Virginia this is not the case, for fraternity houses have never been much in evidence here. Of the sixteen fraternities, two own homes and one rents a home. Delta Kappa Epsilon finished her house, costing some \$5,000, in 1900, and Delta Psi last year moved into its \$20,000 home, St. Anthony Hall. Neither house furnishes more than a



VIRGINIA OMICRON, 1902-'03, (six missing).

	Simpson	Bachman	Wilson	Pratt	
Upshur	Latimer	Martin	McCallie	Bradford	
Dabney	Russell	Dunnington	Chaffe	Smith	Lightle
Oliver	Beine	Crawford	Shelton	Watkins	

portion of the membership with rooms. Delta Tau Delta has perhaps a larger percentage of its membership in its rented house on the University grounds. Not one of the three houses attempts a boarding department. Several of the fraternities are longing for a house and planning for one—S. A. E. among the number—but the time has not come when a chapter is dependent upon a chapter-house for success.

The Virginia atmosphere is that of conservatism, and Virginia Omicron is conservative. Perhaps she is too much so sometimes, but it is a safer policy than erring in the other extreme. And to this conservatism can probably be attributed in some measure the place Sigma Alpha Epsilon now holds among the Greeks in the "Athens of the South." The interest and favor with which she is regarded by her compeers and rivals is one of the surest signs of the brightening prospects and increasing influence of rejuvenated Omicron.

Hon. J. C. W. Beckham.*

By *Donald W. McQueen,*

Kentucky Kappa, '05.

BY reason of the recent political troubles in Kentucky there has been brought before the public with especial prominence one who has taken a most active part in the affairs of the commonwealth. To Sigma Alpha Epsilon his prominence is particularly interesting, for he is a loyal wearer of the purple and gold.

John Crepps Wickliffe Beckham was born August 5, 1869, at Bardstown, Ky. His family is one of an old distinction in the society and politics of Kentucky. The late Hon. William N. Beckham, his father, was a man greatly loved and respected, and his early death cut short an illustrious career. His paternal grandfather, William T. Beckham, and his maternal grandfather, Gov. Charles A. Wickliffe, were life-long workers for the welfare of the State.

John C. W. Beckham was prepared for college in the schools of his native town, and entered Central University at Richmond, Ky., as a member of the class of 1888. Not many days passed after matriculation ere he won the attentions of S. A. E., and on the 16th of September, 1884, he was initiated into the Fraternity. From that day his interest in the Fraternity has been unbounded, and is constantly displayed. During his student days, as Eminent Recorder, he presented to the chapter minutes replete with originality, and his duties in this office were performed with the characteristic zeal of the ideal Recorder. In class work, "Lucky Crepps," as he was familiarly known, stood well, and all who knew him foresaw for him a bright future.

Brother Beckham did not graduate, but in 1886, after two years of college life, he left college in order to assist his younger brother in obtaining an education. For the succeeding three years he was

*Valuable assistance in preparing this article was given by the private secretary to the Governor, Mr. Edward O. Leigh.

principal of the Bardstown High School. In 1893 he began to practice law, having already been admitted to the bar in May, 1889, before his twentieth birthday. After a short but bright career as a lawyer, Mr. Beckham was, on his twenty-fourth birthday, nominated for the Kentucky Legislature by the Democratic party. His election was unanimous. At the expiration of his term of office, he retired from politics; but was, in 1897, prevailed upon by his party to accept the nomination for the Legislature. He was re-elected, and soon afterwards, in 1898, chosen Speaker of the House of Representatives.

It was during his term as Speaker that a strong friendship grew up between him and William Goebel, then a State Senator, and a strong factor in State politics. In 1899 Goebel was nominated and elected Governor, with Beckham for Lieutenant-Governor. There was a contest, during the pendency of which Senator Goebel was shot and killed by an assassin concealed in the Executive Building. Kentucky was at the time in a state of great excitement, with rival claimants for all State offices; and for several months there were two separate and distinct sets of officers claiming to the legal title. Under such circumstances Mr. Beckham took up the mantle of the murdered Goebel, fought his title through the Supreme Court of the United States and won in every tribunal. It required a cool head and a steady hand to guide aright the ship of State, but this young man of thirty showed himself master of the situation and brought order out of chaos.

Under the terms of the Kentucky Constitution, where a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor within the first two years of the term, the vacancy must be filled by election of the people. Accordingly, Governor Beckham stood for election at the next succeeding election and was triumphantly elected. He served out the unexpired term with credit to himself, and to the great satisfaction of the people of Kentucky.

The Constitution of Kentucky also provides that a Governor shall not be eligible to the succeeding term for which he shall have been elected, but Governor Beckham, not having served a full, but a partial term, was considered eligible, and his friends urged him to

stand for re-election, and, notwithstanding the technical objection of ineligibility which was urged against him, he was renominated by his party, and at the recent election was elected over the Republican candidate, Belknap, by 28,000 votes, the largest majority given a candidate for Governor in twenty years.

Mr. Beckham was married in November, 1900, to Miss Jean Fuqua, of Owensboro, and a little girl, now two years old, makes happy the home life of the Governor.

Judge Jacob M. Dickinson.

By *O. L. Hall,*

Illinois Psi-Omega, 1901.

IT is never difficult to point out the landmarks along the path leading to a man's achievements. That is one reason why we know there has been nothing accidental about the rise of Judge Jacob M. Dickinson, the most distinguished Sigma Alph of the present day. From his early childhood in the South, throughout his career as a student and his steady advance to a distinguished place in international diplomatic circles, this man, who is proud to be known as a wearer of our fraternity emblem, has been a stern, consistent, unflinching, willing servant to the things he has found it his duty to do. That, in a word, tells the story of his life.

To those of us who know Judge Dickinson, who have heard his forceful logic, his clean humor, his declarations of loyalty to our fraternal ideals, his straightforward sincerity, it is easy to understand his power. Judge Dickinson is no ordinary man. He is a Southerner with all a Southerner's fire and chivalry. He is an adopted Chicagoan with all a Chicagoan's energy and fighting qualities. He is a Sigma Alph, with all a Sigma Alph's spirit and friendliness. He is an interested participant at all the important meetings of the Fraternity in Chicago, and he never fails to win the admiration of the Freshmen, fire the spirit of the upper classmen, and interest the old stagers.

There is a natural force about Judge Dickinson. It is written in his bold, firm chin, it is stamped upon his ranging forehead, it is indicated in his keen, smiling eyes. He has the look of one who is strong in his own convictions, yet considerate, of one who is uncompromising in principle, who is stern yet gentle and always unafraid. There is no less of power in his physical make-up than in his mental strength. Tall, broad-shouldered, muscular, and well-knit, he is

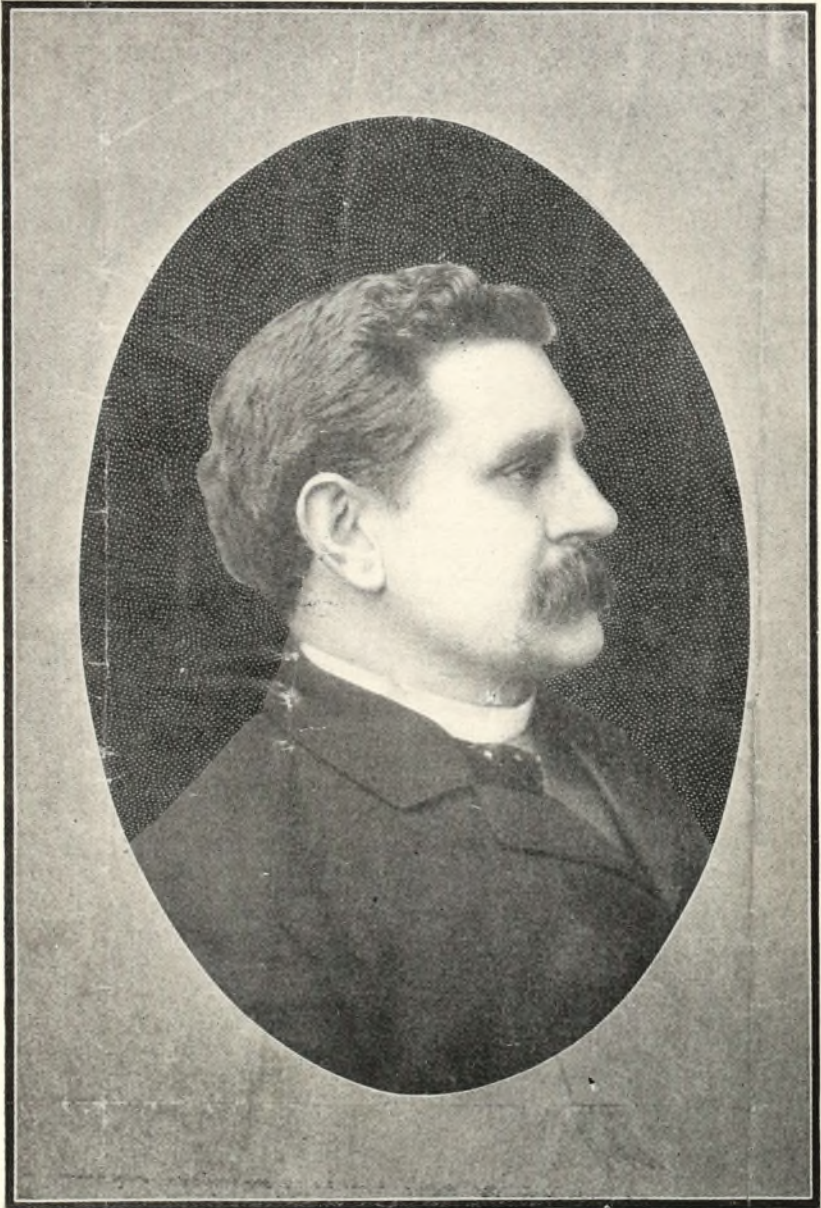
endowed with an ability for that hard and constant work which men of his large calibre seem inevitably to attract to themselves.

Judge Dickinson is now in the prime of life. He was born January 30, 1851, in Columbus, Miss. His father, Henry Dickinson, in direct line from the Henry Dickinson who settled in Virginia in 1654, was an eminent member of the Mississippi bar, a chancellor for many years, a presidential elector, and was one of the commissioners sent by Mississippi to the secession convention in Delaware. He married Anna McGavock, the eldest daughter of Jacob and Louisa McGavock, and granddaughter of Felix Grundy, a well-known resident of Nashville, Tenn.

Jacob Dickinson passed his early youth in Columbus, where, near the end of the civil war, he volunteered for the service at the age of fourteen years, and served under General Ruggles in the operations about Columbus. On account of this service he won a membership in the Isham Harris Bivouac, C. S. A., at his native city. At the close of the war the family moved to Nashville, and in the public schools of that city and in the Montgomery Bell Academy, he prepared for college. He graduated at the University of Nashville under the chancellorship of General E. Kirby Smith (afterwards one of the founders of Tennessee Omega), and took his A.B. degree in 1871, and his Master's degree a year later.

The event in his life which makes Judge Dickinson of direct interest to Sigma Alpha Epsilon happened in 1871. In that year he became a member of the Fraternity, a membership he has ever since honored, and of which he has ever been proud. While he was an active Fraternity man, he was busy everywhere. Besides his heavy college work, he assumed, in 1871-1872, the duties of assistant professor of Latin in the university. During that period he also took a night course in physiology and demonstration of anatomy in the medical department of the institution.

After receiving his A.M. degree Judge Dickinson entered the Columbia Law School, in New York City, where he took both the junior and senior courses under the teaching of Theodore Dwight. In the summer of 1873 he traveled in Europe, and in the autumn of that year he matriculated at the University of Leipzig for the pur-



JACOB M. DICKINSON, OF TENNESSEE NU, 1871
Counsel for the United States before the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal,
who made the closing argument on the American side

pose of studying German and attending lectures in Roman law and political economy. In 1874 he took a course of lectures on literature in the Sorbonne, and in civil law in L'Ecole du Droit at Paris. In the fall of 1874, as one of the best educated men who ever lived in Tennessee, he was admitted to the bar at Nashville.

In 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893 he was specially appointed by Governors Buchanan, Taylor and Turney to serve upon the Supreme Bench; and when Chief Justice Horace H. Lurton resigned his seat to accept a position on the federal bench, Governor Turney, in March, 1893, tendered to Judge Dickinson an appointment to the vacant position.

Although he has always taken an active interest in politics, public office has never been an allurements to Judge Dickinson. He was particularly prominent during the bitter contest in the State of Tennessee growing out of difficulties in connection with the State debt. In 1882 he was chairman of the Credit Wing of the Democratic party. Twice he was chairman of the Committee of Fifty from the Reform Association of Nashville which, in two prolonged and hard-fought struggles, completely overthrew the ring politicians.

As an economist Judge Dickinson holds a high position, particularly in the financial world. In 1889 he delivered an address before the Bankers' Association of Chicago, upon the "Financial and General Condition of the South." This became, for the time, an economic classic. In 1896 he was selected to deliver at the Centennial Exposition at Nashville the address commemorative of the hundredth anniversary of the admission of Tennessee to the Union.

During February, 1895, Judge Dickinson was commissioned Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, and served until the end of President Cleveland's term, when he resigned. He was then made district attorney for the Louisville & Nashville R. R. for Tennessee and Northern Alabama, and also engaged in general practice. In addition he served as a professor in the law department of Vanderbilt University, a position he held until his removal to Chicago.

On the first day of November, 1899, Judge Dickinson succeeded Judge James Fentress as general solicitor of the Illinois Central

Railroad Company, and just two years later he succeeded Mr. B. F. Ayer as general counsel of the company, both positions being then combined. This makes Judge Dickinson the holder of one of the most important legal positions with a corporation in America.

What appears to be the climax of all these honors, but what more probably is only the forerunner of greater things to come, was his selection by President Roosevelt, in connection with David T. Watson, of Pittsburg, as counsel, and Hannis Taylor, of Mobile, as associate counsel, to represent the government of the United States before the Alaska Boundary Commission in London. The work of this commission was recently finished. Every one knows how Judge Dickinson's oratory stirred the members of the tribunal, and how his forceful argument, in closing the debate for the American side, gave to the United States for all time all the territory in dispute.

Judge Dickinson was married April 20, 1876, at Nashville, to Martha Maxwell Overton, daughter of John and Harriet Maxwell Overton. They have three children, John Overton, Henry and J. M., Jr.

A New Distinction for Champe Andrews.



AT the annual convention of the National Spanish War Veterans, held in New Haven on November 2, Champe S. Andrews, one of the most prominent of the younger members of the Fraternity in the public eye, was called on in the absence of his Commander-in-Chief to respond to the town's addresses of welcome, and did so in a way which won for him very general applause and admiration. Besides many prominent citizens and the entire Yale faculty, there were present among his auditors the Mayor of New Haven, the Governor of Connecticut, and President Hadley, of Yale University. In a later session of the convention his fellow comrades attested their good-will by electing Brother Andrews their Senior Vice-Commander. Another promotion will land him in the chair of the Commander-in-Chief.

We can give our readers no better idea of the circumstances under which Champe Andrews' speech was delivered than by quoting from a personal letter, of recent date, from Brother Andrews to the editor:

There is an organization known as the National Army and Navy of Spanish War Veterans, which is composed of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of the Spanish War. Once each year it holds an annual convention, much like the convention held by our Fraternity, at which officers are elected, by-laws amended and new legislation for the government of the association is made. It is customary when the conventions meet to have exercises of a public character, and the one at New Haven consisted in a reception to the delegates and their friends in Woolsey Hall, Yale University. I believe this is the first instance of this hall ever being used for an occasion not connected in some way with Yale College. There was a chairman of the meeting, one of the most prominent lawyers in the city. He first introduced the Mayor of the city, who made an address of welcome; next, the Governor of the State, who made an address of welcome, and lastly, President Arthur T. Hadley, of Yale University, made a third address. Of course somebody had to respond to these speeches, and as our Commander-in-Chief, Col. Urell, was not present, it fell to me to make the response, a copy of which I sent

you The faculty of Yale occupied the platform together with prominent members of our organization and the Governor's staff. It was a most brilliant scene. There were about two to three thousand people present, including the delegates and the ladies of the town and the wives of our visiting comrades. The Grand Army of the Republic, Admiral Foote Post, was present in a body in uniform.

This is Brother Andrews' account of the affair. The following is from the *New Haven Evening Leader*, of November 3:

The splendid speech made by Captain Champe Andrews in Woolsey Hall last evening won the most enthusiastic approval of all who heard it, and is to-day the most discussed incident of the reunion.

Captain Andrews is an orator of exceptional charm and ability. He has all the polish and magnetism that characterizes the Sons of the South, those men of warm hearts and cultured minds. The son of a Confederate colonel who was a leading lawyer of the South, Captain Andrews came to New York at the close of the war, a stranger, but with plenty of pluck and ambition. He became a member of the law firm of Hill, Sturcke & Andrews, whose specialty is corporation law and estates. He is counsel for the New York County Medical Society, and is regarded as the brightest young member of the New York bar.

He is exalted ruler of New York lodge of Elks, an organization which includes in its membership the leading judges and professional men of the city.

Two years ago he was the Democratic nominee for assemblyman in Roosevelt's old district, and was defeated by 1,800 votes. One year ago he was again the nominee and was defeated by only 300 votes. This year he is being urged to run again, and if he consents his friends say he will certainly be elected, so great is his popularity, so genuine the respect in which he is held by his fellow men.

Captain Andrews has been richly favored by nature, which gave him a fine mind, handsome features, and a physique of almost perfect proportions.

The *Leader* then goes on to give Brother Andrews' speech in full, as follows:

CAPTAIN ANDREWS' SPEECH.

Captain Andrews spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency, Mr. Mayor, Mr. President, Venerable Members of the Grand Army, Ladies, Gentlemen and Comrades:

When Henry W. Grady, that illustrious spokesman for the South, was first called upon to address a New England audience, he rose to his feet and in one blunt sentence blurted out his gratitude for the privilege and honor of speaking to them, and then he said: "I make this acknowledgment advisedly, for if when I raise my provincial voice in this ancient and

august presence, my courage should fail and my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, I should wish my one sentence to be expressive of my gratitude for the privilege of speaking to you to-night." (Applause.)

If I may humbly use the words of so great a master, permit me to say that my sentiments are the same as those expressed by Mr. Grady.

You men of New England will never know the pleasure it gives one from way down South in Dixie to speak in these classic halls as the representative of an organization in which the simple test of membership is this: When your country called for volunteers in 1898 did you raise your right hand and take the solemn pledge to defend these United States?

Men born in the heart of New England, in the land of Lexington and Bunker Hill, in the land that has never known but one flag, need not protest that patriotism.

Your patriotic lineage can be traced clearly as the apostolic succession, and it goes back in one unbroken line to the days of the Revolution and the trying times preceding that great struggle. We of the South recall with pride that our forefathers stood side by side with yours in the struggle for liberty. (Great applause.)

Linked forever with the great names of New England in the building of this republic are the names of Washington and Jefferson, true sons of Virginia, and if on Massachusetts soil the first gun was fired for American liberty, it was at Yorktown that the struggle came to a glorious conclusion; and so in the war of 1812 our forefathers were still side by side. (Applause.)

In the Mexican war it was the State of Tennessee that by its generous numbers of defenders of the flag won its royal title of volunteer State.

But a little more than a generation ago the men of the North and the men of the South found themselves in a death-struggle.

A new flag was flung to the Southern breeze and for four long years the allegiance of the South wavered in the balance.

I am not here to-night to discuss the issues of that war, nor am I here to rejoice for the position taken by my people in that conflict. My desire is merely to thank God that when the struggle came to an end, the flag of the republic still floated for liberty and union, now and forever, one and inseparable, and to further testify that the issue as finally settled by the appeal to the arbitrament of arms was accepted by the people of the South in a manly and courageous spirit. (Great cheers and applause.)

The questions settled by that war are now res judicata, and the South has turned its face to a rising sun. (Cheers.)

Just how gradually this change came about and just what part the Spanish war played in the reconciliation I can perhaps explain in no better way than by briefly relating the history of a memorial service in one of the typical cities of the South.

In a distant southern valley through which rose the river first called by the Indians, Tennessee, are two spots reared to the valor of the American soldier.

On one side of this valley rises a beautiful mountain famed in song and sublimest story, upon the sides of which Joseph Hooker fought his famous "Battle above the clouds."

On the other side of the valley, crag facing crag, rises Missionary Ridge, up the side of which in November, 1863, Grant's army charged with such consummate valor.

Midway in the valley in the shadow of Lookout Mountain lie two sacred places. One of them is a beautiful knoll set apart by the government of the United States as a burying-ground for the Federal dead.

Almost as far as the eye can reach stretches an unbroken line of sod and flowers. Here and there the primeval oaks and eternal pines keep silent guard for the sleeping city of the dead.

On the gently sloping hillside, rising rank after rank, are the white marble slabs upon which are written the name of the regiments and the heroes who lie beneath.

Over the archway which leads to this "eternal camping ground," these words are written, "Sacred to the memory of 13,000 Federal soldiers who died that their country might live."

Not a gunshot away lies another graveyard. I have the warrant of President McKinley for saying that it, too, is sacred to the American people. This graveyard is not in the care of the Federal government. It is maintained by the loving care of the sons and daughters and friends of the men buried there. The individual graves are not marked, for, alas, they belong to the great army of the unknown, and the simple monument reared in honor of them all bears these simple words, "To our unknown Confederate dead."

Now I can remember as a lad, first knowing what Memorial day meant. I can remember my father with his veteran comrades of the Confederacy, marching once each year to the second graveyard, and I can remember how wives and sons and daughters of those veterans went with them in a loving procession. It struck me as strange that another procession, this one clad in blue, would march for part of the way over our line of march, and then when we came to the parting of the ways, it would continue on to the Federal cemetery.

To my childish mind it seemed as if one procession could have done for them both.

The Spanish war came and the call to arms that sounded throughout your New England hills reverberated as well to the dales of Tennessee, and when Connecticut and Maine reached Chickamauga and Tampa, the sons of Tennessee and Georgia, clad in the same blue, were there to greet them.

The short struggle, hardly more than a skirmish, which we know as the Spanish war, came to an end, and then what a change in the memorial exercises! On Decoration day the gray and the blue in "Memory well may be seen marching the one way." Their sons and daughters, side by side, followed them, and there was no parting of the ways, for they marched to the same ground and with the same measured tread, and in their arms bore the same flag and the same blossoms of the South. (Applause.)

When the procession had marched back to the city and the moon arose over behind the mountain, it looked down upon those silent graveyards and lo! planted upon the grave of every soldier, Federal and Confederate alike, was a tiny flag of the republic planted there in sweet mourning by former foes, now friends. (Great cheers and applause.)

My comrades of the Spanish war, we realize all too well that the day is coming when there will be no one of our fathers left to decorate the graves of our patriotic dead, but in your name and in the name of our organization I pledge the old soldier, be he of the blue or of the gray, that when they are gone their children and their children's children will never permit Memorial day to pass until they have honored them with a soldier's remembrance. (Great applause.)

And perhaps in advancing this one reason for the organized existence of the Spanish war veterans I should be content, but the generosity and the good faith with which you have received my testimony to a reunited country lead me to believe that your feelings come truly from the heart and that your sympathy for your brothers of the South is as genuine as it is hearty. (Great applause.)

If this be true, then your sympathy must be with the South, and I say the South advisedly; for while it is true in one broad sense that there is no North and South, in another sense there will, until the end of time, be a South, divided not only from the rest of the Union but from the rest of the world—a South marked off and held together by the hand of God; not a South separated by any conflict of ideals as to the future, but a South differentiated from other sections of the country, because upon the shoulders of the Southern people has been placed a burden the like of which no people have ever before been asked to carry.

Into hands still trembling from the blow that shattered the shackles of the slave was thrust a ballot. Within twelve months after the negro had tramped down the cotton field a slave, he dictated the policy of government from halls which lately had rung with the oratory of Davis and Calhoun.

The awful days that followed I shall pass over with the comment that had Uncle Abraham been spared to the people and his spirit prevailed, the horrors of reconstruction would never have been. But come they did, and when endurance under such condition was no longer possible the yoke of negro domination was overthrown and the South came together as the South, and as such it will remain united.

I can not here discuss how the problem will be solved further than to say in this city, where superior mind will prevail, the stream of mental power always flows down hill, and as long as the brain of the Anglo-Saxon continues superior to the brain of the African, so long will the white man of the South remain the master of the situation.

But, however is the problem of the South, as Grady said, it must be solved in peace, because riot means destruction. It must be solved by keeping the races separate because amalgamation means displacement: IT MUST BE

SOLVED WITH EQUAL AND EXACT JUSTICE TO THE BLACK MAN, BECAUSE TO THIS WE ARE BOUND BY HONOR AND GRATITUDE.

We men of '98 know what service the negro rendered at Santiago, and we hope and believe that the spirit which he showed on that battle-field is an earnest of the spirit his race will show in assisting the white race in solving the problem.

This organization knows no political party, nor is it bound together for purposes other than those patriotic and humane, but by inculcating a broad and humane view of the nation's problems, I believe it is assisting the solution of all the dangers that lie in the pathway of the republic.

And I am glad that at this fourth assembly of the national army, when we are still in a formative period, that we are privileged to meet in the city of New Haven, for in this city is an institution famous the world over for its democratic spirit. (Great applause.)

At Yale University we know men are taught to solve problems, not in the heat of passion but in the light of cold reason, and we know that from Yale go forth men into every quarter of the globe carrying the highest ideals of manhood and of citizenship. (Cheers and applause.)

I know that every delegate to this assembly will go away to a greater or less degree under the influence of the Yale spirit, and will leave New Haven a better soldier, better citizen and better man than when he entered it. (Long-continued cheers and applause.)

Commenting editorially on Champe Andrews' speech, the same paper says:

So long as the Spanish-American war veterans live the graves of the boys of '61 will not be neglected or forgotten, and the eloquent words in which Captain Andrews expressed the pledge to this effect will be echoed and re-echoed all over this great land, arousing the tenderest sentiments and resolutions in the heart of every Spanish-American war veteran whose services are thus enlisted. . . .

The best orators of the nation, the brilliant Gordon, Grady and Watter-son of the South, and the talented Foraker, Logan and Blaine of the North have pictured the new brotherhood of the nation, the reorganized, reunited North and South, arousing their audiences to enthusiasm, in itself flattering evidence of appreciation; but not one of these ever succeeded in completely picturing the loyalty of the South and the brotherhood of all men of this nation as did Captain Andrews, this son of an old Confederate colonel, who wore the uniform of blue in the war which drove Spain from the Pearl of the Antilles.

Members of Admiral Foote post wept and cheered as this warm-hearted, gifted son of the South modestly, unostentatiously, uttered the words which so well described the sentiments of the South, and so delicately consecrated the Vets of '98 to life service in perpetuating the memories of the Vets of '61.

President Hadley fittingly complimented this young orator and paid him a compliment which was cheered to the echo.

The South has a right to be proud of Captain Champe Andrews. We are all proud of him, even if we do not all live in the South.



TENNESSEE NU, 1902-'03
Our present chapter at Vanderbilt University,

Vanderbilt University and Tennessee Nu.

By *Frank K. Houston,*

Tennessee Nu, 1900.

THOUGH he encircled the continent with his railroads and dotted an ocean with his steamships, yet Commodore Vanderbilt's chief claim to distinction and finest monument to posterity is the great southern university that he founded, and which to-day bears his name. That one act was enough to make him famous, and has caused his name to be ever revered and honored by all who are interested in the progress of the South. Though he was sagacious, yet that great American prince of finance builded here even wiser than he knew. This fact has been recognized by his family, and other members have made gifts of buildings and additions to the endowment and equipment of the university, which will be monuments to their broad-minded philanthropy and splendid generosity.

A mere stripling in years, having a history of only a quarter of a century, Vanderbilt University has steadily forged its way to the front, until to-day it yields the palm of supremacy to no southern institution. It is distinctly an institution of the new South—the new South so eloquently pleaded for by Henry Grady. Though established in the dark and bloody days of reconstruction, when the chaotic condition and poverty of southern schools was appalling, yet in accord with the express wish of Commodore Vanderbilt, it has stood for the obliteration of all sectional animosities, and has emphasized the importance and blessings of a reunited country. Established in 1875 by such men as Garland and McTyiere, the university was at once started on high academic and ethical standards, which have been strictly maintained and are the pride of the institution.

The honor system is in vogue, and every student is put upon his honor as soon as he enters the university and trusted to the utmost,

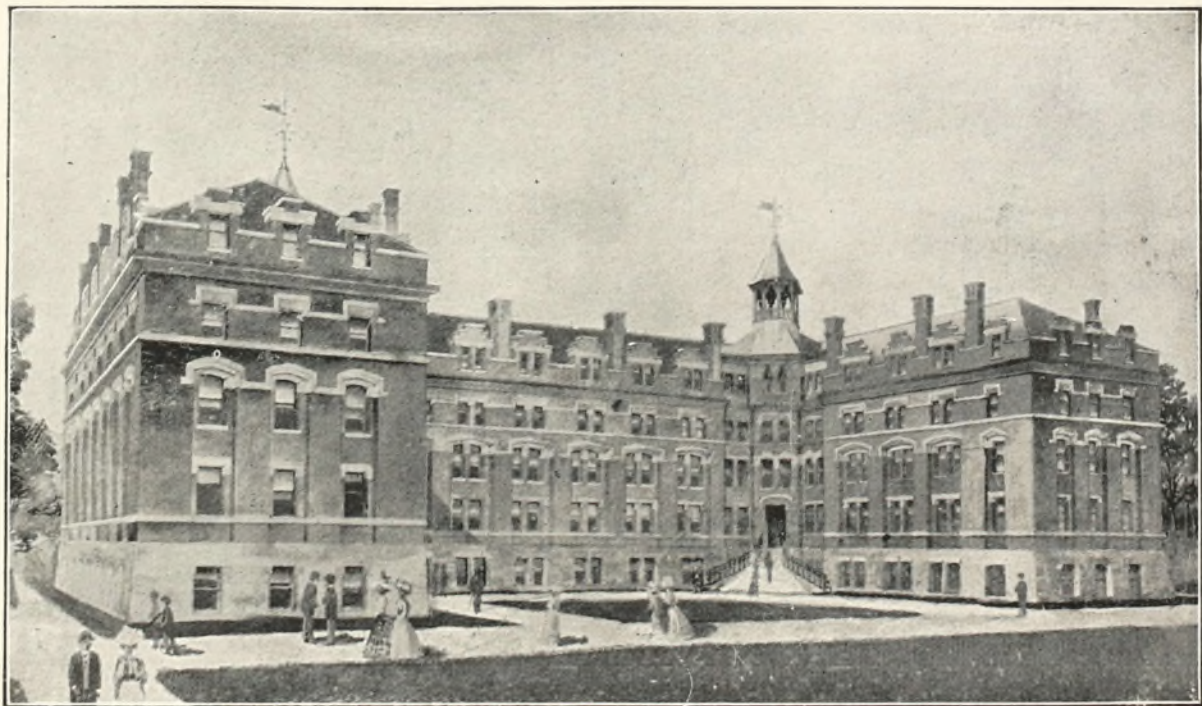
until he proves himself unworthy. The faculty and student-body are in strict accord on this point, and more than once has an offending student been driven out by the Honor Committee, which is composed of the presidents of the respective classes. The same spirit that has put Vanderbilt on such a high moral plane has characterized her athletic relations. From the beginning her watchword has been "Pure Athletics," and the precedent thus set has probably had more than any other one thing to do with purified athletics in southern colleges. The Commodores, as they are called in memory of the great founder, on the gridiron, diamond and cinder path, have often tasted the sweets of victory, as well as drunk to its bitter dregs the cup of defeat; yet in all cases they have been comforted by the thought that it was honorably won or honorably lost. Through the efforts principally of Vanderbilt, the Southern Athletic Association, with a Vanderbilt professor at its head, has been formed, which now stands guard over all southern intercollegiate athletics.

Vanderbilt is the product and the pride of southern Methodism, as it was to the fostering care of that great church that the founder committed it. Situated at Nashville, Tennessee, whose other many institutions of learning have truly earned for it the title of Athens of the South, Vanderbilt is easily accessible to all the southern and many of the middle and western States, and consequently in its enrollment embraces about thirty different States. The university contains seven different departments, with a total enrollment of nearly a thousand. The academic, engineering, theological and pharmaceutical are located on the campus, while the law, dental and medical have separate buildings in different parts of the city. Although all the departments are not together, yet there is plenty of college spirit, and they are all one where the university is concerned. Vanderbilt's A.B. degree is to-day quoted higher on the academic Rialto than that of any other southern university, This has been caused by the high curriculum maintained, and the efficiency of her instructors.

Commodore Vanderbilt's donation of \$500,000 in 1873, was the foundation of the university, and since then other donations have raised the permanent endowment up to nearly \$2,000,000. The site



LAW BUILDING AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY



KISSAM HALL, AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

of the university is an ideal one. Situated as it is, about a mile and a half from the business part of the city, it is given a conspicuous prominence from every direction, while a bird's-eye view of the city and the beautiful country round about, can be had from any of the larger buildings on the campus. The campus, said to be one of the prettiest in the country, is a lovely park laid off in walks and drives. Within its borders are many varieties of beautiful flowers and shade-trees. On one side is located Dudley field, the best athletic field in the South, where most of the great contests in southern athletics are held.

The largest building on the campus is University Hall, where are most of the academic class-rooms, besides the chapel, library and society halls. Other buildings are Science Hall, Engineering Hall, Wesley Hall, with the Theological department, and Kissam Hall recently added by Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt in memory of his mother. It has been pronounced by many capable judges as one of the handsomest pieces of architecture in the State. Certainly it presents an imposing appearance with its lofty towers and numerous stone-trimmed windows. Many other handsome buildings add to the beauty of the surroundings.

The democracy of the university prevalent in all phases embraces coeducation; and although it has often been discussed pro and con by the debating societies, the fact that it remains is conclusive proof that the Board of Trust has seen no reason to retrace their step. The numbers of the co-eds increase from year to year, and a woman's dormitory is a projected addition of probably no distant date. They have two local sororities, to the one or other of which nearly all belong.

The ideal fraternity life that exists at Vanderbilt to-day has not always been so. One seeing the perfect unison with which the faculty and fraternities now work, and the part they play in the life of the university, one could hardly believe that it was once far different. Yet there was a time when a bitter fight was waged between them, characterized by defiance on the one hand and unyielding opposition on the other. From the first the bar was placed on fraternities, and the order issued that they would not be tolerated. Although

this unfriendly attitude was assumed by the university, the Greek world was too powerful to be thwarted by any such action, and the year 1876 saw the establishment of the Tennessee Alpha chapter of Phi Delta Theta. The faculty warned the members of this chapter to be careful, but they had an uninterrupted and exclusive existence until 1882, when Rainbow and Kappa Alpha established chapters, while Beta Theta Pi carried on operations under the chapter at Cumberland University. Although bitterly opposed by the authorities, these chapters not only existed, but flourished. Cliques and combinations were formed and fraternity politics rose to a high pitch. The literary societies fell into their hands, and the strife and scramble for honors became terrific. A law debarring fraternity men from degrees and all honors in the university was passed, but still this did not adjust matters, as the authorities could not tell who were fraternity men and who were not. An effort was made to saddle the enforcement of this law on the fraternities, but they refused to bear it.

Although the fraternities found it easy to evade the laws and defy the authorities, yet they were anxious for the time to come when they could act above-board with the sanction of all concerned. In 1883, after many urgent appeals had been made by the students and papers, the obnoxious law was repealed, but in a way to obviate the appearance of defeat on the part of the authorities. Upon the repeal of the anti-fraternity law other fraternities established chapters at the university, among which was Sigma Alpha Epsilon, in 1883. Fourteen fraternities now have chapters here.

Fraternity life at Vanderbilt to-day is well-nigh perfect. Free from all cliques and combinations, unmarred by mud-slinging and hard feeling, it has a wholesome and unique character that is paralleled at few institutions. The ideals and principles that actuated their founders in creating them are fully carried out, a premium is placed upon character, and the men sought after are those well-rounded in all phases of college life. Society and athletics are cultivated, but not to the detriment of anything else.

The life is very democratic, and not characterized by extravagance in any way. The rushing season is fierce but fair, and is free from

all animosity and enmity. The chapters choose to rest on their merits rather than the demerits of a rival. Social functions are frequently given to which members of the other chapters are invited. The *Comet* is the annual published by a board of directors elected by the different fraternities. A Pan-Hellenic association has been formed which has charge of affairs relating to the chapters in general, and keeps peace with those without the mystic circle.

Of this life both in the university and in the Greek world, Tennessee Nu plays no unimportant part. With the largest chapter at the university, with men in every activity and every department of the college, her life, as is to be supposed, is an important and pleasant one. Tennessee Nu replaces the first daughter of the mother chapter, established at the University of Nashville in 1857. The charter members of this chapter were Thomas H. Hamilton and Dr. Van S. Lindsley, both of whom were distinguished citizens of Nashville until their deaths a few years ago. Besides these, seventeen others became members before the war. On the breaking out of the war the chapter became extinct, most of the small band taking up arms in the defense of their country. After the war the chapter was revived along with the university, and had an uninterrupted and successful existence until 1883, when the university was overshadowed by the brilliant debut of Vanderbilt, and the charter was transferred to the latter place.

The chapter takes especial pride in her alumni, among whom are Judge J. M. Dickinson, Hon. J. Washington Moore, Past Eminent Supreme Archon, M. E. Holderness, present E. S. D. A., besides many others of note. She has always had loyal sons with willing hands, and to them is due much of her present success. The present membership exceeds thirty men, most of whom are domiciled in the chapter house, just off the campus. Brother Holderness, who is now secretary of the university, is closely associated with the brothers, taking an active interest in all that concerns the Fraternity, and from his wise counsel and advice the chapter derives much good. Last year the chapter took more honors than any other here, and from the present indications will do no less this. Their social position is secure, both in the university and the city: they have at

their command the best society of each, and the established reputation of giving the most important fraternity functions in the university.

At peace with all her associates, and with a past record that any chapter might be proud of, the position of Tennessee Nu at Vanderbilt to-day seems secure. And with such a band of loyal workers as she now has, the auguries for the future seem propitious. She will keep step with the great university in whose bosom she rests and whose history is only begun, and through the future years they shall march together, one the honor and pride of the great educational world, the other, I trust, the pride of the great fraternity she represents, and an honor to the Greek world outside.

Three Province Conventions.

THE next two or three months will witness the biennial convention of probably every province in the Fraternity. This season is wisely selected as being midway between the national conventions. Especially interesting just now is the initial meeting of delegates from the new Province Iota. This province, it will be remembered, is created by the redistribution ordered by the forty-second convention, and comprises the States of Tennessee and Kentucky, these being replaced in old Epsilon by Georgia, which has hitherto made up part of Province Gamma. This divides our twenty-six States among nine provinces, instead of eight as formerly.

We are glad to print herewith advance notices of the convention of Gamma, Delta and Iota.

Gamma Province Convention.

THE fifth biennial convention of Province Gamma will be held in Charlotte, on December 31-January 1 next, and will be entertained by the Charlotte Alumni Association. The last National Convention divided the province so that it is now composed of the Virginia, North and South Carolina chapters. This greatly reduces us in numbers, but we expect to have a regular old-time Gamma convention, and every one who has ever attended one knows what that means. Every chapter and alumni association in the province will be represented, while North Carolina Theta and North Carolina Xi, which are nearby, expect to attend *en masse*. The convention will transact a great deal of business, and at the same time we expect to have a jolly good time. Every S. A. E. is most cordially invited to attend, and urged to come chock full of ideas. Brother T. Frank Watkins, vice-president of the province, writes:

"I shall certainly be at the Charlotte convention first, last and all the time. I have never had any other intention. I have been to too many Σ A E conventions to let one pass without attending it."

I feel certain that every man who was at the Macon convention, two years ago, is of like mind with Watkins.

Full information concerning rates, schedules, convention programme, etc., will be mailed all chapters at an early date.

To those brothers who have never attended an S. A. E. convention let me say that you have a great deal to live for. Pass the word down the line, and let every brother be there. You will meet with a most cordial welcome and will find the town painted purple and gold.

North Carolina Xi, '02.

ROBERT S. HUTCHISON.

Delta Province Convention.

MINNESOTA ALPHA takes great pleasure in announcing to the Fraternity the sixth biennial convention of Province Delta, to be held at Minneapolis on February fifth and sixth. The program is as follows:

Monday Evening, 15th.—Smoker at Chapter-house.

Tuesday a.m., 16th.—Opening session at West Hotel. Organization and reports of officers, and appointment of committees.

Tuesday p.m., 16th.—Special Topic—Chapter-house Problem. Paper by ——. Discussion led by —.

Tuesday Evening, 16th.—Formal party at the West Hotel.

Wednesday a.m., 17th.—Trolley car ride, visit to Lake Harriet, Como Park, and other points of interest in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Wednesday p.m., 17th.—Closing session of the convention. Reports of committees and election of officers.

Wednesday Evening, 17th.—Banquet at the West Hotel.

We not only wish to greet representatives from Province Delta, but we cordially extend our invitation to every brother in Sigma Alpha Epsilon. We should be very glad, in this connection, to have any of the chapters inform us of the residence of any of their alumni.

Minnesota Alpha.

C. N. HENSEL.

Iota Province Convention.

THE first convention of the new province, Iota, will be called to order December 21, in Lexington, Ky. It will be remembered that at the last National Convention, held at Washington, D. C., Province Epsilon was divided, and with part of Province Gamma went to form a new province composed of Georgia and Alabama, which is to retain the name of Province Epsilon. The new province, Iota, is composed of the chapters in Kentucky and Tennessee.

The convention will be entertained by Kentucky Kappa and Kentucky Epsilon, and the members of these chapters promise the delegates a royal good time socially. Among the social features will be a reception, a dance and a banquet.

Lexington is the "Queen City" of the famous "Blue-Grass Region," and a place of no small historic interest. Its reputation for "beautiful women, fine horses and good whiskey" is world-wide, as is its hospitality.

Besides the social features, there are some weighty fraternity problems to come before the convention, which are of interest not only to the province itself, but to the whole Fraternity.

It is especially hoped that each alumni association in the province will have a delegate in attendance, and that as many other alumni as possible will attend. Every chapter should have its full quota of delegates present. Special attention is called to Chapter IV of the new rules and regulations. Let every chapter read it carefully. A province convention is, to the province, of very little less importance than the National Convention, and every chapter should see to it that all requirements for representation are met, and that her delegates are in attendance on time. The convention will end on the 23d, thus giving every delegate an opportunity of being at his home on Christmas day. A full program and all information as to transportation, expenses, etc., will be sent to each chapter. Remember December 22 and 23, and let us make this the greatest convention in the history of any province.

J. ROCKWELL SMITH,
President of Province Epsilon.

One Well-Remembered Initiation.

An Adrian Alumnus Tells of the Arrest of two Corpses for Disturbing the Peace.

RED LODGE, MONT., 13 Sep., 1903.

My Dear Brother Harrison:

IN a letter received some time ago you asked me to give some reminiscences of fraternity days with dear old Michigan Alpha in Adrian College, which might prove of interest to some of the rest of the old grads.

As I look back on those happy days, my mind teems with memories more fondly cherished with every passing year. But, out of the many interesting events which happened from the time I walked down Maumee street, wearing the Royal Purple and Old Gold as a pledged member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, down to the time I left the old town to come West, one particular initiation stands out as being in a class by itself.

It occurred Tuesday evening, May 29, 1900, three years after I had graduated, and while I was pounding out copy on the *Adrian Daily Telegram*. The unlucky neophytes of that memorable occasion were Frank Totten, now graduated and serving the Methodist Protestant Church in a far-away mission field; Arthur Evans, a minister in the same church; and S. M. Lambert, who isn't a minister, though good enough to be one.

These three innocents made things merry for the barbs in the afternoon by parading the campus clad in outlandish rigs. Then early in the evening they were waylaid and seized, carried to a railroad bridge three miles out of town and obliged to ford the river Styx. This part of the program was interrupted by the hurried arrival on the scene of the "entire" city police force, who had been apprized of the fact that a man was being murdered at the Lakeshore bridge.

But the real fun began later, in the chapter room. The ritualis-

tic work was completed in due form, and Evans, Lambert and Totten thought the agony was about ended. Vain think. It had only begun, at least for Totten and Lambert. With proper solemnity these two were pronounced physically, morally and legally dead, and were forthwith carefully encased in board coffins.

A funeral service followed, with a liberal combination of meaningless monosyllables that would have done credit to Josh Hubbell, pronounced by an eloquent frater as a funeral oration. For a solemn dirge all joined in singing that touching hymn, "Go Tell Aunt Abby." Then the coffins were lifted by not too gentle hands, carried down the back stairs and deposited on a waiting dray in the alley. The driver had his instructions beforehand, but to the comfort of the two stiffs he was now directed to proceed to the cemetery. About twenty of the fellows then mounted the dray, and the sad cortege proceeded on its way.

A couple of good-natured night policemen had been previously interviewed and "fixed." Therefore, when the dray was about to emerge from the alley upon the main business thoroughfare, two officers ran out of a stairway with a cry of "Halt." Every fellow on the dray, except the two who had good reason for not moving, emitted a Comanche war-whoop and forthwith speedily levanted. The policeman ripped open the two coffins, flashed a dark lantern within and, in the name of the law, arrested the two grotesquely-attired corpses for disturbing the peace.

The bluff worked to a charm. Lambert and Totten thought they were surely up against the real thing. But they were game and didn't whimper. A versatile young lawyer of the town had been pressed into service to act the part of a justice, and he did it to perfection. In the meanwhile a crowd had gathered on the street and remarks were frequently heard to the effect that "Those college lads have gone a little too far this time"; "Guess they'll get all that's coming to them."

At this time, the writer, in his capacity as a representative of the press, wandered into the office of the "justice" and asked what was doing. A charge had been regularly preferred by the officers, who stood severely by. Totten and Lambert had a shamefaced look.

Soon George Westerman, another Sigma Alph, and secretary of the Adrian Y. M. C. A., came hurrying into the office and said he had heard Lambert and Totten were in trouble.

Westerman and myself offered to go bonds for the two culprits, but the justice was obdurate, declaring that in a case of this sort, wherein the peace and order of the city had been sorely fractured, he had no authority to accept bail. A long confab ensued and the upshot of it was that the pseudo magistrate, with considerable show of gracious relenting, finally agreed to let the two malefactors go, provided Westerman and I would agree to produce them in "court" next morning. Totten and Lambert declared that they would be on hand for sentence at 10 a.m. the next day, and they were forthwith discharged from custody for the night.

Well, we went back to the chapter rooms and enjoyed a big spread. We all thought that Totten and Lambert were "next" to the character of the kangaroo court, but the joke was made so much the better when they both meandered down from the college the next day, appeared in the office and asked where the justice was. They were two sheepish-looking fellows when they reached the campus again, and they have never heard the last of that night.

This is only one of the many harmlessly funny times we had at Old Adrian. I have this to say: Since graduation from college, I have joined a number of fraternal orders, but for ingenuity of conception and elaboration of detail I have never yet found the equal of a college fraternity initiation.

With the warmest of greetings for all the boys of Michigan Alpha, past and present, and with a heart full of love for Sigma Alphas everywhere, I remain,

Yours in the bonds of S. A. E.,

JAMES A. METCALF.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The mid-convention meeting of the Supreme Council of the Fraternity will take place in Chicago on December 21, 22 and 23. The choice of Chicago for this important conference was not a random one. Besides being a sort of central point, geographically, the great western metropolis is the home of one of our chapters, almost the home of another, and not a great distance from several more. It is not, perhaps, too much to hope that the presence of the Council in their immediate neighborhood will have a stimulating effect upon these chapters. Province Delta has, indeed, taken advantage of the opportunity to arrange for a joint province initiation to take place in Evanston, the home of Illinois Psi-Omega, and but a short distance from Chicago, on the evening of December 22; at which ceremony the officers will be the members of the Supreme Council. The two or three days during which the conference will last will be given over wholly to transacting the business of the Fraternity; and it is expected that definite action will be taken on certain matters which have proved difficult of settlement through correspondence. The evenings will be given over to a reception at the house of the Chicago chapter, the province initiation, a banquet under the auspices of the Chicago alumni, and, if time permits, a theatre party. The idea of a council meeting between conventions is intrinsically a good one; the fact that it is to be in Chicago considerably elevates its possibility for effectual service; and the results, we trust, will be so gratifying to the Fraternity that the meeting will become established in our calendar as a fixed event.

We note with regret the passing from active service of a man who has in the past few years done much good work for the Fraternity.

Laboring under a load of work heavier than he felt able to bear with any satisfaction, Edward Harmon Virgin, since September 1, 1899, Eminent Supreme Recorder of the Fraternity, has placed his resignation in the hands of the Council, and before this issue of *THE RECORD* is in the hands of our readers will have retired from office. The Recorder's post is, under any circumstances, no sinecure. At a time when a catalogue of the Fraternity is in course of preparation, its volume of work is simply enormous. Of course, the little stipend which the Fraternity allows its officers is nothing like a fair recompense, in a strict commercial sense, for the work which is expected of them. At times of unusual stress, therefore, a member of our governing body must meet any and all demands upon his time, at a very real sacrifice of his own convenience and interests, or else he may let the work of his office go. An unfortunate feature about our present system of government springs from the fact that any man whose working hours are already pretty fully occupied with his own personal affairs, is only too apt to choose the second alternative. This brings about a frequency of change in the personnel of our council which is frankly to be regretted. We think there is a point here that will command the attention of future conventions.

There is scarcely a more generally popular man in the Fraternity than Eddie Virgin. He leaves the Recorder's office with the best wishes of many friends, who will not forget that he has done good service, both for his chapter and for the Fraternity at large.

In a fraternity of the size of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, with sixty-odd chapters dotted over the whole land, perfect homogeneity is as impossible as it is undesirable. It is impossible because one section of the country develops, and needs to develop, quite a different type of man from that produced by another. It is undesirable because, inferentially, a man who is all that could be desired in Omaha, let us say, becomes something less in New York; and a man from either place might, without discredit to himself, fall short of the ideals of New Orleans. This is, we think, a self-evident, indisputable fact, and is not a subject which should either require con-

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cealment or create embarrassment. Yet it is a matter which seems to be imperfectly understood, and which, in consequence, has a complicating effect upon two important questions in the larger life of the Fraternity—the affiliation of “transfers,” and the attitude of the chapter toward men who have been recommended to them by the alumni.

In regard to the matter of transfers, it should in the first place be clearly understood that the opportunity of affiliation is purely a courtesy extended by the chapter to a brother from another institution, and is in no sense to be demanded as a right by that brother. In the next place, each chapter should thoroughly imbue its members with the idea that the effects of geography and the individual chapter's peculiar needs unite to make universal affiliation unwise, and harmful. Every man in the Fraternity should realize that a law which made affiliation compulsory would be the extreme of folly. As a writer in the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi has well said, “the continual grafting on of extraneous material, however well selected by others, is to introduce an element of weakness.” The very life of a chapter demands that, in the full knowledge of existing conditions and its own wants, it must choose its own for itself. It can not thrive upon a heterogeneous membership made of those who have been called to the Fraternity upon the basis of standards raised by other and diverse conditions. These are merely matters of education. It is only the ignorance of them, and not any inherent imperfection or wrong in the nature of things that so commonly creates embarrassment in the relations of the chapter and the brother from abroad. There would be none of this if the chapters would, in all sincerity, get down to the heart of the subject and realize that these things must be so.

Another matter of a similar sort, and of only less importance, centers about the sort of treatment that the chapter should accord to the new men that enter its institution with the recommendation of some of the alumni of the Fraternity. Where the recommendation comes from a section of the country at a distance from the chapter the difficulties which we have briefly suggested above would, of course, again be present; and there are obvious elements about this question which make it, according to general acceptance, even more delicate than the first. The second, like the first, can be successfully

approached only in a spirit of perfect candor. The man who has been recommended should be given every opportunity to become acquainted with the men of the chapter, and to qualify for membership. If he fails of election, the alumnus who recommended him should, with proper explanation of the circumstances, be apprized of that fact. The alumnus will not be offended if he is a sensible man, and has had the advantage of the sort of chapter education to which we have already referred. The main thing is to give the recommended man a chance; and not immediately to conclude that because yours is a western chapter, let us say, and his recommendation comes from the east, that the man, therefore, can not be worth troubling about. Mistakes happen that way. We heard a story once. Unfortunately the crucial point has escaped us. A man came out of the west and entered one of the better known of our southern institutions. He was heavily backed by recommendations from men in his home town, who thought to do a good turn to their chapter at the southern college. The chapter, for some reason, seemed apathetic. Weeks slipped by. One morning the man appeared wearing the badge of the most conservative fraternity in college. Many people consider it also the best. It was a badge which only pretty desirable men at this institution ever wear, and it was not the badge of the fraternity whose alumni had tried to secure him. This little incident indicates rather forcefully that distance is not always a bar to effective judgment; and that some men will bear watching, whether east or west. What we don't know about the story is whether the chapter ever made an effort to know the man and test his qualifications—whether it gave him a chance—or whether it didn't. We wish we did know. For that is the crux of the whole matter—the turning-point of courtesy and good conduct. If this chapter did give the man a thorough opportunity, and yet could not believe that his election would be a desirable thing, we have not one word of criticism. We are of opinion that the judgment of the chapter in matters of this sort should be unquestioned and supreme. If, on the other hand, the men at this southern college, convinced beforehand of the inevitable worthlessness of outside recommendations, did not bother to look up the matter, they have not only been guilty of an unpardonable discourtesy, but they have also, it appears, made a serious blunder.

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THE RECORD acknowledges the receipt of the following publications since August 1:

August.—*The Delta of Sigma Nu; The Shield of Theta Delta Chi.*

September.—*The Beta Theta Pi; The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*

October.—*The Trident of Delta Delta Delta; The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*



The following editorial, taken from the *Shield of Theta Delta Chi*, could well be taken to heart by all Greek-letter men:

So gradual has been the change in our own mental attitude towards other fraternities since undergraduate days, that only after a bit of reflection stimulated by a recent discussion, did the great difference between **The Other Frats.** tween the collegiate and the post-collegiate views stand out in full relief.

We believe it is no exaggeration to say that the average fraternity man at the average institution considers himself naturally and necessarily at enmity with the members of other fraternities,—more or less so, depending upon the extent to which their spheres of influence overlap that which his own fraternity seeks to control, whether in rushing, politics, athletics, or what-not. This attitude is perhaps a survival of earlier times, when warfare was the order of the day, and the mutual stealing of rituals and paraphernalia the diversion of the night.

The result is that one crowd of good fellows in one fraternity can see no good whatsoever in the fellows of an equally good crowd of another fraternity. The latter will have all sorts of awful faults in the eyes of the former,

—and the former in the eyes of the latter, for the matter of that. Another result is of a less ethical nature; it is the dwarfing of the fraternity man's education in Greek-letter lore. Every fraternity man ought to know the names of all other fraternities,—not only those at his own institution,—ought to know when they were founded, whether the chapter-rolls are large or restricted, where the fraternities are strongest, what are their general policies as to government, honorary membership, expansion, etc. Now, your true-blue undergraduate doesn't want to know these things. He is too busy fighting the crowd he meets, and too deeply imbued with the conviction that they're not worth anything better than his antagonism, to devote any time to finding out the merits of the society they represent. The result is that he never judges them from the unbiased standpoint from which a broad, liberal view is to be had.

It is undeniably a fact that there is some good in every fraternity. How much, depends almost entirely upon the standard by which you seek to measure it. That standard, again, is largely a function of the personal equation,—a matter of taste and education. Some people like onions, some don't. Some like fraternities that aim for large chapter-rolls and large membership; some like conservatism in this respect. Some prefer a fraternity which makes aristocracy its test of fitness for admission; some don't, etc.

Now here's the point for Theta Deltas: don't be narrow in your views regarding your rivals. If you find that Theta Delta Chi is not better than all of them in every respect, be consoled by the certain knowledge that the same formula applies to all the others. Don't be afraid to find out wherein they're strong, and why. And when you're telling the men you're rushing, about the weakness of other fraternities, it is usually not more than the part of prudence not to belittle their strong points. Find out how your man leans; try to get the measure of his tastes and inclinations, and don't run counter to them. Oil and water won't mix. Bearing this in mind during the rushing season you may be spared the pain of realizing at some future time that there's been a mistake,—that your man doesn't like onions.



It is refreshing to look over the editorial columns of the *Beta Theta Pi* for Mr. Baird nearly always has something to say of interest or value. We print a recent editorial upon "Chapters in Small Colleges:"

We are tired of the talk always going on in an undertone, that this one or that one among our chapters should be withdrawn. It isn't kind or nice. It isn't fraternal. It isn't fair. If any chapter is below our standard, whether the inferiority be in men, numbers or the institution at which it is located, let us frankly and openly consider the situation, and, when we have learned the facts let us act on them; but let us stop all this gossip about the

men in such a chapter being a lot of "chumps," and a college in which another chapter is located being a "bum" institution. Naturally, no chapter wants to lose its charter, and if its existence is threatened properly fights for its life. But, until some formal move is made against a chapter, it is entitled to its place with the rest and to the loyal support of all the other chapters. Some of our chapters are stronger than others. Some are located in institutions the future of which does not seem to be well assured. Other fraternities face the same situation, and in other fraternities we find the same undercurrent of gossip criticism. Can't we set an example to our fellow Greeks and uphold these members of our association rather than decry them? A member of one of the smaller eastern orders—one of the kind that has stood still so long that its members are proud of its inertia and lack of progress and vitality, and call it conservatism,—said to the writer the other day that he had heard a Beta criticising the Beta chapter-roll and condemning the policy of his fraternity in not cutting off chapters at a considerable number of our lesser-known colleges, and that consequently he had a rather poor opinion of the Beta Fraternity and the loyalty of its members. He was quite surprised when the writer matched all of the colleges where his fraternity had chapters with Beta chapters at places as good or better and then said: "Now, as to the rest of the roll—admit it to be bad?—whatever elements of strength the remaining chapter contains is at least, by so much, an advantage over your organization." He admitted it was, but he said: "What a poor education in true fraternal life the Beta I talked to must have had!"



Too much attention can not be given to the importance of chapters owning their houses. No line of "internal work" is of more interest in this, and most fraternities recognize this fact. From a very interesting article on "Phi Delta Theta's Permanent Homes," appearing in the June *Scroll*, we clip the opening paragraphs:

The record made by Phi Delta Theta in the acquirement of chapter-houses during the collegiate year 1902-1903 is worthy of particular attention. Thoughtful consideration suggests a review of our entire record on the subject of the chapter-house, without, however, any attempt to present comparative statistics of other fraternities, primarily because such data are not at hand. Six chapters added to the list of those possessing permanent homes is the record for 1902-1903, twice as many as have been added during any previous collegiate year. Of Phi Delta Theta's sixty-eight chapters, nineteen now have chapter-houses of their own. Thereby they have gained that position of permanency and independence which is the ambition of every fraternity chapter to occupy.

The chapter-house life of our chapters is by no means confined to those chapters which are fortunate enough to possess their own homes; besides

the nineteen chapters with houses of their own, twenty-seven others occupy rented chapter-houses, all of which cherish the hope of ultimately becoming property-holders, and in many cases have well developed plans toward this end. The chapters occupying rented houses are the following: McGill, Union, Columbia, Syracuse, Washington & Jefferson, Lehigh, North Carolina, Kentucky State, Georgia, Miami, Ohio State, Indiana, DePauw, Purdue, Northwestern, Chicago, Knox, Lombard, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa Wesleyan, Iowa, Missouri, Westminster, Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. In addition, the Brown chapter gets a species of chapter-house life by occupying a floor in Brunonian Hall, a dormitory. The Washington chapter rents a flat for meeting purposes and social functions, but none of the members live there.

Confining ourselves for present purposes to those chapters which have become owners of chapter-houses, it is interesting to retrace our steps in this work. Phi Delta Theta's first chapter-house—and the first fraternity house of any kind in a southern institution—was erected at Sewanee in 1884. Eight years later our other Tennessee chapter, Vanderbilt, erected a house of the same style, a lodge, intended for meeting purposes and social functions, but providing no sort of living accommodations. In 1894 Amherst purchased her present house, and in 1896 Cornell erected hers, both providing all the features of the modern chapter-house—in the case of Cornell, the dining-room and cuisine being added a few years after the house was built. The Wisconsin house was purchased the same year, 1896. Four houses were built in 1899, California, Stanford, Gettysburg and Pennsylvania, the first-named being erected to replace the house burned in May of the same year, which had been built in 1895. In 1900 two chapters built, Dickinson and Washington State, the latter having erected a house before its charter was obtained, which was at the Louisville convention in November, 1900. In 1901 Williams purchased her house, and in 1902 the Dartmouth house was completed. The college year 1902-1903 caps the climax with six chapter-houses acquired: Texas, whose house was erected in the summer of 1902 and ready for occupancy in September; Allegheny, Vermont, Case and Ohio Wesleyan, all of which have purchased homes since January first of the current year; and Michigan, whose large, new house is in course of erection.

This record, while one to excite our pride, is also calculated to stir the impulses of unhoused chapters, furnishing nineteen successful chapter-house schemes, and among them, doubtless, an exemplification of how to overcome every obstacle and difficulty any chapter is likely to encounter. There is plenty of evidence that our less fortunate chapters are being stirred and encouraged by what has been accomplished, and we confidently expect to see the present movement continue. A large number of our homeless chapters, particularly those at present occupying rented houses, are accumulating building funds, and have their plans more or less complete, five chapters—Missouri, Indiana, Auburn, Purdue and Illinois—having already purchased building lots.

Largely through the kindness of Brother Walter B. Palmer, editor of the history, it has been possible to present herewith pictures of all of the nineteen chapter-houses owned by chapters of Phi Delta Theta, the cuts having been specially made for the history soon to be published.

Gleanings of the Greeks.

Twenty-two general fraternities were represented at Cornell last year. Their total membership was 603, making the average membership 27. Phi Delta Theta, with 38 members, had the largest chapter; Sigma Alpha Epsilon was next, with 36, and Delta Phi, with 18, was the smallest chapter.

SIGMA NU.—The chapter of Sigma Nu, at the University of Virginia, died last spring, and its charter was recalled by the governing body of the Fraternity.

BETA THETA PI.—The local organization at Cumberland, which unsuccessfully petitioned Beta Theta Pi, has disbanded, leaving three fraternities to dispute the field at this university.

PI KAPPA ALPHA.—Pi Kappa Alpha has installed a chapter at Louisiana State.

PHI DELTA THETA.—Phi Delta Theta acquired six chapter-houses during 1902-1903, as follows: Texas, whose house was erected in the summer of 1902, and ready for occupancy in September; Allegheny, Vermont, Case, and Ohio Wesleyan, all of which have purchased homes since January 1st of the current year; Michigan, whose large, new house is in course of erection.—*The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.*

SIGMA CHI.—Sigma Chi has granted a charter to a local organization known as "The Orphans," at the State University of Washington. The new chapter starts off with a rented house.

The Sigma Chi endowment fund plan has secured to that fraternity in the six years of its working their Cornell, Stanford and Michigan chapter-houses, property aggregating over \$60,000 in value, and each year adds to the fund \$2,100.—*The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.*

DELTA UPSILON.—The sixty-ninth annual convention of Delta Upsilon was held at the Murray Hill Hotel, New York City, November 11, 12 and 13. Among the speakers at the literary exercises in Madison Square Garden Concert Hall, and the banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria, were Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, Congressman Sereno E. Payne, and District Attorney Jerome, all members of this Fraternity.

CHI PHI.—Georgia Tech has an addition to its list of fraternities in the shape of a recently installed chapter of Chi Phi. Two locals at this school are out for charters from Theta Delta Chi and Phi Kappa Sigma.

There are seven fraternities represented at Kentucky State, with membership distributed as follows: Sigma Nu, 12; Phi Delta Theta, 13; Sigma Chi, 14; Kappa Sigma, 14; Pi Kappa Alpha, 14; Kappa Alpha, 15; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 19.

At North Carolina, during the past two years the chapters of Zeta Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Nu have built five houses for themselves.

Sigma Chi is building at Vanderbilt; Phi Kappa Sigma put up a handsome house at Maine during the summer; Kappa Sigma is preparing to build at Louisiana State; D. K. E. has broken ground for a new home at Easton; Phi Delta Theta, at Wabash, has bought a \$7,000 house; Kappa Alpha will build the first chapter-house ever erected at Washington and Lee; and at Dartmouth, Beta Theta Pi has moved into her own newly built home, Chi Phi has rented, and D. K. E. has recently bought a desirable building lot.

A COLORED FRATERNITY—The first Greek fraternity of colored students in the United States has been organized at Indiana University. The name of Alpha Kappa Mu has been adopted. The total membership is ten, which includes all the colored people attending the University. A constitution was adopted and chapters will be established in all the leading negro colleges. It is expected to make Wilberforce, Ohio, the second chapter. A badge is now being designed.—*Chicago Paper.*

Since the close of school, last June, Beta Theta Pi has entered Purdue, and the successful applicants of last year are now receiving the proper recognition of the faculty and the welcome of fellow Greeks. With Beta Theta Pi, Purdue's list of Greek societies numbers eight, a sufficient number, we feel, for the life and success of every one now represented. All the fraternities are on good, substantial footing, the most noticeable growth to us being that of Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu. Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Nu have purchased houses and lots, their purpose being to build at some future date, and Phi Gamma Delta has leased a house in the city. Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi have likewise rented houses. Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Sigma are situated as formerly.—*Correspondent in the Scroll of Θ Δ Θ.*

This is a pretty good showing for some of those "mushroom fraternities" to which the *Scroll* correspondent referred so slightly a few months back.

OFFICIAL DATA

M a r r i a g e s .

- Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon*, '02.—Howard A. Wilson to Nellie Henderson, at Maynard, Mass., 15 October, 1903.
- Massachusetts Gamma*, '03.—James Ambrose Hathaway, Jr., to Berenice Lawton, at Watertown, Mass., 7 October, 1903.
- Massachusetts Gamma*.—Clifford T. Hanson to Alice Gertrude Melvin, at Toledo, Ohio, 6 October, 1903.
- Massachusetts Delta*, '00.—Robert Chase Allen to Florence Akens Taylor, at Worcester, Mass., 14 April, 1903.
- Massachusetts Delta*, '00.—George Emery Williamson to Alice May Lytle, at Worcester, Mass., 9 June, 1903.
- New York Alpha*, '96.—Frederick Greene Candee to Kasson Winslow, at The Orchards, Gilroy, Cal., 12 March, 1903.
- New York Alpha*, '01.—George Hurd Carrier to Edith Kate Clinton, at Elmira, N. Y., 8 October, 1903.
- New York Alpha*, '02.—Staley Lyman Nelson (also Michigan Iota-Beta, '03) to Bessie Mae Scott, at Buffalo, N. Y., 28 October, 1903, with Ralph S. Kent, New York Alpha, '02, as best man. At home after November 15, at 572 Potomac avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.
- New York Alpha*, '99.—Henry Wilkes Wright, of Harbor Springs, Michigan, to Celia Evelyn Morgan, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, 4 September, 1903.
- Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta*, '99.—Robert Vincent Rex to Nancy Kelly Duff.
- Pennsylvania Theta*, '02.—Ralph Chambers Stewart to Elizabeth Queen Wilson, at Philadelphia, Pa., 29 April, 1903.
- North Carolina Xi*, '99.—Peter Albert Garrell to Bertha Isabelle Shelton, at Winston-Salem, N. C., 9 December, 1903.

- North Carolina Xi*, '89.—John Wilson Alexander to Nora Harrison Watkins at Spartanburg, S. C., July, 1902.
- South Carolina Gamma*, '98.—J. C. Moore to Myrtle Tatum, at McCall, S. C.
- South Carolina Gamma*, '99.—H. J. Brabham, Jr., to Roberta Sample, at Bamberg, S. C., 4 September, 1902.
- South Carolina Gamma*, '00.—C. D. C. Adams to May Hill, at Walterboro, S. C., 12 November, 1902.
- Indiana Alpha*, '02.—Arthur C. Everingham to Inez Pearl Ryker, at Indianapolis, Ind., 30 June, 1903.
- Indiana Alpha*, '03.—Harry Edgar Mock to Margaret Vetha Honecker, at Greensburg, Ind., 15 June, 1903.
- Indiana Beta*, '02.—Hugh Marvin Harris to Hortense Eleanor Fisher, at Jackson, Tenn., 16 June, 1903.
- Indiana Beta*, '02.—Theodore D. Williams to Marion Sarah Stone, at Rochester, N. Y., 14 April, 1903.
- Illinois Beta*, '00.—Thomas Lewis Philips to Mary Elizabeth Johns, at Fairfield, Ill., 4 August, 1903.
- Illinois Psi-Omega*, '02.—Ernest Larned Pratt to Marion Eleanor Ewell, at Evanston, Ill., 18 February, 1903.
- Ohio Theta*, '01.—Harry Garfield Wagstaff to Lucy H. Pocock, at Worthington, Ohio, 21 October, 1903.
- Ohio Theta*, '97.—George Sidney Marshall to Alice Badgeley, at Gallipolis, 14 October, 1903.
- Ohio Theta*, '02.—Charles Allbright Vail to Eliza Ford, at Scio, O., 24 September, 1903.
- Ohio Sigma*, '03.—Osborne Forrest Downes to Mary Elizabeth Shilliday, at Alliance, Ohio, 15 October, 1903.
- Ohio Sigma*, '99.—Frank Marion Shelton to Mary Gertrude Packard, at Oberlin, Ohio, 25 August, 1903.
- Alabama Alpha Mu*.—Oliver B. Andrews to Stevie Campbell, at Birmingham, Ala., 17 December, 1903.
- Alabama Alpha-Mu*, '96.—Edwin Boyce Joseph, Jr. to Kathleen Kilroy Lahey, at Birmingham, Ala., 14 October, 1903.
- Missouri Alpha*, '98.—D. A. Bragdon to Dorothea Richardson, at St. Louis, Mo., June, 1903.
- Nebraska Lambda Pi*.—Edward Roth to Edna Harley, Delta Gamma, at Lincoln, Nebraska, 19 September, 1903.

- Nebraska Lambda-Pi*—Fred Funke to Bessie Burnes, Pi Beta Phi, at Lincoln Nebraska, 3 June, 1903.
- California Beta*, '00.—James Clarence Sperry to Adelia R. Osmont, at San Francisco, Cal., 22 August, 1903.
- California Beta*, '01.—Arthur Charles Nahl to Jessica M. Davis, at San Francisco, Cal., 16 September, 1903.
- California Beta*, '05.—J. Sheldon Potter to Ina M. Ball, at Berkeley, Cal., 12 September, 1903.
- Louisiana Tau-Upsilon*, '00.—Paul Frederic Jahncke to Mary Pearl Davis, at New Orleans, La., 20 October, 1903.
- Kentucky Kappa*, '03.—Guy James Chandler to Etta Wyatt, at Lexington, Ky., 1 September, 1903.
- Tennessee Omega*.—Dr. Reynold Marion Kirby Smith, U. S. A., to Maude Tompkins, at Atlanta, Ga., 24 June, 1902.
- Tennessee Omega*.—Dr. Reynold Marion Kirby Smith to Maude Tompkins, at Atlanta, Ga., 24 June, 1903.

D e a t h s .



- Massachusetts Iota-Tau*, '96.—Robert Johnston, at Harrisburg, Pa., 16 April, 1903.
- Massachusetts Iota-Tau*, '02.—Kent Tillinghast Stow, at Buffalo, N. Y., 10 August, 1903.
- Massachusetts Gamma*, '04.—Charles Shattuck Fletcher, at Saranac Lake, N. Y., 13 September, 1903.
- Pennsylvania Theta*, '01.—Daniel Schenck Keller, 31 May, 1902.
- North Carolina Xi*, '59.—Joseph Christopher Shepard, at Wilmington, N. C., 5 March, 1903.
- North Carolina Xi*.—Ovid Dupré, 13 July, 1903. Mr. Dupré was born in 1844, matriculated at North Carolina from St. Martin's Parish, La., in 1866, and later taught school. Subsequently he became a lawyer in New York City, and was U. S. District Attorney.
- Ohio Theta*, '96.—T. L. Reynolds Hill, at Denver, Col., 4 October, 1903.
- Tennessee Lambda*, '98.—Wilbert Stanton Kennard, at Tyler, Texas, 4 November, 1902.
- Tennessee Eta*, '05.—Eugene Mercer, at Mercer, Tenn., 21 August, 1903.

In Memoriam.



Samuel Tilden Squibb.

ON October 31, 1903, a special train carrying almost a thousand students, including members of the football team of Purdue University, was wrecked at Eighteenth street, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The first coach, containing the football squad and a few friends, was completely demolished, killing sixteen men and injuring many others. The special train collided with a train of steel gondolas loaded with coal, while the former was running about twenty-five miles and hour.

Among the killed was a pledged man of Indiana Beta, Samuel T. Squibb, son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Squibb, of Lawrenceburg, Indiana. He was born at Lawrenceburg on June 24, 1884, and was the youngest of a family of eight children. His preparatory work was done in the Lawrenceburg High School, where he was prominent in athletics, being captain of the football team in his senior year, graduating in June, 1903. He was one of the most popular young men of Lawrenceburg. Last September he entered the class of 1907, at Purdue, taking up work in civil engineering. He was popular among his classmates, and had many friends throughout the school. He entered athletics the first part of the year, and was a substitute on the football team. Soon after college opened he was pledged to Indiana Beta, but because of an agreement with the faculty that none of the fraternities should initiate any freshman before the first of April, the chapter was unable to initiate him. He was, none the less, a true and loyal brother to us all, and his jolly face and merry laughter will long be missed here at Indiana Beta.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has seen fit to remove from our midst Samuel Tilden Squibb, whose sudden death occurred in the sad railway disaster at Indianapolis, October 31, 1903; therefore be it

Resolved, That, although only pledged to us and with us but a short time, we the members of Indiana Beta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity have lost a true and honored brother, whose ever happy face and lovable nature will long live in our memory; and be it

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family in this the loss of one so dear to them; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our chapter, that a copy be sent to his family, and that a copy be published in THE RECORD of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

T. G. McDUGALL,
W. H. PATTERSON, Jr.,
R. B. KNODE,
Committee.

November, 1903.

Walter Hugh Edmiston.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call unto Himself from among us, Walter Hugh Edmiston; and

WHEREAS, In his loss, we have been deprived of a loyal brother in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and a true friend; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family; and further be it

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of Nebraska Lambda Pi of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and that they be sent to the family of our departed brother, and that they be published in THE RECORD OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

GEORGE SHIDLER, Chairman,
ELMER ROBINSON,
MURRY TOWNSEND,
Committee.

Burnett F. Foulds.

Inasmuch, As we, the members of Indiana Beta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, have sustained a great loss in the passing away of our Brother Burnett F. Foulds, one of our most beloved members; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Foulds, Indiana Beta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has lost an earnest and loyal member; and be it

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family ; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our chapter, that a copy be sent to his family, and that a copy be published in THE RECORD of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

T. G. McDOUGALL,
R. C. CANTERBURY,
T. W. MACARTNEY,
Committee.

November, 1903.

Mrs. J. Webb McGehee.

WHEREAS, The Almighty, in his divine wisdom and inscrutable ways, has seen fit to take from this earth, Ellen Swan, the beloved wife of our brother, J. Webb McGehee ; and

WHEREAS, She was a loyal friend to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and was a woman of the most enviable and upright character; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, her friends in Tau Upsilon chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, extend to her bereaved husband, our brother, and to her family, the deepest of sympathy in their and our affliction ; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her bereaved family ; to the college weekly, to the daily newspapers of New Orleans, to THE SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON RECORD, and that they be spread upon the minutes of the chapter.

WM. W. LEAKE,
FRANK W. HART, -
WM. KERNAN DART.
Committee.

Eugene Mercer.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Death is no respecter of persons, but kneels at the threshold of every home and claims as his victims the rich and the poor, the young and old, and bears each to an everlasting habitation where all shall be rich and none poor, where all shall be young and none old—"A city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God." How true is the utterance, "In the midst of life we are in death."

With deep regret has each of us, during the summer vacation, learned of the loss that has befallen our order in the death of one of its most loyal members, and we now embrace this occasion to express our appreciation of his sterling worth in the following resolutions :

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, to take from among us our much beloved and esteemed brother in Σ A E, Eugene Mercer ; and

WHEREAS, In the death of Brother Mercer the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity has lost one of its truest and most zealous members, and one whose fraternal tie at all times had its abiding place in his heart, and whose memory we shall ever cherish ; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as individual members of Tennessee Eta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of our departed brother ; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, that a copy be inscribed on the minutes of our Chapter, and that we order a copy also to be published in THE RECORD.

F. W. MUSE,	W. G. SAUNDERS,
F. J. O'CONNOR,	G. C. ANDERSON,
A. K. TIGRETT,	F. H. PEEPLES,
S. M. DULIN,	P. C. BARTON,
E. P. WILLIFORD,	G. C. FERRELL,
P. P. MEDLING,	J. A. SANDERS,
W. T. JETTIN,	C. B. YOUNG,
F. C. WATSON,	T. S. WILLIAMS,
T. H. WHITTAKER,	L. L. FONVILLE,
E. L. M. PRUITT,	R. G. CROFTON.

Darius Scofield Randall.

INASMUCH, As we, the members of Wisconsin Alpha Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, have sustained a great and irreparable loss in the passing away of our beloved brother, Darius Scofield Randall, who in the year he was with us made himself near and dear to us through his loyalty, his worthiness and strict adherence to all that is noble and good ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Randall, Wisconsin Alpha has lost one of her most loyal and earnest members, who exemplified in his life our cherished principles, and reflected honor upon his Fraternity ; and

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family ; and be it further

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

WILLIAM LLOYD DAVIS,
RALPH B. ELLIS,
AVERY REEVES COLBURN,
J. ERNST JACOBSON,
LAWRENCE M. LIBBY,
Committee.

Kent Tillinghast Stow.

WHEREAS, An All-wise Providence has seen fit to remove the soul of our beloved brother, Kent Tillinghast Stow, from among us; therefore, be it, by us, his sorrowing brothers,

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Stow, Massachusetts Iota-Tau Chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity has lost one of its most faithful workers and beloved members; and

Resolved, That we, at our first meeting, extend our heartfelt sympathy to his sorrowing family; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and to the SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON RECORD for publication.

GEO. W. PRENTISS,
HENRY C. SCHAEFER.
HERMAN O. BLATT,
Committee.



THE ALUMNI

The Men of S. A. E.

Reformers in Cincinnati have instituted a reorganized movement in local politics, and have selected as the general manager of the new organization **Dr. Henry C. Wright**, Ohio Delta, '02, who has already achieved distinguished success as superintendent of the oldest charitable institution in the city, the Bethel Union. His executive ability in that capacity brought him to the attention of the committee of Twelve, now in control of the Municipal Party in Cincinnati. From an extended article in the *Cincinnati Post*, of November 7, we clip:

The new party is backed by some of the most influential citizens of Cincinnati, and one of the first moves of the new secretary will be to align in moral and financial support many others who are known to be in sympathy with its aims. A party rather than a league form was decided upon after a conference with prominent New Yorkers interested in reform measures. . . . Mr. Wright, who is to be the Secretary of the party, has made a close study of municipal management in several cities of the United States and abroad. Since being tendered the office he has spent several weeks each in Philadelphia, New York and Chicago in conference with reform leaders and in study of their methods. Some five years ago he conducted an exhaustive research into the sociological conditions of Boston while a resident of that city. Later he spent several months investigating the form of government of London and Liverpool. While in charge of the sociological features of a large institution at St. Paul he had opportunity of studying at close range the political methods of that city and of Minneapolis, where recent revelations of corruption have been made.

Since taking charge of the Bethel in 1900 Mr. Wright has cast his lot with the residents of East Front Street, and is the only superintendent in its history of sixty years to reside in the institution. His object has been not only to gain an intimate knowledge of life among the poor, but also to

know the exact financial needs of each family and to give sympathy and advice in cases where they would be of greater service than money.

It is due to his management that free baths, where nearly 2,000 bathers a month are now accommodated, were instituted. He has also installed a free laundry, club-rooms for men, boys and girls, a free kindergarten, a free dental parlor for children, a gymnasium, millinery, dressmaking and cooking classes and a social settlement similar to the Hull House in Chicago.

He has personally collected nearly as much money in three years for the institution as has been collected altogether during the previous twenty years.

Mr. Wright is a native of Le Roy, O., is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, O., took a degree at Harvard after three years' study, and, following this with three more at Boston University, he took his degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

He leaves the Union Bethel in the best condition it has been in for years, and to the regret of the Directorate.



In the whole Fraternity there are few men better known than **George Bunting**. George is the youngest of the famous Bunting brothers, who led the great expansion movement which wrought such growth for Sigma Alpha Epsilon something more than a decade ago. The two elder of these brothers, William and Henry, have of late years been absorbed so completely by private business as to necessitate loosing their hold on active fraternity work; but George Bunting, as president of the Kansas City Alumni Association and of Province Zeta, as associate editor of *THE RECORD*, and in other ways, is to the present moment a very real influence in the Fraternity. It will be interesting to us all to follow his unusual successes in the business world, as told in the appended clipping from the *Kansas City Journal of Commerce*, of August 22:

Among the many firms in Kansas City that have risen to positions of importance and even of supremacy in their respective lines, none has exceeded the phenomenal growth of the Bunting-Stone Hardware Co. This firm, never a small one, represents everything that is excellent in the hardware trade of the Southwest. It is now not only able to take care of all its old customers with greater ease and dispatch, but it is daily acquiring new ones in such numbers that even the increased facilities of the firm are taxed to handle the business. However, the company is so situated that their capacity can expand indefinitely as the volume of business grows.

On August 1, 1903, the Bunting-Stone Hardware Co. succeeded to the business of Gille Hardware & Iron Co., buying its stock and lease outright.

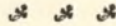
The firm then moved from its old quarters at Delaware, Seventh and Wall streets, to its present location. The Gille Hardware & Iron Co. has been in the jobbing business in this territory for the past eighteen years.

The building now occupied by the Bunting-Stone Co. is five stories high and has 35,000 feet of floor space. Its dimensions are 50 by 135 feet. The store is located at 804-806 Walnut street, in the very heart of the uptown business section.

The company does both a wholesale and a retail business and carries everything in hardware and adjacent lines. It specializes, however, on builders' hardware, contractors' supplies, cutlery, stoves, ranges, house furnishings, paints, brushes, etc. In its lines the firm can give better satisfaction than any other house in the city.

The nucleus of the Bunting-Stone Hardware Co. was established January 1, 1899. April 1, 1902, it was incorporated, and the firm now has a capital stock of \$25,000. The volume of business transacted by the company annually amounts to \$200,000, with every prospect that this amount will be exceeded this year. Eighteen persons are employed and the firm's operations cover the entire Southwest. The men at the head of the concern are a sufficient guarantee of its standing. They are John C. Stone, president; George H. Bunting, treasurer, and Fred W. Magee, secretary.

The Journal of Commerce cheerfully recommends this firm to the patronage of its readers.



Paul Jahncke, of whose wedding, on October 20, we print a newspaper account herewith, is a charter member of Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, and as an undergraduate was one of the most popular fraternity men in his section of the country.

"Much interest centered during the week about the marriage of Miss Mary Pearl Davis, daughter of Major Thomas E. Davis, editor of *The Pica-yune*, and Mrs. Mollie E. Moore Davis, the gifted poet and novelist, to Mr. Paul Frederick Jahncke. The marriage took place at high noon at Trinity Church, which was crowded with a large and fashionable assemblage for the occasion. The bride, since her entrance into the social world several years ago, has been a popular belle, by reason of her lovely personality and charmingly unaffected manner, and the gathering of so large a number of friends about her on her wedding day was an evidence of the love and admiration in which she is held. The march from "Tannhauser," at 12 o'clock, proclaimed the entrance of the bridal procession, and the ushers, Messrs. Walter Jahncke, Walton Robertson, Louis Goldstein, Jefferson D. Hardin, Jr., Reed Frazee and Dr. E. Pries, and groomsmen, Messrs. Philip Werlein and Edward Gay, advanced up the aisle, walking in couples. The bride was accompanied by her father to the altar, where she was met by the bridegroom and his brother, Mr. Ernest Jahncke, who acted as best man.

The bridal couple, who were the recipients of an unusually large number of handsome and costly gifts, left the same evening for a short stay at Covington, La., at the country home of the bridegroom's parents, and on their return will be at home at 2850 Baronne, near Sixth street, where they will go to housekeeping."—*New Orleans Picayune*.



General Edmund Kirby Smith was one of the founders and charter members of our Tennessee Omega chapter, at the University of the South. His son, **Dr. R. M. Kirby Smith**, also of Tennessee Omega, was married last June, and, though somewhat belated, the following extract from the *Army and Navy Journal* will be of interest:

"The marriage of Miss Maude Tompkins and Dr. Reynold Marion Kirby Smith, Tennessee Omega, Medical Department U. S. A., took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Henry B. Tompkins, in Atlanta, Ga., June 24. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Albion W. Knight of St. Philip Cathedral, and was witnessed by the relatives of the bride and groom and a few intimate friends. The bride was last year one of the season's belles, and is highly educated and has travelled extensively in Europe. Her father, the late Henry B. Tompkins, was one of the most prominent jurists and scholarly men of the State. On her mother's side she represents the Washington family of Tennessee. Dr. Kirby Smith is the elder son of the distinguished Confederate general, scholar and educator, Edmund Kirby Smith, of Sewanee. He is a graduate of the University of the South. . . ."



Other marriages, detailed at length in the press, are those of **Clifford T. Hanson**, Massachusetts Gamma, and **J. Sheldon Potter**, California Beta, '05:

Clifford T. Hanson.

At the First Congregational Church last evening there was gathered a brilliant assemblage to witness the marriage ceremony of Miss Alice Gertrude Melvin and Mr. Clifford Taft Hanson, as performed by the Rev. Albert Marion Hyde. The church was banked high to the gallery with magnificent palms, the mass of stately greenery being softened with trailing vines and ferns, and yet unbroken by contrasting color. Southern smilax draped the entire gallery railing, and seats for the reception guests were marked by beautiful clusters of red carnations and ferns.

At the appointed hour of eight, to the strains of the ever-beautiful Lohengrin, the ushers, Mr. George Shaw and Mr. J. Alan Hamilton, of Kansas City; Mr. Franklin Maconiber and Mr. John C. Myers, of Ashland, O.; Mr. Charles A. Holbrook, of Boston, and Mr. Harold Holbrook, of Milwaukee,

marched in the order named to the altar, where they stood three on either side.

Mr. Sylvester Judd Beach, of Boston, attended the groom, who had entered from the pulpit door, and stood in waiting for his beautiful bride. The best man and the out-of-town ushers, excepting Mr. Hamilton, were Harvard friends of Mr. Hanson and members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

The Melvin home on West Bancroft street was the scene of a beautiful reception after the church ceremony, some one hundred and fifty guests being in attendance.

The many exquisite gifts were shown in an upstairs room in the Melvin home, a chest of silver, a handsome check from the groom's uncle in Boston, and numerous telegrams from every part of the country being included. A number of handsome baskets of roses—the bride's favorite flower—were also among the gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson left last night for a trip of about two weeks in Boston and other eastern points, the bride traveling in a military walking suit of blue with touches of red.

On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson will be at home with the bride's parents on West Bancroft, their reception days being Mondays in December. —*Toledo Daily Blade.*

J. Sheldon Potter.

J. Sheldon Potter, a junior student in the College of Commerce, University of California, and son of the late Jesse S. Potter, a man of large fortune, was quietly married to Miss Ina May Ball, of San Francisco, on September 12. But he kept the fact a secret from his friends until yesterday when he took out a leave of absence from college and told his confrères in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity of his intention to leave last evening on a wedding trip to the Atlantic States and Europe. Young Potter inherited a large estate from his father and has just reached his majority and come into his fortune. He has made his home with his mother, Mrs. Melissa A. Potter, in a handsome home at 2232 Pacific avenue.

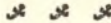
The collegian and benedict is a grandson of Mrs. Miranda Lux, whose husband was a member of the firm of Miller & Lux. His father died in September, 1899. After his death there were a number of contests for claims on his large estate, but with some lively legal procedures the affairs were finally settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. Although at the time of the probating of the will of Jesse S. Potter, Sr., his estate was said to be worth not more than \$100,000, the share of his son is understood to greatly exceed this valuation of his father's whole fortune.



The Rev. W. T. Capers mentioned in the clipping below is Brother William Capers, South Carolina Delta (at South Carolina College), '88, and is a brother of John G. Capers, South Carolina Lambda (at

South Carolina Military Academy), '86, former E. S. A. of the Fraternity:

VICKSBURG, MISS., Nov. 17.—[Special.]—Rev. Wm. T. Capers, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, of this city, left to-night for Asheville, N. C., where he has accepted a call. Mr. Capers came here two years ago from South Carolina, the diocese of his father, Rt. Rev. Bishop Capers, and has done much good work for his church and humanity generally. Before leaving Mr. Capers was presented with several testimonials, among them a fine gold watch by his choir, which he built up.—*Memphis Commercial-Appeal.*



James Neill, Georgia Beta, '83, is an actor well known through the Pacific slope, and is President of the Los Angeles Alumni Association.

PORTLAND, ORE., November 21.—[Exclusive Dispatch.]—Another theatrical merger has been arranged between James Neill and Oliver Morosco, and next February the present Neill Company will lose its identity and be known as the Neill-Morosco Company. There is already one Neill-Morosco Company, which will be maintained. In addition to two repertoire companies, it is probable James Neill and Edythe Chapman will be given another company by the Neill-Morosco people, and Neill will be toured through the West as a dollar star.

The towns interested in these proposed changes are Portland, San Francisco, Oakland, Seattle, Tacoma, Salt Lake, Denver, Omaha and Los Angeles.—*Los Angeles Times.*

Jottings of the Old Grads.



CORNELL.

'96. Don R. Almy has resigned from the employ of the Interurban Street Railway Co., and has associated with J. Arthur Hilton in the general practice of law, with offices at 76 William street, New York City.—'99. E. H. Hollands has resumed his studies at Cornell, having won a fellowship in philosophy.—'03. E. N. Ferdon is acting manager of the art department of Brown & Biglow, St. Paul, Minn. F. L. Ferdon is in the cataloguing department of the same firm. H. T. Kuschke is employed on an inspection car of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. F. G. Brown is with the Illinois Steel Co., Chicago. H. P. Atherton is with Cram, Goodhew & Ferguson, architects, New York City. A. D. Harnden is in the law offices of Black,

Olcott, Gruber & Bonyng, New York City. C. A. Blakeslee is employed as a civil engineer by the Jefferson Coal Co., Coal Glen, Pa.

GETTYSBURG.

'00. Rev. George Lauffer is well situated at New Oxford.—'01. Rev. William Herrick is attending Gettysburg Seminary.—'02. John Koser is attending Gettysburg Seminary.—'03. David S. Babylon is in the Hardware business at Westminster, Md., with the Westminster Hardware Co. Daniel C. Jacobs is teaching at Millersville, Pa., at the M. S. N. S.—'05. Fred L. Roth is in business at Pittsburg, Pa., 1351 Perryville Ave.

NORTH CAROLINA.

'88. Dr. William E. Edmonson, for the past three years pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Denver, Colo., has settled in Charlotte, N. C. Julian H. Little is president of the Little-Long department store, Charlotte, N. C.—'89. John W. Alexander is now in the real estate business in Spartanburg, S. C. John Sprunt Hill has gone into the banking business at Durham, N. C. He delivered the commencement alumni address at the University of North Carolina last June. H. P. Harding is superintendent of the Newberne Graded Schools.—'93. Rev. H. E. Rondthaler has become professor in the Moravian Theological Seminary at Bethlehem, Pa.—'97. Dr. Thomas M. Green is practicing medicine in Wilmington, N. C. M. Schenck has begun the practice of law in Greensboro, N. C. John H. Andrews is now traveling freight agent for the Southern Railroad.—'98. E. K. Graham, who was studying at Columbia University last year, has been elected Assistant Professor of English in the University of North Carolina.—'00. H. Anderson is studying law at Columbia University. H. C. Cowles, Jr., has completed his course in the Columbia Medical School, and won an appointment in the Hospice Français, New York City. W. C. Wharton is teaching in the graded schools of Durham, N. C.—'01. Eben Alexander, Jr., and S. L. Strongfeld, ex-'03, are students at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.—'02. Preston Stevenson is an assistant in chemistry at Cornell.—'03. G. H. Andrews is with the Raleigh National Bank. G. R. Berkeley is studying medicine and is assistant in Biology at the University of North Carolina. C. A. Bynum is a student at the Harvard Divinity School. M. Calder is in the Murchison National Bank, Wilmington, N. C. W. J. Gordon is assistant in French in the University of North Carolina. F. M. Haues has entered the senior class at Harvard. A. S. Hanes is superintendent of the Shamrock Knitting Mill, Winston, N. C. W. O. Heard is chemist in the powder factory at Wilmington, Delaware. B. F. Huske is teaching in the schools of Fayetteville, N. C. J. H. McAden, Jr., is in the Merchants and Farmers' Bank, Charlotte, N. C. J. B. Thorpe is chemist for the Steel Works at Clairston, Pa.

C I N C I N N A T I .

'89. Joseph G. Obermeyer is deputy clerk to the Supreme Court of Ohio.—'91. Irving McAvoy was in Cincinnati recently visiting friends and relatives. He is roadmaster of the Southern Pacific R. R., with headquarters at Tucson, Ariz.—'93. William G. Langenheim is now a bridge engineer in Chicago, Ill. Dr. Gilbert L. Bailey has returned from Europe, where he spent several months in study. He has reopened his old office in Cincinnati.—'95. Rev. Morton C. Hartzell is pastor of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, Ill.—'97. William T. Gray is secretary of the Stein-Grey Drug Co., Cincinnati.—'99. Clifford M. Stegner is now chief engineer of the Stewart Iron Works, Cincinnati.—'00. Henry Walters is manager of the Vincennes Branch of the Central Foundry Co., Vincennes, Ind.—'01. Gordon Green, Cincinnati, '01, and Columbia, '04, is a mining engineer at Ensley, Ala.—'02. William B. Monte is a practicing attorney, with offices in the Wiggins Block, Cincinnati.—'03. George Elliott is instructor at the Technical School of Cincinnati, the preparatory department of the University. Dwight Bailey is a civil engineer on the Mexican International Railway, with headquarters at Durango, Mex. Daniel Pierson is engaged in the coal and lumber business in Cincinnati, with J. L. & N. L. Pierson.—'04. Howard T. Jones is draftsman with the Lunkenheimer Co., Cincinnati. Andrew Jergens, Jr., is chemist for the Andrew N. Jergens Co., manufacturers of toilet soaps. Tom S. D. Stewart is a cadet at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. Marlay Kugler is with the Geo. C. Miller Sons Carriage Co., Cincinnati.—'05. Harry M. Box has entered the Miami Medical College, and has become a member of the medical fraternity Alpha Kappa Kappa. Arthur Wadsworth is chemist for the Wadsworth Watchcase Co., Dayton, Ky.—'06. Gibson Rose is with the Triumph Electric Company, Cincinnati. James Proctor is on his uncle's ranch at Santa Paula, Cal.

W A S H I N G T O N .

'02. F. T. Cutts is the assistant engineer of the Consolidated Coal and Coke Co., of St. Louis.—'03. W. W. Brey is studying theology at Louisville, Ky.—'06. O. A. Schilling and W. P. Nelson, Jr., are completing their studies at Missouri State University, Columbia, Mo. W. L. Fenerbacher is with the Duke Coal Co., St. Louis.

N E B R A S K A .

'97. Ernest Haughton has a son and heir. He is with the Bryan-Marsh Electrical Co., at Cincinnati. Everett Sawyer is in the real estate business in Lincoln.—'98. Hal Minor has moved to Lincoln. Charles Bowlby has been elected county treasurer of Saline county. Bud Harmon is travelling out of Hastings, Nebraska, for the Simmons Hardware Co. Nelson Davidson has an eleven-pound son in his family at Tecumseh, Nebr.—'03. Charles

Stewart is filling a vacancy as county superintendent of York county, and has been nominated by the Republicans for the same office. William Wallace, is assistant cashier in the South Omaha National Bank. D. L. Jouvenat, is cashier in Ainsworth National Bank. Sid Corley is at St. Joe, Mo., with the Bryan-Marsh Co. Geo. Shidler, has gone to Ann Arbor, Mich., to study medicine. Bill Haney is surgeon-in-chief for a big mining company in Mexico. Roy Isaac Sipherd travels out of Denver for a toilet manufacturing company. Dr. Ed Morrill is at Ft. Collins, Col. Ray De Putron is on the road for the Lincoln Photo Supply Company.

T U L A N E .

'97' The fellows are sympathizing with J. Webb McGehee in the sad loss of his beloved wife, Ellen Swan McGehee.—'02. Ed McGehee crossed the pond this summer, and spent some time in Paris.—'03. B. Thomson, Jr., is studying law at the University of Virginia this session.

K E N T U C K Y S T A T E .

'02. L. W. Martin is with the American Car and Foundry Co., St. Charles, Mo.—'03. J. J. Thompson is in the employ of the Queen City Supply Co., Cincinnati, O. Virgil Collis is assistant engineer on the line at Blithe, Miss.—'04. W. A. Spanton is with the C. & O. R. R., at Cincinnati, O.—'05. A. E. Bolts is in the employ of the same road in Cincinnati —'06. K. A. Talley is assistant engineer with Collis at Blithe, Miss.

A s s o c i a t i o n L e t t e r s .

Cincinnati, Ohio.

SINCE our last letter the growth of Sigma Alphdom in Cincinnati has continued with unabated vigor. Active fraternity doings have been resumed since the close of the summer vacations and now we've about settled down again to our usual round of alumna dinners, occasional meetings at the chapter-hall, and frequent visits to the active chapter's meetings and social gatherings.

A number of names have been added to the association roster, and better still, as has, no doubt, been reported by Ohio Epsilon's correspondent, eleven choice neophytes have been introduced into the fraternity.

While we do not wish to claim for the alumni any honor that belongs to the active chapter, it is but fair to say that the old grads manifested more spirit and enthusiasm than for several years; and that it made us all

feel like boys again to assist in putting the "kids" through the necessary preliminaries to their entrance into the mystic portals.

The next event in which we participate will be the active chapter's annual Thanksgiving dance, to be held Friday evening, November 27, at the Ellerson Country Club. Quite a number of Sigmas, by the way, are members of this club, and we certainly have many good times together at tennis and golf while these sports are in season.

Preparations have been begun for another affair, a little farther distant, — the dance and dinner of New Year's eve. This is one of the notable occasions of the year's social calendar, a special feature being that, shortly before midnight Sigma Alphas and their ladies assemble around the festal board to see the old year out and the new year in.

This letter must not close without a mention of Brother Henry C. Wright, Ohio Delta, '92, whose more than excellent work as superintendent of the Union Bethel for the past three years has caused him to be selected as manager of the Citizens' Municipal Party, a strong reform movement in Cincinnati politics.

We miss the familiar face of Dr. George Kress, who removed to Los Angeles, after his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hill last June. While George was stationed at the Soldiers' Home, at Dayton, Ohio, he used to drop around to see us every few weeks. Our best wishes, however, go with him to his new sphere of usefulness.

ALBRECHT F. LEUE.

19 November, 1903.

Denver, Colorado.

THE Denver Alumni Association has had many enjoyable times together since the last letter to THE RECORD. We met ostensibly for business at Brother York's home some time ago. The business, pertaining mainly to our dance, which will probably be in February, was quickly disposed of. Then we gathered round the table and soon got to talking like a seasoned G. A. R. of high school cadet days before our knighthood.

Délegations of us have visited the active chapters both on special occasions and at odd times, and have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Then let me add that we are getting to be very "chummy" as a result of increasing acquaintance, which is fostered by our weekly lunches. Other associations ought to try it. The idea is a beautiful success.

H. O. BOSWORTH.

22 November, 1903.

Los Angeles, Cal.

IN response to the efforts of Thomas H. Hastings of Virginia Omicron and Stanley Granger of Ohio Epsilon, a goodly number of Sigma Alphas met on September 9 at the noon hour, at Levy's Café, to take steps to place the temporary organization of the Los Angeles alumni on a permanent basis. James Neill, Georgia Beta, was elected President; Paul Eurks, Tennessee Lambda, first Vice-President; William McIntosh, California Alpha, second Vice-President; Thomas H. Hastings, Virginia Omicron third Vice-President; Dr. Geo. H. Kress, Ohio Epsilon, Secretary and

Treasurer; Herbert A. Sibbet, Ohio Epsilon, Press Representative. The officers constitute the executive committee, with power to act between meetings. It was decided to call the organization the Southern California Alumni Association (with headquarters at Los Angeles). In this way we hope to enlist the aid of all the Σ A E's in this southern country.

The regular meetings will take place quarterly, as follows; Annual or Founders' Day meeting, at which officers will be elected, March 9; summer meeting, to lay plans for entertaining desirable men during the summer, first week in June; fall meeting, to give desirable men a proper send-off, first week in August; winter meeting, reunion of actives and alumni during Christmas week. All members, active or associate, must pay one dollar to the treasury, to go as subscription to THE RECORD and *Phi Alpha*.

The outline of the constitution in which the above articles appeared were discussed at the meeting of September 9, and the Secretary-Treasurer was empowered to draw up a constitution embodying these points. The charter members of the association were James Neill, Georgia Beta; Bennet Southard, California Alpha; Gesner Williams, Virginia Omicron; Thomas H. Hastings, Virginia Omicron;

Paul Burks, Tennessee Lambda; Otto Gottschalk, California Alpha; H. W. Blackstone, California Beta; William Schweppe, Massachusetts Gamma; William McIntosh, California Beta; George H. Kress, Ohio Epsilon; Stanley Granger, Ohio Epsilon; and Herbert A. Sibbet, Ohio Epsilon.

After the dinner a pleasant evening was spent in informal conversation, and before adjourning, James Neill, President of the Association, invited the members to witness the performance of *Shenandoah* by the Neill Company, at the Burbank Theatre on September 16.

On that occasion the members sent a huge bouquet in fraternity colors to Mrs. James Neill. After the performance good things to eat and a good time was enjoyed at Levy's until early in the morning. The constitution was adopted, and the secretary ordered to send a copy of same, with necessary fee, for a charter to the Supreme Council. He was also instructed to inform the California Chapters of the Association's desire to aid them in every possible way. Informal monthly noon dinners will be continued throughout the year, and every effort will be made to further Σ A E's interest in this section. HERBERT A. SIBBETT.

11 September, 1903.

THE ACTIVE CHAPTERS

Initiates.



We print herewith a roll of all initiates properly reported to this office since the last appearance of this list in May, 1903. To obtain correct representation in the roll of initiates which is now printed twice annually (December and May), the correspondents should report the full name of their new men, their year of graduation and their home town. As the appended list is arranged on a topographical plan, chapters which fail to report the last named item are debarred from representation.

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
PROVINCE ALPHA.		
<i>Maine.</i>		
Andover	Richard P. Galbert	Maine, '07.
Calais	Reginald R. Lambe	" "
Lovell Centre	Edward A. Stanford	" '06.
Saco	Leroy C. Nichols	" "
E. Winthrop	Harry E. Packard	" '07.
<i>Massachusetts.</i>		
Beverly	Walter W. Black	Maine, '07.
Boston	William Nelson	Boston Tech, '07.
Springfield	Walker Meredith Wharfield ..	Harvard, '03.
Winchester	Frank Edward Payne	Boston Tech, '05.
Worcester	David Hirtius Harrington	Worcester, '06.
"	Harold Heald Freeman	" '07.
"	Charles Foster Davis	" "
"	Charles Warren Johnson	" "
<i>Connecticut.</i>		
Norwich	Roberts Huntington Bishop ..	Cornell, '07.
Windsor	Philip Fowler Ellsworth	Worcester, '07.

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
PROVINCE BETA.		
<i>New York.</i>		
Albany	John J. White, Jr.	Cornell, '05.
Auburn	Thomas Forrest Laurie	" '07.
Brooklyn	McDonald Mayer	Columbia, '07.
"	William Pettus Joerger	Cornell, '07.
Cornwall	Harry H. Coryell	Harvard, '05.
Kennedy	Clement Paul Malone	Allegheny, '06.
Mt. Vernon	Richard Grant Williams	Columbia, '07.
"	William Dewitt Gillette	Cornell, '07.
New York	William Broadhead Keller	" '07.
Westfield	Harry F. Dickerman	Michigan, '06.
<i>New Jersey.</i>		
Morristown	Stowe Valentine Farrelly	Columbia, '06.
Passaic	Clarence Kimball	Cornell, '07.
Paterson	William C. Bailey	Colorado Mines, '06.
<i>Pennsylvania.</i>		
Beaver Falls	Robert Forbes Patterson	Penn State, '05.
Braddock	Matthew Turner	Allegheny, '06.
Carnegie	Frank Irwin Powers	Penn State, '07.
Germantown	James Cleveland McCormick	" "
"	David Hargis Miller	" "
Gray's Run	John Daniel Pick Smithgale	Bucknell, '06.
Knox	James Griffin Culverton	Penn State, '05.
Lock Haven	Clay Montgomery McCarnick	Bucknell, '06.
Lewistown	David B. Spanogle	" "
Mahanoy	Benjamin Garfield Evans	" "
Meadville	Bowman Foster Ashe	Mt. Union.
New Brighton	William Harrison Seawright	" "
"	Athal Vern Wise	Bucknell, '06.
Newcastle	Joseph Walter Norton	Penn State, '06.
New Millport	Frank Roneche	Allegheny.
Pittsburg	Alexander Speer	Colorado Mines, '06.
Pittsburg	Clifton Nicholson Phillips	Penn State, '06.
Reading	Clarence Reuben Potteiger	" '07.
Wilkinsburg	Robert Russell	Allegheny, '06.
West Chester	Charles Henry Campbell, Jr.	Penn State, '07.
York	William Stewart Starr	" "
PROVINCE GAMMA.		
<i>District of Columbia.</i>		
Washington	John Mosby Russell	Virginia.
<i>Virginia.</i>		
Harrisonburg	Lucien Randolph Heneberger	Virginia, Med.
Princess Anne C. H.	Vernon Hope Kellam	" Law.
<i>North Carolina.</i>		
Charlotte	G. H. Brockenbrough, Jr.	Davidson.
"	J. M. Oates, Jr.	"
Fayetteville	D. W. Currie	"
Laurinburg	W. C. Rose	"
Lumberton	R. H. McLean	"
Wilmington	G. S. Hicks	"
<i>South Carolina.</i>		
Greenville	L. A. Mills	Davidson.
Spartanburg	A. A. James	"

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
P R O V I N C E D E L T A .		
<i>Michigan.</i>		
Chelsea	Howard S. Holmes.....	Michigan, '07.
Grand Rapids	William R. Renwick.....	Purdue, '07.
St. John	Clarence Emmons.....	Northwestern.
<i>Indiana.</i>		
Delphi	William S. Cochrane.....	Michigan, '05.
Indianapolis	Charles S. Rhoads.....	Purdue, '07.
"	Robert Cortes Holliday.....	Kansas, Sp.
Lowell.....	Clyde Dwight Foster.....	Northwestern.
<i>Illinois.</i>		
Aurora	Frank Henry McWeltry.....	Wisconsin, '05.
"	Walter H. Wroughton.....	Illinois, '07.
Chicago	J. Bernard Theiss.....	Purdue, '07.
"	Louis Henry Boldenwerck.....	Wisconsin, '07.
"	Arthur N. Bennett.....	Illinois, '07.
"	Louis William Mack.....	" "
"	John Edward Russell.....	Northwestern.
Galva.....	Percy C. Hayes.....	Illinois, '07.
Kenilworth	George Preston Derickson.....	Northwestern.
Mattoon	C. X. Chuse.....	Vanderbilt.
Moline	Charles Harold White.....	Wisconsin, '07.
Rockford	Harry S. Horner.....	Illinois, '07.
Urbana	Carl Van Dorn.....	" "
<i>Ohio.</i>		
Cincinnati	Henry Irving Fisher.....	Ohio State, '07.
Chillicothe	Isaac Scott Cook.....	" " " "
"	Walter H. Myringer.....	Ohio Wesleyan, '07.
Ironton	Ernest Louis Marsing.....	" " " "
"	Stanley Frazer Lee.....	Kentucky State, '07.
Kingston	Robert Shannon May.....	Ohio Wesleyan, '06.
McConnellsville.....	Stanberry Alderman.....	" " " '07.
Shelby	Victor Lewis Doeman.....	Ohio State, '06.
Sabina	Harry A. Gorrell.....	Ohio Wesleyan, '06.
<i>Minnesota.</i>		
Brainerd.....	Clark C. Smith.....	Minnesota, '07.
Duluth	Thomas Merritt.....	" " " "
Duluth	Ralph Norris Marble.....	Columbia, '05.
Marshall	George Largland.....	Minnesota, '07.
Medford	William R. Judson.....	" " " "
Minneapolis	Orin Kellar.....	" " '05.
"	Frederick Stevens.....	" " " "
"	Ralph Edgerton.....	" " '07.
"	John Henry McKnight.....	" " " "
Moorhead.....	Henry C. MacKell.....	" " '06.
Rushford	Clarence Maland.....	" " '07.
St. Cloud	Luther O. Whitman.....	" " '05.
St. Paul.....	Harold Bond.....	" " '07.
<i>Wisconsin.</i>		
Janesville	Herbert Dinwiddie Goldin.....	Wisconsin, '07.

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
PROVINCE EPSILON.		
<i>Georgia.</i>		
Albany	Forest Gilbert	Georgia, '06.
"	Jere Hilkman Walters	Mercer.
Americus	C. W. Felder, Jr.	Georgia Tech, '08.
Athens	Carlisle Cobb	Georgia, '07.
Atlanta	Trammell Scott	"
"	Gordon Baker	Georgia Tech, '07.
"	Marshall Lane, Jr.	Mercer.
Augusta	Lansing Lee	Georgia, '06.
"	William T. Gary	" '07.
Canton	James Rice Brown, Jr.	Sewanee, '07.
Columbus	Charleton Eugene Battle	Auburn, '07.
"	Lemuel D. Hill	Georgia, '07.
"	Norman Pease	Georgia Tech, '07.
"	John Cartwright Cook, Jr.	Mercer.
Covington	Benjamin Simmes Heard	Emory, '07.
"	Lester Lee	" "
Dalton	Thomas Stokeley McCamey	" '06.
Decatur	John Marcus McClennan	Auburn, '07.
Greenville	H. Warner Hill	Georgia, '07.
"	William Spivey	Georgia Tech, '08.
Jersey	Josiah Blasingame, Jr.	Mercer.
LaGrange	Theodore E. Atkinson	Georgia, '06.
Macon	George Washington Duncan	Sewanee, '07.
"	Prentiss Edwards	Georgia Tech, '07.
Marshallville	Bertram Murph	" " '08.
"	Samuel Rumph	" " "
Monroe	Charles Theophilus Eden	Mercer.
Sandersville	David Dudley Smith	Mercer.
Savannah	Edward Anderson Bond	Sewanee, '07.
"	Malcolm McClean	Georgia Tech, '06.
Social Circle	Mell Anderson Knox	Mercer.
Thomasville	Joe Mitchell	Georgia Tech.
Valdosta	Augustus Denmark	Georgia, '06.
"	Vivian Stevens	Georgia Tech, '08.
"	Thomas Briggs Converse, Jr.	Mercer.
"	Percy Thigpen	Mercer.
Washington	J. B. McAlister	Davidson.
Waynesboro	Alvin H. Neely	Georgia, '07.
Winder	Earl Harris Kimbell	Mercer.
<i>Alabama.</i>		
Birmingham	Jelks Henry Cabaniss	Alabama, '06.
"	Charles Pollard Marks	Auburn, '06.
"	Shelby Montgomery Cullons	" '07.
Demopolis	Edwin Earl Tallichet	Alabama, '06.
Geneva	William Napoleon Morris	Auburn, '06.
Havana	Frank Cook Whatley	Alabama, '07.
"	Seaborn Thornton Whatley	" "
Montgomery	Jackson Martin Hobbie	Auburn, '06.
"	Edward Seebrooke Watts	Alabama, '04.
Talladega	Knox Harwood Camp	Auburn, '06.
"	George Estes Hicks	" "
Tuskegee	Edward Hunter Smith	" '07.
University	Samuel S. Gaillard	Alabama, '07.
Wetumpka	Elisha Meriwether Moore	" "
"	Alexander McKay Parker	" "

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
PROVINCE ZETA.		
<i>Arkansas.</i>		
Devall's Bluff	C. B. Thweat	Vanderbilt.
Hot Springs	Estill Donan Holland	Missouri, '07.
Little Rock	Arthur W. Archer	Illinois, '07.
Scotts	T. S. Dortch	Vanderbilt.
<i>Missouri.</i>		
Carthage	Phillip D. Hannum	Illinois, '07.
Hannibal	A. J. Ayres	Vanderbilt.
Kansas City	Will Bain Cooper	Kansas, '07.
"	Harry Busch	" "
"	George J. Mossbacher	" "
St. Louis	Morton McNutt Prentiss	Missouri, '06.
"	James Robert Claiborne, Jr.	" "
"	Oscar Joseph Winkeman	Washington, '00.
"	Terry West Allen	" '07.
"	Theodore Carl Henkerman	" '07.
Warrensburg	William Edward Suddath	Missouri, '06.
<i>Nebraska.</i>		
Alliance	J. Bernard Phelan	Michigan, '07.
Grand Island	Albert Stewart Barr	" "
<i>Kansas.</i>		
Haven	Howard A. Sawyer	Kansas, '03.
Lyons	Benjamin DeWitt Reynolds	" '06.
Minneapolis	Earl Roland Gafford	" "
"	Astley Bloxam Purton	" "
Topeka	Merrill Kirk Lindsay	" '07.
Wichita	Merle Ethelbert Hatfield	" "
PROVINCE ETA.		
<i>Colorado.</i>		
Boulder	William Trudgian	Colorado, '07.
"	Max R. Schuder	" "
"	Claude H. Compton	" "
"	Frank M. Downer	" "
"	Hugh Thatcher	" "
Denver	George P. Robinson	Colorado Mines, '04.
"	James L. Beale	" '07.
Monte Vista	William E. Jones	" '06.
<i>California.</i>		
Anaheim	Gaston A. Blanchbury	Colorado Mines, '07.
Los Angeles	William B. Phelps	" "
Oakland	Charles McDonald Smilie	California, '05.
Petaluma	Floyd Stanley McAllister	" '07.
San Francisco	William Francis Boykin	" "
San Jacinto	Francis J. Shaver	Colorado Mines, '07.
PROVINCE THETA.		
<i>Louisiana.</i>		
Baton Rouge	Clive Wetherell Kernan	Tulane, '07.
"	Michael D. Nicholson	Louisiana State, '06.
Lafayette	Jefferson Cottery	Tulane, '06.
New Orleans	Charles McDonald Kerr	" '07.
"	Charles McClellan	" "
"	Stirling Parkerson	" "
Sunshine P. O.	John Posey Ventress	" Sp.

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
PROVINCE THETA — Continued.		
<i>Mississippi.</i>		
Como.....	Thomas Shelton Taylor.....	Bethel, '07.
Ocean Springs.....	W. C. Clark.....	Cumberland, '06.
Senatobia.....	C. H. Dean.....	Vanderbilt.
Senatobia.....	Calaway Godfrey Callicott.....	Bethel, '07.
<i>Texas.</i>		
Austin.....	William John Scarborough.....	Sewanee, '07.
Driscoll.....	Richard King, Jr.	Missouri, '07.
Houston.....	Joseph Massie Dolan.....	Sewanee, '07.
San Antonio.....	P. R. Stieren.....	Cumberland, '04 L.
Sherman.....	Robert M. Rainey.....	"
<i>New Mexico.</i>		
Las Vegas.....	Clarence Swain Browne.....	Wisconsin, '07.
PROVINCE IOTA.		
<i>Tennessee.</i>		
Bells.....	G. C. Sherrod.....	Cumberland, '04 L.
Chattanooga.....	Edward Augustus Smith.....	Auburn, '06.
Clarksville.....	Walton Barker.....	Southwestern Presbyterian, '04.
Fayetteville.....	John Reese.....	Vanderbilt.
Goodlettsville.....	H. E. Grizzard.....	"
Jackson.....	Robert Henry Anderson.....	Southwestern Baptist.
Knoxville.....	Stanley Newman.....	Virginia.
Lebanon.....	John Hoyt Rushing.....	Southwestern Baptist.
".....	C. F. Fouché.....	Vanderbilt
Livingston.....	J. R. Mitchell.....	Cumberland, '04 L.
Memphis.....	Howard Beine.....	Virginia.
".....	Lewis Randolph Donelson.....	"
".....	Wayne Abel Duncan.....	Tennessee, '04.
".....	Thomas Richard Watkins.....	" '05.
Mooresbury.....	Thomas Pinckney Summers.....	" '07.
Morristown.....	Rufus M. Hickey.....	Cumberland, '04 L.
Nashville.....	R. E. Holt.....	Vanderbilt.
Paris.....	John F. Cole.....	Cumberland, '04 L.
Waverly.....	J. Ben Fuqua.....	"
<i>Kentucky.</i>		
Bloomfield.....	David Randall Hayes.....	Kentucky State, '07.
Cadiz.....	Harper White Boyd.....	Bethel, '07.
Fern Leaf.....	Harry Worthington Thompson.....	Kentucky State, '07.
Henderson.....	J. J. Johnson.....	Vanderbilt.
Lebanon.....	John McChord, Jr.....	Kentucky State, '06.
Lexington.....	Edward Shelley Kinkead, Jr.....	" '07.
".....	Leo Logan Lewis.....	" " "
Litchfield.....	Clay Thomas Cabbage.....	Bethel, '06.
Louisville.....	J. C. Tomerlen.....	Vanderbilt.
Madisonville.....	R. B. Watson.....	Cumberland, '07.
Paducah.....	Lowry Smith.....	Kentucky State, '07.
Paris.....	Clay Hutchcroft Sutherland.....	" " '06.
Princeton.....	Garland Groom McConnell.....	Bethel, '07.
Russellville.....	Ernest J. Felts.....	" "
".....	Coleman Sanford Lyne.....	" "
FOREIGN.		
Melbourne, Australia	Leroy Price Clapp.....	Worcester, '07.
Sydney, Australia.	Joseph K. Hendon.....	Boston Tech, '07.

Other initiates imperfectly listed are : *North Carolina Xi*—Ralph Barkwill Engel, Law, William Heek Pace, Law, Agnew Hunter Bahnson, '06, Robert Edward Calder, '06, Eugene Earl Gray, Jr., '06, Hamilton Chamberlain Jones, Jr., '06, John Porter Stedman, '06. . . . *Colorado Zeta*—David Sievert Painter, '07, Theodore Kingsley Bushnell, '07, Franklin Ilsley Badgley, '07, Charles Clifford Hawke, '07. . . . *Pennsylvania Delta*—Frederick L. Roth, '03, Earl B. Musser, '07, William O. Rieneke, '07. . . . *Ohio Epsilon*—Stuart Rose, Hubert Persons, Edward Nippert, Harry King, Ford Veazey, Edison Keyt, Harry Stegner, Walter Schwaab, Eric Twachtman, Frank Forshee, Edward Hurley. . . . *Alabama Iota*—William J. Cannon, '07, Laban Henry Chappelle, '07, Coleman C. Daniels, '05, Archie McDonald, '07, William O. Turnipseed, '05.

Chapter Letters.

Chapter Letters for the March RECORD must be in the hands of the Editor not later than the fifteenth day of February. As this date has purposely been fixed as late as the prompt publication of THE RECORD will permit, correspondents who ignore this warning will risk the non-appearance of their letters in the forthcoming issue.

Elect as your correspondent the man who can write, and whose sense of duty and personal responsibility is such that it is certain that he will write. No man should have this post because of his mere popularity.

PROVINCE ALPHA.

Maine Alpha, University of Maine,
Orono.

ARRIVING on the campus at the opening of the fall term we were confronted by the new and attractive fraternity house built this summer for $\Phi K \Sigma$, and by the fact that we were the only fraternity left at Maine without a chapter-house. Impressed as never before by the need of a house, measures were immediately taken to secure suitable concessions from the faculty, and as a necessary step before building, to file corporation papers.

But we would not have our brothers think that because of our houseless state we are in a weak condition. The fact is quite otherwise. Twenty-two active members fraternally united and all living at Oak Hall, our largest dormitory, responded to the first roll-call, and the number of future brothers has already reached the total of six. Perhaps the total should be larger, but the number of the Freshmen in the entering class—the largest on record at this institution—has made a thorough inspection and careful choice more than usually difficult.

Coach Farley, formerly of Harvard, is trying hard to weld the Varsity football squad, captained by Bailey, '05, and containing Reed and Ricker, into what we all hope will be a championship team.

It was a pleasure to receive, this fall, visits from Brother Beech, formerly of Harvard, Brother Millar, once of Technology; and Brother Harris, a graduate of Worcester Polytech, who is now attending the University Law School at Bangor, and whom we hope soon to place at the head of an affiliate scroll. It is our wish that as many other Sigmas as find it convenient will follow the example of these brothers and visit Maine Alpha.

MERTON R. LOVETT.

29 October, 1903.

Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Boston
University, Boston.

THE university has entered upon another year of prosperity, and with it Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Several of our number have received college honors this fall. In the Law School the senior dean's clerk is the head of the office force, and regarded as one of the chief appointments. Brother Lawrence F. Sherman, of Lyman, N. H., received this post. In the School of Theology Gregg is vice-president of the Senior class, and Sample is chairman of the photograph committee. Another Sigma, Judson Jeffries, an alumnus of Ohio Sigma, was, after a spirited contest, elected president of this class.

We have been pleased to receive visits from Brothers Millard, Virgin and others at different times this fall.

OSCAR J. ALDRICH.

11 November, 1903.

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

FOR the benefit of those deeply interested in all that takes place at 263 Newbury Street, we shall try to tell in as few words as possible what has happened since the last letter.

Before Tech opened this year a few of our faithful workers appeared on the scene and began fixing up the house. Our parlor, hall and dining-room have been papered and painted, and look so bright and cheery in comparison with what they were formerly that we recommend to visiting alumni the use of smoked glasses for the first few days. But new wall paper is not the only thing we have to boast about; for the heretofore formal and deserted parlor has been transformed into a comfortable home-like room with heavy Flemish oak furniture, and has become a rival of the smoking-room in point of popularity.

We can not be sure that our new furnishings did it; but we have been successful in getting in three desirable men at our first home initiation of the year, and hope to take in several others at Auburndale.

As has been the custom for some years, we gave a Hallowe'en Party not long ago. This year, however, we introduced a new "stunt." Most of the men had girls in from out of town, so we thought it would be a good scheme to serve dinner for them at the house. The "table" has been doing splendidly this year, and volunteered its services to further these plans, and made it such a success that hereafter we hope to see

the bright faces of our Sigma girl friends at our board frequently.

Just at present we are running an opposition to Chi Phi, next door, by renting a pianola. This affords us much amusement; but is rather rough on the neighbors, especially when both instruments are going at the same time.

Everything so far is running very nicely, and we hope that our alumni and every Sigma Alph coming near Boston will make an effort to come around and receive from us a most hearty welcome.

GEORGE W. PRENTISS.

Σ A E House, 263 Newbury St.,
10 November, 1903.

Massachusetts Gamma, Harvard University, Cambridge.

DURING the past summer Massachusetts Gamma suffered the loss of one of her most promising and beloved members. By the death of our friend and brother, Charles Shattuck Fletcher, the chapter lost a brilliant man and an earnest worker, and each of us mourns a true friend and companion.

We opened the year with a small roll-call, only twenty men. Since then we have initiated two men, and six Sigmas from widely spread chapters have affiliated with us. At the fall Auburndale we shall probably initiate five or six additional men.

On December fifth the football team from this chapter will hold its annual contest with Massachusetts Delta's team at Worcester Tech. As usual, we expect to win, but Worcester is equally confident, and a close game may be predicted.

As ever, visiting Sigmas will find our house open to them.

DAVID ROBERTS, JR.

Σ A E House, 20 Prescott St.,
16 November, 1903.

Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester.

SINCE our return in September we have been very busy with our fall rushing, and are only now beginning to feel a little let up in the strain. The entering class this year was the largest in the history of the institute, and we have had therefore more material to choose from than usual. As yet only six men have been taken in, but they are all up to the highest notch of the Σ A E standard. We have besides three pledges for next term, and are looking up two men whom we hope to initiate at the next Auburndale.

The football team this year has been unusually good. Four games out of six have been won, and we are glad to be able to say that four Sigmas on the team have helped to win the victories. A series of three cross-country runs has been held recently, and one of our men has been first in all of them. The basket-ball team has been out for only a week, and of course no team has been picked; but with the captain and two players of last year's team back we expect to have our share of the men.

In the social way we have done nothing so far. There has been some talk of a dance after the holidays, but nothing definite has been decided upon. We are having a pool tournament at the house, and hope to get

into good form so as to be able to win from Harvard when we have our annual games with them in December.

Although we have one vacancy in the house, on the whole the winter

has started out pretty successfully, and we hope to finish the year as well as we have begun it.

FREDERIC KEITH HILL.

Σ A E House, Humboldt Ave.,
14 November, 1903.

PROVINCE BETA.

New York Alpha, Cornell University, Ithaca.

IN spite of last year's disastrous epidemic, and contrary to the predictions of many who thought that the university would be slow in regaining its former supremacy, Cornell started this year with a thousand freshmen and a total attendance larger than ever before. It will take more than a typhoid epidemic to shake the Cornell man's confidence in his alma mater.

Twenty-five of last year's chapter returned this fall; a majority were here for rushing ten days before registration. We are glad to say that Brothers Mellowes and Lefebvre, both of whom had severe attacks of fever, are again with us. Nutting, who intended to return this year, decided at the last moment to attend the Columbia School of Mines. Emerson, another victim of the fever, tells us to expect him back for the second half.

We are fortunate in having three new affiliates—Muller, from Arkansas; Lefebvre, from Tulane; and Spanogle, from Bucknell. Brundage, of Worcester, and Stevenson, of North Carolina, drop in to see us frequently. Stevenson is an assistant in the chemistry department. It looks like old times to see Wright,

'99, and Hollands, '99, on the campus again. Brother Wright is an instructor in philosophy, and Brother Hollands has a fellowship in the same department. Among our visitors this fall have been Johnson and Wilcox, with the Bucknell football team, McDonald, Tennessee Zeta, and Smith, Cornell '03. We are looking forward with great pleasure to visits from several of the Pennsylvania chapter, who are coming here with their cross-country team, and several more of the Columbia chapter, who will attend the Cornell-Columbia concert and football game.

As a result of our summer and fall rushing, we have initiated five Freshmen. These men have already begun to be prominent in university affairs and we are expecting great things from them in the future.

Brother R. S. Kent went to Buffalo on the 28th of October to act as best man at Staley Nelson's wedding. The popularity of our alumni is well shown by the space they take up in this issue under the head of marriages.

The university community was shocked on the evening of October 25 by news of the sudden death of Dr. Robert Henry Thurston, dean of the College of Mechanical Engineering. Doctor Thurston was one of the most prominent and probably the

most popular member of our faculty. At the funeral Brother Wadsworth was paid the high honor of being chosen as one of the pall-bearers.

Sites have been selected for our two new buildings—the Rockefeller Hall of Physics and the Goldwin Smith Hall of Humanities. Work on construction will be begun in the spring. Plans for the new mechanical laboratory are well under way. It will be known as Thurston Hall.

This year we have a new-comer among the fraternities. Theta Xi started with a membership of fifteen, confined to the engineering department. They rent a house. Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Sigma Kappa and Kappa Sigma are occupying their new houses, all near Σ A E. A little over a year ago there were only three fraternities on this side of the campus; now there are seven within a radius of two hundred yards. The Chi Phi house, which was badly damaged last year by fire, has been remodeled and is now better than ever.

Nearly all our members are prominent in university affairs. Brother Kent is general secretary of the Christian Association, Wadsworth is navy director for his class and is a member of the senior class-day committee. He has also been elected to Sphinx Head, the senior honorary society. Sloat, Robinson, J. J. White and Gillette are playing on the Mandolin Club. Stow and Bentley belong to Phi Delta Phi, the honorary law fraternity. Ehrich is manager of the cross-country team and president of the Intercollegiate Cross-Country Association. He plays on the Varsity golf team, and is a member of the

junior promenade committee, and of Masque, the theatrical club. Pitcher is manager of the basket-ball team and vice-president of the Intercollegiate Basket-ball Association. Melowes was captain of one of the Sophomore rush teams, and is a member of the Sophomore smoker committee; he won his numerals in the underclass football game. Turner is on the Thurston memorial committee and the sophomore cotillion committee. Cook is in the medical fraternity—Omega Upsilon Phi. Turner and Wolfersperger won their numerals again this fall in the underclass track meet. Bishop is on the Freshman banquet committee. Laurie was captain of one of the Freshman rush teams; he sings on the Glee Club and has been elected to Nu Sigma Nu, one of the honorary medical fraternities.

The chapter is looking forward to a prosperous year.

CHARLES P. WOOD.

Σ A E House,
12 November, 1903.

New York Mu, Columbia University,
New York.

NEW YORK MU has begun a very successful season. We have already initiated five new men, and have two more pledged. We have been fortunate in securing some of the best material in the Freshman class.

During the fall we gave several smokers at the house and it is now our intention to give a tea on December 18. This plan was tried last year and proved a great success.

The New York alumni have given

two very enjoyable smokers which were both well attended. They served to bring the alumni and undergraduates closer together than could otherwise have been the case.

In athletics and college honors this year New York Mu is well represented. The star quarter-back of the Columbia football team is one of our men, and another played on the Varsity squad. Six different offices in the various classes, including Senior president and vice-president, are filled by Sigma Alphas. The managers of the crew, baseball team and musical clubs are Σ A E's. In addition we have the captaincy of the water-polo team, and a man on the Junior Ball Committee.

Altogether we are looking forward to one of the most successful seasons that Σ A E has ever enjoyed in New York City. A. STUART MYERS.

Σ A E House, 354 W. 20th St.,
21 November, 1903.

**New York Sigma-Phi, St. Stephen's
College, Annandale-on-Hudson.**

THE opening of the Christmas semester found five brothers back to hold the fort at old St. Stephen's.

We regret to say that Neiler, '04, left us for Harvard only two weeks after college opened, just at the time when we most needed him. We hear that he has since affiliated with Massachusetts Gamma. Reference must be made here to the visits of Brothers Anderson, Westcott, Coffin and Selvage.

According to the laws of the college no one can enter the Fraternity, or the other Local Societies here un-

til he has been in college two months or more; but by the time the March RECORD reaches us our chapter roll will be considerably larger than at present. Among the entering class there are some very desirable men in whom we have not failed to inculcate, not only by our outward example, but by other persuasive means, the joys and advantages accruing from the life in a national fraternity. Our fraternal life has been more or less a quiet one, but has not been without a development of internal harmony and strengthening.

Our chapter life has been full of energy and interest, and though we have not as yet grown in numbers, yet the inner life has been very much enriched.

New York Sigma Phi was well represented at the ball given by the Eulexian Society the night before election. Conspicuous among the decorations was seen the dear old Purple and Gold.

Though our items are quite meagre, and we can report no chapter function since our last letter, nevertheless we are reaping the benefit of the little things of fraternity life—those which go to make up the more true and lasting joys of existence.

WALLACE F. THOMPSON.

Σ A E House,
7 November, 1903.

**Pennsylvania Omega, Allegheny Col-
lege, Meadville.**

PENNSYLVANIA OMEGA has opened the college year with the usual vigor and has initiated three men. We have the honor of having within our chapter the manager of the foot-

ball team, five players, and the manager of the college weekly.

The outlook of Allegheny College is bright. More students are enrolled than ever before, and the general atmosphere of the college shows an increased interest in all direction.

HOMER B. DAVIS.

Σ A E House, 749 Park Ave.,

13 November, 1903.

Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson College, Carlisle.

THIS fall term finds Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi moving on in unparalleled prosperity. Our chapter-house, to which we have returned for the second year, and the return of nineteen of the old students have figured most strongly in this desirable result. Four new men have been initiated, the result of strong rushing.

Social enjoyment has not been wanting to any one. We have given two receptions—one to the Omega Psi Sorority, and one to Phi Alpha Pi. The Omega Psi Sorority royally entertained us at the residence of Mr. Tompkinson, which return function has left a lasting impression.

The Sigma Alphas of other institutions and our alumni have given us pleasant visits. Of these were Runkle, 1900; Randolf, McCamant and Evans, Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta; McCormick, Pennsylvania Zeta; and Masters, Diehle and Seiber, of Pennsylvania Delta.

Places of honor have been freely bestowed upon us. Stauffer is president of the musical association and leader of the mandolin and glee clubs. The other members of our

Fraternity are Milburn, '06, Duncan, '06, Gill, '07, Glee Club; Hinchman, '05, Johnson, '05, Opie, '05, Fancher, '04, Emrick, '06, Mandolin and Guitar Club. Towers is chairman of the athletic committee, and Thompson '05, treasurer of the Athletic Association. In active athletics, great credit is reflected upon the chapter by Sadler, '06, of the Varsity eleven. He has won much praise for his work in the back-field.

With the present spirit and display of enthusiasm, we look into the future with fondest hopes.

M. GARFIELD MASON.

Σ A E House, 173 W. Louthier St.,

12 November, 1903.

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

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-ZETA began the new year with thirteen men, one of whom, Evans, '05, has since left college with the expectation of returning next fall. We have been very successful during the rushing season, having initiated eight good men. We have just moved into a new house which our former landlord built for us according to our own plans. It is consequently well adapted to our requirements and its size now enables us to have every member room in the house which brings us together more than heretofore, and makes it pleasanter in every way.

A few weeks ago we enjoyed a short visit from D. K. Miller, '03. On the occasion of the football game with Allegheny, we were glad to have with us Lockwood, Davenport, Turner and McQuiston, of Pennsyl-

vania Omega, all of whom were on the team. The next social event of the college year is the Thanksgiving Hop in the Armory. On account of not yet having our house entirely furnished, it is not likely that we shall entertain until after the holidays, at which time we expect to have a house-warming. The college is growing very fast, there being seven hundred students enrolled, of whom about three hundred are freshmen. K Σ has moved into a larger house this fall.

Our members are holding their full share of college honors, and, on the whole, the chapter is in a thoroughly prosperous condition.

ROBERT F. PATTERSON.

Σ A E House,

11 November, 1903.

Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University, Lewisburg.

SINCE the last issue of THE RECORD many names have been added to the roll of Σ A E, and to the fortunate new members we extend our warmest welcome. Because of the one-year rule at Bucknell, no men have been taken in here this fall, but we wish to introduce to our brothers the men who were initiated last June, and whose names appear in this issue.

Contrary to the discouraging reports that were received during the summer, to the effect that a large number of our men would not return, when college opened fifteen were on duty ready to get the best out of the Freshman class; and these in every way advanced the cause of their beloved fraternity. The reports of the summer, however, were not entirely

unfounded, as we wish they had been, and we have to note the loss of three valuable men—Milton Hayden Prout, '05, who is now attending the Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio; Benjamin Evans, '06, who is taking an engineering course in Lehigh University, and Donald B. Spanoyle, who has entered the engineering department of Cornell University. We are glad to have with us again Ralph L. Belford, who was absent last year teaching school at Milton, Pa.

Pennsylvania Zeta is represented on the Varsity football team by John C. Johnson, '04, and Walter S. Wilcox, '04.

One smoker has been given this term, when we entertained a number of the fellows who were being looked after. It was a very enjoyable evening, and we hope to have many more like it.

Considering all things, we feel that the chapter is stronger than ever, and need fear none of its rival fraternities. We look forward to a year of success such as has not yet passed.

WALTER S. WILCOX.

Σ A E House,

7 November, 1903.

Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg.

DURING the summer, while having a good time, we were all on the outlook for new material. After the opening of college we captured two promising men in the Freshman class. Besides these we also brought into camp three men from next year's

Freshman class, giving us a grand total of five new men.

Roth, '05, who was one of our gridiron heroes last year, met with sickness not long ago, which necessitated an operation. We are glad to state that he is slowly improving, but exceedingly sorry to say that he will not return to college. Mince-moyer, '06, of last year's basket-ball team, is now situated at Berwick, Pa. Jacobs, '03, is located at Millersville, Pa., serving as Professor of Chemistry in the Millersville State Normal School. Babylon, '03, is now located with the Westminster Hardware Company, at Westminster, Md. Rev. Brother Lauffer, '00, who formerly resided at Pittsburg, Pa., is now elegantly situated at New Oxford, Pa.

Sieber, '04, and Deihl, '08, a pledged man, play with our Varsity football team. Masters, '04, has again been re-elected leader of the glee club. Heaterick, '01, has been chosen to represent the Gettysburg Seminary at the Interstate Y. M. C. A. Convention, held at Rochester, N. Y. Rieneke, '07, and Lautz, '08, a pledged man, play on our mandolin club. Heaterick, '01, and Koser, '02, are again with us attending the Seminary. Lautz, '01, also is with us again as vice-principal of the Preparatory Department.

J. W. GENTZLER.

12 November, 1903.

Pennsylvania Theta, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

IT is with regret that I have to announce that our former E. C., Wm. Baxter France, who expected to enter the law school this year, has changed his plans and left the uni-

versity. Altogether we have lost eleven men from last year, and as a result we began the year with greatly reduced numbers but full of enthusiasm.

During the rushing season we gave three very successful smokers and several luncheons. The season culminated in the initiation of five splendid fellows on Wednesday, October 21—T. P. Harromer, F. P. K. Barker, F. H. Gaston, W. C. Foster and W. F. Barry. We were fortunate in having Ex-E. S. A. Floyd Furlow with us to preside over the ceremony. After the initiation we all sat down to a jovial repast and we were entertained by several good speeches. The next evening the chapter occupied three boxes at the magnificent production, "Red Feather."

We are still on the lookout for right men, and have two more pledged men besides having our eyes on two other fine fellows.

We have welcomed into our midst two affiliates this year, W. B. Ward, of Pennsylvania Omega, and J. F. Junk, of Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, whom we shall try to make as much at home here at Pennsylvania as they were at their respective alma maters.

Our men have been busy in college life this fall, and have earned not a few honors. Smith is full-back on the Varsity, with Hoffman as guard. Junk is playing on the scrub, as is Lamberton. Barker, Gaston and Junk are on the Freshman team. Rutschman and Carpenter are on the Cross Country team. Harromer, Barker and Foster have been doing good work on the track. Rutschman and Morgan are, respectively, president and vice-president of the Basket-

ball Association. Mendenhall and Rutschman still hold their offices as editors of the *Pennsylvanian*. Smith is on the Executive Committee of the Junior Class, and, just to show we are well up in studies, too, Harromer won the Frazier Prize of \$100 for the best student on a Varsity team. Barry rowed on his class crew and is president of his class. Barnes manages the musical clubs and Senior plays in the Mandolin Club, besides managing the *Dental Journal*.

Ten of us journeyed to New York to see the Penn-Columbia game, and the way the New York Mu men entertained us proved a balsam to the bitter pangs of the unexpected defeat.

With house and table full we are looking forward to a winter of great prosperity, and are holding out a welcoming hand to any Sigma Alphas who drift this way.

A. EVERLY CARPENTER.

Σ A E House, 374I Spruce St.,
12 November, 1903.

PROVINCE GAMMA.

Virginia Omicron, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

THROUGH the courtesy of the editor, the correspondent has been indulged in another part of this issue of THE RECORD, and consequently he does not care here to burden his readers. But he is unwilling to allow the opportunity to pass of expressing in this form the appreciation felt for the many tokens of interest from Sigmas North and South, who have shown sympathy for us in our work and have aided us in the finding of material.

The chapter returned this year sixteen old men. Nine affiliates have come to us, and four initiates pull the roll up to twenty-nine, next to the largest in college. Nor in numbers alone are we among the leaders, for we stand shoulder to shoulder with the best of the Greek-letter societies here.

In the various departments of the university, in the literary societies, the dramatic and musical organizations, and on the gridiron we are

well represented. Watkins, who was a starback last year, is playing fullback this season, which up to this time has been quite a successful one. Elmer, a new man transferred to us from Auburn, is showing himself a guard of great ability.

We want to thank Louisiana Epsilon for Alexander, Graham and Pratt; Louisiana Tau-Upsilon for Thomson; Alabama Mu for McCants; Alabama Alpha-Mu for Elmer; Georgia Psi for Tisinger; Tennessee Zeta for Foster, and Michigan Iota-Beta for Barr.

With the mere statement that prospects are bright, I close with a warm greeting to all new Sigmas and congratulations to all old ones.

T. MCN. SIMPSON, JR.

13 November, 1903.

Virginia Sigma, Washington and Lee University, Lexington.

THIS chapter returned four men this year, and has added two initiates to its membership. Despite its small number the chapter is doing well and taking a prominent stand in university affairs.

H. S. Osburn has been elected president of the Final Ball, the highest honor in the gift of the student-body. This makes the fourth Sigma Alpha to be thus honored in the last nine years. Dunn is secretary and treasurer of the Freshman class. Brother Rankin represents us on the gridiron.

The presence of typhoid fever created some disturbance at the first of the year, but this is now over. Brother Dunlap contracted the fever, but is convalescent. There was only one serious case, that of Mr. White, a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

The new Science building is well under way, and will be dedicated in June. This is a necessary and important addition to the school, on account of its rapidly increasing numbers.

CHARLES C. THOMAS.

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

THE list of initiates that we present to the fraternity this fall makes us very proud. In accordance with a fraternity rule at this institution, Freshmen cannot be pledged, so our initiates number no Freshmen among them. They are the pick of fraternity material here, and full worthy of assuming the responsibility of upholding the purple and gold. It is far from my purpose to boast when I say that these new members make up a lot worthy to be envied by every fraternity in college.

When college closed last June our prospects for a large chapter this year were very poor, and we scarcely

hoped for more than twelve men to return. But we were glad to welcome back fifteen, and these with the addition of J. A. Morris, who has affiliated with us from Georgia Phi, and the initiates reported elsewhere, swell our active membership to twenty-three.

Xi's pressing need just now, is a new chapter-house. The present house is a small one, and though adequate for the chapter at the time it was built, about five years ago, does not satisfy us now, and plans are on foot which we hope will cause us to realize this ambition in the early spring. Z Psi, Delta K E, and Sigma N have erected handsome houses in the last two or three years.

In athletics we are well represented on the football team by Berkeley, half-back, A. L. Cox, all-southern end last year, and R. B. Engel, quarter-back, who, although a new man, is making quite a name for himself in Southern football. Worth is manager of the 1904 baseball team.

FRANCIS A. COX.

Σ A E House,
11 November, 1903.

North Carolina Theta, Davidson College, Davidson.

OUR rushing season, though not flawless, has been very successful, and we are glad to claim among the members of the class of '07 nine loyal brothers. With this addition to our numbers North Carolina Theta is twenty-six strong, thus showing that she is keeping pace with the progressive administration of our new president, Dr. Smith. We are now the largest fraternity in college and we be-

lieve we compare favorably with our rivals in every other respect. Our football season has been unfortunate in many respects ; however, our team is strong, and in spite of defeat has the confidence of the student-body. Σ A E is represented on the college eleven by McKinnon and McCallie, both playing backs. In a recent game McCallie's hundred and five yard run created a furor of excitement. On the second eleven team Mills, H. T., and Hicks are doing good work. Our chapter this year has a bright future, and feels confident of attaining unusual success before the term has closed next spring.

C. A. CORNELSON.

10 November, 1903.

South Carolina Gamma, Wofford College, Spartanburg.

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMMA has found the opening session of Wofford a quiet one in nearly every respect. The usual excitement which the chapter experiences in the fall of the year has been done away with on account of the restrictions imposed by the trustees of the college last June. But even though we are not permitted to rush, pledge, or initiate men until they have been in college for one collegiate year, all the members have been on the watch for any good ma-

terial, and the consequence is that we have several men in sight.

We have Brothers J. D. Holler and F. P. Tatum back with us after a discontinuance of their college course for several years. Tatum is in the Junior and Holler in the Sophomore class.

In the lines of college honors, we have had much success. E. L. All is literary editor of the *Journal*, and alternate speaker for the anniversary ; Richardson is president of the sophomore class, and a member of his class football team ; Morris is manager of the sophomore football team ; Moore is a member of the gymnasium team and the tennis club ; Brabham is secretary and treasurer of the junior class ; Tatum is a member of the junior class football team.

The indications now are that Wofford will issue an annual this year, and will also put out a track team in the spring. It is practically certain that we shall be well represented in both of these activities should they be organized.

Of last year's graduates, A. M. Brabham is in business with his father at Bamberg, S. C., and M. W. Sloan is with the Southern Railway Company, at Anderson, S. C.

We have had visits from Brothers W. C. Latimer and T. F. Watkins, both of whom are old Wofford students.

M. W. BRABHAM.

13 November, 1903.

 PROVINCE DELTA.

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

SEVENTEEN old men returned at the opening of the year. Rushing was commenced at once and as a result we have already initiated four men and pledged three others. Brother George Shidler, of Nebraska Lambda-Pi, has entered the medical department of the university, and has affiliated with the chapter, bringing with him new ideas from a sister chapter. His affiliation has been a source of both pleasure and benefit to us.

The attendance at the university exceeds that of last year, and we expect to secure several more good men from the number. The new engineering building is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy by the first of the year.

The "Champions of the West" are undefeated so far this season, though the game with Minnesota, at Minneapolis, resulted in a tie score of 6-6.

Several brothers from Ohio Theta and Ohio Delta have expressed their intention of coming to Ann Arbor for the Ohio State game, and we are anticipating a very pleasant visit from them.

RAYMOND A. KERR.

Σ A E House, 1402 Washtenaw Ave.
15 November, 1903.

 Michigan Alpha, Adrian College,
Adrian.

MICHIGAN ALPHA is gradually regaining her wonted strength. The period of adversity is past.

Though a rapid growth is not to be expected in a college of this size, yet every indication points to a steady advancement. Encouraged by this every man is putting forth his best efforts, the results of which are being felt not only in our own meetings, in which every man engages with ardor, but in every organization connected with our institution.

Three men have been pledged this year, every one true Sigma Alphas, well worthy to wear our badge. With the exception of one other, these are probably all that will be taken in this year. They are, we think, the best that entered this year, and will make strong men for Σ A E.

We have recently introduced a system of studies in fraternity history and fraternity geography in which the new men are required to pass a creditable examination before initiation. We believe that, to be a true fraternity man, one must become thoroughly acquainted with his order, and hence the endeavor to create an interest which will be maintained when active work is begun.

G. W. RAMSEY.

3 November, 1903.

 Ohio Sigma, Mount Union College,
Alliance.

IN view of the fact that Mount Union College has had considerable free advertising recently, we take this opportunity of stating to our brother Sigmas that the newspaper reports of our recent class "scrap" ridiculously exaggerated the facts. There were no broken bones and no

one was "knocked out." Two men were overcome by exertion, but neither man missed a meal. There were no girls mixed up in the fracas, and "hat-pins" played no part whatever in the struggle. It was only a good-natured "class scrap" which showed that Mount Union possesses an abundance of good, wholesome college class spirit.

Ohio Sigma has fifteen men in school this term. We are represented in every department of college life. In the Y. M. C. A. we have Mack Magee as Recording Secretary. Ed. S. McConnell is Vice-President of the Oratorical Association. We have two members on the *Dynamo* Association which publishes the college journal—J. Frank Keeler and Irvin E. Riedinger, who is Secretary of the Association. On the football team we are represented by William Vaughan, r. h., H. D. Crumley, center, B. F. Ashe, r. e., and Mack Magee, sub. Vaughan is also Secretary of the Athletic Association.

In the class elections we received a goodly share of the honors, as follows: Harry W. Williams, Secretary and "Reminiscences"; J. C. Brown, English Classical Oration; Ed. S. McConnell, "Class Will," and I. E. Riedinger, Treasurer and "French Oration."

We held our regular term "Social" in the parlors of the fraternity house on the evening of October 22. The parlors were decorated with autumn leaves and banners. The evening was spent in games and guessing contests. Flinch and parlor football were the principal games. After supper the party returned to the fraternity house and made the place

ring with Σ A E songs. The occasion was a success and enjoyed by twenty-six couples.

Before closing we wish to express our appreciation of the replies received to our "annual letter" sent out last June. It is very encouraging to find that some of our alumni, and some members of the Supreme Council, found time to let us know that they had received and read our letter.

IRVIN E. RIEDINGER.

Σ A E House, Union Ave.,
7 November, 1903.

Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

OHIO DELTA lost last year by graduation seven men, one of the strongest classes we have ever sent forth; and three undergraduates also stayed away, Wright to teach school, and Harrop and Read to enter business. Yet we returned with nineteen members and three pledged men, and began a year which we hope and feel sure will be the brightest and most successful that Ohio Delta has passed through. We have already chosen eight new men from the Freshman class to join our ranks, five of this number being brothers either to some of our alumni or active members. To these we were glad to give a chance to follow in the footsteps of their brothers. We are also glad to receive into our midst McKee of Ohio Sigma. May and Herrick, '03, we are glad to have still with us as tutors in the university.

The desire to own property here among the fraternities at O. W. U. which we inaugurated, is progressing, Phi Delta Theta having

purchased this fall a fine residence within a short distance of our own home.

College honors on the gridiron have come to Ohio Delta in plenty this fall, for five of our men have already made their official *W's*. Three are regulars on the team, Captain Kellar at tackle, Page at half-back, and Rittenour at quarter. Though our chances of winning the State championship cup this fall look very slim, yet the team is a strong one, and one that we are proud to have representatives on.

We have greatly enjoyed the visits of several alumni this fall, and hope that they may always feel that our home is theirs.

LAURENCE R. DAVIS.

Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati,
Cincinnati.

OHIO EPSILON is now in the fifteenth year of her existence, and has behind her a history filled with varied experiences. With twenty men in college, every one of whom takes a more or less prominent part in college affairs, we are in a better condition than we have been for several years.

Our rivals here are the "Miami trio," B Θ Π, Σ X, and Φ Δ Θ. Founded, as they were, but forty miles from Cincinnati, this section of the country may truly be considered their strongest field. None of the fraternities here are in houses, and have been content in the past with rented halls. This state of affairs can not last much longer, and when the chapter-house does come to Cincinnati we shall not be found wanting. The existing conditions

here, however, are such that a house could not be kept up without great difficulties.

The rushing season this year was long and fierce, and all the fraternities contested keenly for desirable material. We have secured a goodly number of very desirable men, by whom, we are confident, the duties of membership will be taken up with that enthusiasm which has always distinguished our members.

We have an affiliate this year in the person of Hubbard Needham, Massachusetts Gamma, '03, who is attending the Law Department of the university.

George Elliot, one of our last year's graduates, is instructor in the Technical School, the preparatory department of the university. Chester Parker, '01, after securing a graduate degree at Columbia University, has been called to fill the Chair of Education at Miami University. R. B. Smith, an Σ A E from the University of Pennsylvania, has recently located in Cincinnati, and we are very happy to be able to extend our greetings to him. McGee from Kentucky State stopped here on his way home from the Purdue Memorial Services.

We are looking forward to the football game between the Varsity and the Alumni, as there will be four Sigma Alph football captains playing in that game—Harry Nieman, this year's Varsity captain; Bert Charles, Harold Van Matre, and Harry Box. Besides the captain of the football team, we have four other players on the Varsity this year.

EVERETT VAN MATRE.

12 November, 1903.

**Ohio Theta, Ohio State University,
Columbus.**

THE first two months of the present college year have been for Ohio Theta an era of expansion in college achievements. Never before has our chapter been so conspicuous and successful on the gridiron and in musical and dramatic circles. The chapter is represented on the Varsity by three of its most brilliant players in the persons of Foss, Lincoln and Heekin. Foss and Lincoln are maintaining nobly the fame they won last year, while Heekin promises well to distinguish himself at end. Our team this year is very strong, as was demonstrated by the good showing they made against the irresistible Michigan "scoring-machine."

The University Glee Club is regarded as a very talented and exclusive organization, and consequently it is deemed a high honor to be elected to its membership. Here, also, the chapter is very much in evidence with Hare and Fisher as singers and Boenan as pianist. Fisher is also a member of the University Quartette.

Within the chapter-house walls it can be truly said that we are enjoying unprecedented fraternity life. Thanks to the liberal contributions of our loyal alumni and the untiring efforts of the committee on house-furnishing, composed of Crocker, Kline and Steeb, our erstwhile barren and gloomy surroundings have assumed an air of cheerfulness which seems to have been communicated to the fellows. We wish to express our sincere thanks to the alumni for their generosity.

The university is keeping up its

rapid growth and a conservative estimate places the total enrollment for the year at two thousand. Brown Hall, the new engineering building, has just been completed at a cost of eighty thousand dollars. The great need of the university is not an increase of students, but more buildings and equipments to accommodate the ever-increasing student-body.

Ohio Theta was the guest of Michigan Iota-Beta on November seventh, the occasion being the Michigan-Ohio State football game; and all speak in most glowing terms of the unstinted hospitality of the Michigan Sigmas.

DAN C. JONES.

Σ A E House, 1550 Neil Ave.,
9 November, 1903.

**Indiana Alpha, Franklin College,
Franklin.**

OUR college opened with bright prospects this season. The old buildings are all remodeled and furnished with many new equipments, until they now stand second to none in the State. The beautiful new library building also adds wonderfully to the value and attraction of the school. More students have entered this year than were enrolled last.

It rejoices the members of Indiana Alpha to note that their brothers are being called to fill responsible places in life. Otis Pritchard has just been called as pastor to the Shelbyville Christian Church, and William Everson is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Columbus. A. C. Everingham is having splendid success practicing law at Terre Haute, and Harry Jordan, who has been attending Michigan University this summer, has accepted a splendid position in a depart-

ment of some chemical works in Indianapolis. Miles and Murphy are now attending Newton Theological Seminary, while Deere is principal of a large high school in Earlington, Kentucky. While we greatly miss these strong men who graduated last year, we rejoice to welcome six new men among us to take their places. Five of these are Freshmen and are already full members in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, while the sixth is as yet a pledge.

ALBERT K. MORRIS.

17 November, 1903.

Indiana Beta, Purdue University,
Lafayette.

IT was with great interest and de-
termination that fifteen Sigma
Alphas came back to Purdue this fall
to work for dear old $\Sigma A E$, and to
make this year one of the very best
for Indiana Beta. The whole uni-
versity had every prospect for a most
successful year in all fields of work.

Little did we think that in less
than two months we should all be
mourning over the death of many of
our comrades. I speak of that terri-
ble accident to the students and
friends of the university, almost one
thousand in number, on their way to
what would have been our biggest
athletic struggle of the year, the
football game with Indiana Univer-
sity at Indianapolis. The whole
country has read with horror the
disaster which overcame our team.
Purdue lost seventeen of her best
sons, and many more were seriously
injured and maimed for life. Many
of the latter are now having a hard
struggle for their lives in the hos-
pitals at Indianapolis.

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Indiana Beta mourns the death of
one of her prospective sons, Samuel
T. Squibb, of Lawrenceburg, Ind.
Squibb was pledged to us soon after
school opened, and would have made
a staunch, worthy $\Sigma A E$, had not
God seen fit to take him from among
us.

Of our fellow Greeks the Sigma
Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa
Psi fraternities are each mourning
the death of one of their brothers.
We extend our heartfelt sympathy
to them in this our time of mutual
bereavement. The whole university
has received a shock from which it
cannot recover for years.

Indiana Beta has initiated three
men this fall: J. Bernhard Thiess, of
Chicago, Ill.; Charles S. Rhoads, of
Indianapolis, Ind., and William R.
Renwick, of Grand Rapids, Mich.
The following men are our "spikes":
Thomas J. Rison, of Danville, Va.,
and George W. Hewitt, of Franklin
Grove, Ill. We welcome among us
Clarence J. Nisbet, affiliated from
Kentucky Epsilon of Kentucky State
College. Lawson Stone has been ill
with typhoid fever and has not been
able to attend school this year. He
is greatly improved and hopes to be
with us soon.

We have been more than fortunate
this year in having so many of our
alumni and brothers from other chap-
ters visiting us. When Purdue played
Illinois University in football this fall
we had the pleasure of entertaining
eighteen brothers from Illinois Beta.
They will always be welcome at In-
diana Beta.

THOMAS W. MACARTNEY.

$\Sigma A E$ House, 102 Thornell St.,
9 November, 1903.

**Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern
University, Evanston.**

ILLINOIS PSI-OMEGA began this year with her house full and fourteen members on the chapter-roll. Since the beginning of the year we have initiated three men—George Derickson, John E. Russell and Clyde D. Foster—all of whom are Freshmen. Three better men would be hard to find. This brings our chapter-roll up to seventeen.

All the boys are filled with the fraternity spirit and show more enthusiasm in our chapter meetings this year than I have ever seen before. Taking this into consideration, we hope to increase our number to twenty before very long.

Illinois Psi-Omega rejoices in the fact that the Supreme Council is to meet in Chicago this December. The Chicago Alumni Association, together with Illinois Theta at Chicago University and our chapter, have planned three events. On the 21st of December a smoker is to be given the Supreme Council at the Chicago chapter-house, and on the 22d a province initiation is to be held in our house, and to be conducted by the Supreme Council. This will be something entirely new in the history of our Fraternity. On the 23d the Chicago Alumni Association give a banquet at the Auditorium Hotel. All of our chapter are planning to attend these three events, which ought certainly to afford great enjoyment and lasting memories to every Σ A E who attends. We hope to have with us at these festivities Judge Dickinson, who will by that time have re-

turned from the sessions of the Alaska Boundary Commission.

NOAH G. KLOVE.

Σ A E House, 502 Davis St.,
11 November, 1903.

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

ILLINOIS BETA returned twenty-two men this fall, twelve of whom are seniors. It is very apparent that the graduation of these men at the end of this school year will thin our ranks very effectually. This fact seemed to stimulate the fellows, and we got into the rushing with a vim and determination to get as many of the best Freshmen as was deemed advisable. We developed great team work, and in every particular our efforts were crowned with success. As a result we have initiated eight strong Freshmen into Minerva's noble order. Our work did not stop there. We have four more men wearing the purple and the gold who are patiently awaiting their journey through the dark mysteries into the full light of membership among the Sigma Alphas. Our pledged men are L. G. Schumaker, '07, St. Joseph, Missouri; H. E. Reams, '07, Chicago, Illinois; J. W. Gilchrist, '07, Davenport, Illinois, and E. F. Kaeser, '08, Highland, Illinois.

The initiation occurred October 2 and 3. On October 2 we allowed the goat to have full play. On October 3 we had the good fortune to have with us Brother William C. Levere, Eminent Supreme Archon, Brother Carl E. Sheldon, our Province President, and several of our

alumni. Brother Levere officiated, and effectively impressed upon the initiates what is fundamental in our Fraternity. After the ceremonies we adjourned to the Beardsley Hotel for a banquet, at the close of which we were entertained with toasts from Brothers Levere, Sheldon and those of our alumni members who were present.

On October 7 nineteen of us accepted a very cordial invitation to visit Indiana Beta at the time of the Illinois-Purdue football game in La-Fayette. We were met at the train and taken to the chapter-house, where a cordial reception made us feel entirely at home. We certainly had a fine time, and left with the feeling that it surely was good to be a Sigma Alph.

We gave our first dance on October 30, and it passed off successfully. Brother Johnson, one of our alumni, visited us at this time. Brother Levere was here two days on his way to the University of Mississippi. Brother Coffee, of Indiana Alpha, is instructing in the agricultural department, and Brother Lentwiler, of Illinois Beta, is assistant professor in mechanical engineering department. Hannum is on the Varsity football team, Bennet was elected vice-president of the Freshman class, and H. E. Reams plays on the Freshman football team. C. E. Holcomb has been pledged to Tau Beta Pi, and T. O. Holcomb is editor of the college paper, *The Illini*. In social activities Davis was chosen president of the Students' Dancing Club, the oldest social organization connected with the university, and Bailey is on the Junior Prom Committee.

Illinois Beta has never been in better condition from a financial, personal and social standpoint. We are free from debt and have a building fund in cash and promissory notes of over four thousand dollars. We are anxiously looking forward to the time when we, or our successors, can live in a house of our own, and we firmly believe that that time is not far in the distance.

GEORGE G. TAYLOR.

Σ A E House, 201 E. Green St.,
9 November, 1903.

Illinois Theta, University of Chicago,
Chicago.

SINCE our last chapter letter we have been passing through an extremely critical period of our existence as a chapter. We are now well advanced in the fall quarter, and the race for desirable pledges has taken most of our time and attention. As a new chapter we have been handicapped somewhat in that we have not at present so good a hold upon the city high schools as some of the older chapters here; but we are well satisfied with the men whom we have pledged, and feel that their influence during the next rushing season will put us on a good basis with regard to the high schools. We have five pledges thus far, and good prospects for three more whom we are now considering. We aim to have ten new men before Christmas, and as material is quite plentiful we can afford to go slowly and cautiously.

The alumni of the city have been very kind to us and have helped us often by their presence at rushing parties and social affairs. Brother

William C. Lavere, E. S. A. has been with us on several occasions and has added his influence to impress prospective candidates with the desirability of the purple and gold. We are very fortunate in having in the city so strong an alumni organization, and appreciate the interest which so many of its members have shown in our welfare. We have also received visits from a number of Sigma Alphas from distant chapters who have been in the city on business. We hope that all such visitors to the city will feel welcome here at all times, as our house is always open to visitors.

Our house is in much better condition than it was last year, a number of improvements having been made this fall. While we can not accommodate as many men as we could wish, our rooms are well arranged for fraternity purposes, and we have every facility for making house parties a success. Our members have been taking an active part in the affairs of the university, and we can safely say that during the first year of our existence we have won the respect of all the fraternities and the student-body as a whole.

A great many events of importance have been taking place in the university this year. The new gymnasium and the law building are rapidly nearing completion. The School of Education building, the Men's Commons building, Mandel Hall and the Reynolds Club rooms are now completed. We feel that this club fills a long-felt want in this institution, as there has been nothing heretofore to hold the student-body together as it should be. The Men's Commons, and the privileges of the magnificent club rooms adjoining,

should do much toward promoting a good college spirit. The university has purchased a large tract of land south of the campus, extending, a block wide, from Cottage Grove Avenue to Madison Avenue, and facing north on the Midway.

GUY F. WAKEFIELD.

Σ A E House, 6116 Lexington Ave.,
11 November, 1903.

Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota, † Minneapolis.

WITH hard work we have been able to realize our hopes. We now number twenty-nine men on our chapter rolls, and fourteen brothers fill the house.

When college opened September 9 this fall, we had no pledges, but on September 26 we initiated six good men, and on October 17 we put through another bunch of six men, making twelve new men in all.

On September 19 we entertained informally the Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi; and since then we have had two informal dancing parties at our chapter-house.

We were very glad to entertain some visiting brothers at the time of the Michigan game. Recently Brother Cruthers, from California Alpha, was with us for a short time.

C. N. HENSEL.

Σ A E House, 112 Church St., S. E.,
12 November, 1903.

Wisconsin Alpha, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

THE rushing season is about over and we have seven pledges, two Juniors and five Freshmen to our

credit. With five more new men pledged our membership will number thirty-two. It has been our policy to wait a few months before pledging our full quota.

Milton Preston Jarnagin, of Tennessee Kappa, has affiliated this fall, entering the university as a Junior. He brings many new ideas from our Southern stamping-ground, and we feel ourselves lucky in having him with us. Chester Lloyd Jones has returned this year with a scholarship. Our old mainstay, William Lloyd Davis, remains another year with a scholarship also. Henry L. Janes has a fellowship at Columbia, and Warren Smith has secured one at Leland Stanford, where he is showing the Sigmas some Wisconsin spirit.

The last month our house has been redecorated throughout and several conveniences added. Our building fund has got its start, though small, and we hope that some kindly disposed alumnus will take notice of our effort and "raise us."

Our Greek neighbors are continuing in their prosperity, and the same spirit of good feeling prevails in the whole fraternity quarter. There is a rumor afloat that another fraternity has an eye on Wisconsin material. If so they will find some pretty good stuff in the ranks of the barbarians.

Ralph T. Craig has been appointed to represent us on the Junior Prom Committee. Claudius M. Vail has been selected as one of the semi-public debaters.

On November the 6th we gave an informal party where our pledges made their social bow. We shall try our hand again in December.

President Van Hise has made a favorable impression during the first few weeks of his administration. It looks as though he is the man for the place.

We extend fraternal greetings to our sister chapters.

A. R. COLBURN.

Σ A E House, 615 Lake St.,
12 November, 1903.

P R O V I N C E E P S I L O N .

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

GEORGIA BETA has again passed through one of her most successful rushing seasons. With only one of last year's upper classmen returning and having had to call on none of our alumni, we feel that we are to be congratulated. We lost not a man of those we rushed, and initiated ten, a larger number than any other fraternity here. These, with our one affiliate, Charles Harmon Cox,

Georgia Phi, and the fourteen returning men, make our fraternity-roll number twenty-five.

Our chapter, as of old, is taking a prominent stand in college affairs and honors. We have three men on our football eleven, and have very bright prospects for the baseball and track. As to honors in literary circles, we have two places on the *Red and Black* (weekly) and the business managership of our annual, the *Pandora*; also we have a place on the engineering annual. In class

elections Σ A E has had her part, and will be well represented when the hop-committees are named. Georgia Beta, in fact, is prominent in every phase of college life, being also well represented in all college clubs and organizations.

We extend our best wishes to all our sister chapters in Σ A E, and desire to thank those of our alumni who aided us in our summer rushing.

E. R. DORSEY.

Σ A E House,
16 November, 1903.

Georgia Psi, Mercer University,
Macon.

WITH only four men to begin with in September, Georgia Psi's prospects for the year seemed not particularly rose-colored. Through the summer, however, Brother Ogburne had been writing many letters to all the loyal Sigma Alphas of Georgia, and much had thus been ascertained about the new material. In the week just preceding the opening of college, the little handful of brothers were on the ground prepared for the approaching fray. Every incoming train was met by a crowd of fraternity men, each one eager to be first to shake hands with the desirable men. A week of strenuous rushing followed. Through the indomitable efforts, especially of Ogburne and J. F. Eden, Jr., assisted by the Σ A E's in the city, we succeeded beyond our fondest expectations, bringing ten new brothers into the fold. Many of these were won over every other fraternity in college. Altogether they are as enthusiastic and loyal a band of Sigma Alphas as

one could well wish to see, and we take great pride in presenting them to the Fraternity.

We regretted very much the departure of Walters not very long after his initiation. He returned to his home at Albany, Georgia, where he is studying law in his father's office.

The chapter has now settled down to quiet growth, and the new brothers are learning the lessons of Σ A E. We feel that a most prosperous year lies before us rich in golden promises.

We congratulate the host of newly initiated brothers, and extend our best wishes to every part of the Fraternity.

ROOSEVELT P. WALKER.

9 November, 1903.

Georgia Epsilon, Emory College,
Oxford.

WHEN college opened in September there were fourteen men on hand prepared for the rushing season. As a reward to the workers Georgia Epsilon has three new names on her roll. The odds were very much against us in spiking one of these brothers, as he has a brother who is attending another college in this State and is a member of one of the other fraternities represented here. Realizing certain advantages, however, he dropped the idea of family ties, and pledged himself to us.

Georgia Epsilon has already won several honors, thereby keeping up her past records. The brothers stand well in various phases of college life. They are taking a great deal of interest in athletics and have a goodly number of honors to show in that di-

rection. Thompson is manager of the Senior football eleven, and Crovatt is captain of the same team. Barron is manager of the Junior baseball team. Neill is captain of the Sophomore football team, and Crovatt is also captain of field sports. On the relay team of this fall we were represented by ten men, more than any other two fraternities in college combined. We have seven men on the football teams.

On account of a misunderstanding the house we were in last year was sold over our heads, and we were forced to seek other quarters. We were very fortunate in securing a house which is quite an improvement on the old one in every respect. We are very comfortably housed now, and have much more room than formerly.

On the 9th of November we entertained very informally in honor of the ladies of Covington and Oxford. With the help of several of the other sex we decorated the house very prettily with a profusion of ferns and chrysanthemums.

With the creditable beginning we have made and the bright prospects now before us, this year should be one of the most successful in the history of Georgia Epsilon.

JAMES E. STRATFORD.

Σ A E House,
13 November, 1903.

Georgia Phi, Georgia School of
Technology, Atlanta.

GEORGIA PHI takes pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity her new men whose names appear in the roll of initiates. Our initiation this year

was a great success. G. Hendree Harrison, former E. S. A., officiated, and ten spikes were led across the hot and burning sands. These were the first men to be initiated under our new ritual, and the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremony convinced us that the committee on ritual revision at the Washington convention did an excellent piece of work.

We regret to lose from among us Guy C. Garrard, '03, who returned for a short while this session to complete some thesis work. In reparation for our loss we have with us Joel Dean, class of 1902, and William Wilson, affiliate from Georgia Epsilon.

A delightful social function was the dance recently given by the chapter to the new men. A representative man from each of the other fraternities at Tech was invited. The occasion proved a most enjoyable one.

Largely because of the high price of real estate in Atlanta, and because of school rules compelling underclassmen to live in the dormitories, no fraternities at Tech occupy houses. There is a movement on foot to secure for Σ A E a comfortable home near the school. With a chapter enrollment of twenty-eight members Georgia Phi feels the need of a home, and every energy is being turned in that direction.

There are two locals in existence here now, one to petition Chi Phi, and one Phi Kappa Sigma.

Among college offices held this session we have the president of the Athletic Association, full-back and left end on the Varsity eleven,

and the editor of the college magazine.

HARRY I. CALLAWAY.

9 November, 1903.

Alabama Mu, University of Alabama,
University.

THOUGH Mother Mu lost through graduation so many of her best members last June, our large initiation this fall brings us right up to the usual standard, and the prospects for a continuance of good luck seem bright. We are fortunate to have the pleasure of welcoming to the chapter J. C. Nelson, of Birmingham, Alabama Alpha-Mu, Howard Seay, of Greensboro, Alabama Iota, and R. I. Little, A.B., '01, who has re-entered for an engineering course.

The opening german of the college year was given in the City Hall of Tuscaloosa by the Σ A E chapter, Stickney, '02, leading. The evening was replete with pleasure, and was a pronounced success in every way. The hall was beautiful in greens and flowers, and decorations of purple and gold bunting. The music was by Calman's band of Birmingham.

Alabama's football team is doing better work than for several years past. The defeat of Auburn by a score of 18 to 6 is a long-sought and pleasing victory. In that game, T. A. Smith, '05, made two of the touchdowns and kicked all goals.

Mother Mu looks forward to a happy and hard-working year, and wishes prosperity to the Σ A E world.

RITTENHOUSE M. SMITH.

8 November, 1903.

Alabama Iota, Southern University,
Greensboro.

AS our letter failed to appear in the last issue of *THE RECORD* we take this opportunity of telling of the honors of Alabama Iota last commencement. Dunlap, who is now studying medicine in Birmingham, Alabama, took both the senior medal for oratory and the essayist medal. These two medals are considered to be among the best given on commencement day.

The most successful social event of the season was the annual reception given by the chapter to its alumni and friends. This took place at the home of Major L. J. Lawson on the night of June 5. As many as fifty couples viewed the beautiful decorations and shared in the mirth and merriment. Rivalry was at its height as the K A fraternity also had its annual reception upon this night.

At the opening of school this year the prospects for a prosperous year for Alabama Iota were rather gloomy, as only four men answered to their names at the first roll-call. Out of the eight men of last year's chapter, Dunlap and Welch were given their degree, and Teagler, Morris and Skinner went to Auburn, and are now affiliating with Alpha-Mu. Cryer, who was forced to leave school last year on account of sickness, returned, and is a valuable addition to our number. We have been successful in securing five new men for Σ A E, and we feel sure that these men, whose names appear elsewhere, are in every way fully qualified to become Σ A E's in the truest sense of the words.

The chapter-house which we in-

tended to have begun by this time is almost at a standstill now as there is some talk of moving the college to Montgomery in the near future; but as soon as this is decided we shall begin work on it again in earnest.

The outlook for a prosperous year is now decidedly good, and unless all signs fail the wearers of the purple and gold will carry off many of the honors of the institution before the year is over.

J. D. CHAPPELLE.

15 November, 1903.

Alabama Alpha-Mu, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn.

ALABAMA ADPHA-MU returned ten old men at the beginning of the

year. Of those who graduated last year, we have the pleasure of having Troutman with us again, in the capacity of private secretary to the president. We were also glad to welcome as affiliates Pengler, Cross, Skinner and Morris from Alabama Iota.

We are well represented on the Varsity eleven by Smith at quarter and Camp at right end. Everything bids fair for a prosperous year for Alabama Alpha-Mu. Our rushing campaign was a magnificent success, and it is with real pride that we present to the Fraternity the ten new brothers listed in another place.

THOMAS P. McELDERRY.

12 November, 1903.

P R O V I N C E Z E T A .

Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri, Columbia.

MISSOURI ALPHA'S men returned to school in September enthusiastic, as was predicted in the last letter, but still not overconfident. We were fewer in number than ever before, returning only eleven men, and the work to be done was greater than usual. Our house was to be newly furnished throughout, and this had to be done while the new men were cared for. Despite our efforts to be on the ground first, the Freshmen seemed determined to outdo us, and were with us before we were fairly settled in our places, and the air was full of rumors of more to come. Soon, however, affairs began to take more definite form, men were pledged and

initiated, and the rushing season was over, leaving us with five of the best Freshmen in school and two pledges.

We are proud to say that we won our new men by straight hard rushing, not by hiding them from the other fraternities. Nor did we lose a "spike," although some of our rivals had extended invitation to our men.

As I have said, we are rejoicing in a new house which we furnished ourselves. To be sure the house is rented, but none of the other chapters here own their houses, although Phi Delta Theta has announced that it will build in the Spring.

We found our house very convenient during the rushing season, when we held open house every evening and gave one more formal smoker. The lower floor is admira-

bly arranged for dancing, and we have given one informal dance, and expect to give several others during the course of the year.

In the early part of the year brothers Ed Allen, E. G. Maclay and A. G. Black were with us, each for a short time, and later S. B. Haux paid us a visit. Allen is teaching in Bluss Military Academy, Maclay and Haux are in Chicago, and Black is studying law in St. Louis.

For many years the University of Missouri has been a coeducational institution, and this year it has emphasized the fact by opening Read Hall, a new dormitory for girls. It is a handsome stone building, finished in hardwood on the inside, and has been beautifully furnished. The new Horticultural Building and the Dairy and Stock Judging Buildings on the State farm, all of the same stone as Read Hall, have been opened this year for the first time. These, together with the Medical Building, which was opened the latter part of last year, form a valuable addition to the buildings already on the campus.

Hall is our only representative in football this year, but we expect to have larger representation in spring athletics. Holland has good records in the sprints, and Nelson will be out for the long-distance events. In addition, some of the boys have expressed their intentions of trying for the baseball team. The University Glee Club is composed of twenty members, and of that number four are Sigma Alphas and one other is pledged to us. Walker has lately joined Tau Beta Pi, an honorary fraternity, membership in which is based on scholarship.

LEE E. PHILBROOK.

Σ A E House,
12 November, 1903.

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

MISSOURI BETA started the present year with eight men. We have initiated three men and have affiliated J. F. Kimball of Kansas Alpha, and our number is now twelve. We are expecting Schuyler back in a few days, and with one pledge and several men in sight, we expect soon to have our membership up to its usual number.

With a lack of fraternity material in the incoming class, and with double the number of fraternities in the field, the rushing this fall was very strenuous. The new fraternities surprised everybody by their activity, and with additional zeal on the part of the old fraternities the first couple of weeks of school were very lively. Of the new fraternities that entered last spring, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Chi succeeded in greatly increasing their numbers.

In the early part of October we were honored with a short visit from our E. S. D. A., Brother Holderness, who was in town for the day. Last week Brother Berry, '98, Kentucky Kappa, laid over on his way home from the west, and spent several hours at the chapter-house. Arnold Alt, who was associated with the New York City Alumni Association for two years, is back in his home town, and is showing much interest in the chapter. Frank Depew, an alumnus of New York Mu Chapter, visited the chapter-house on several occasions during his recent visit in the city.

The attendance at the university this year is larger than ever before.

Each year sees an increase, and a large attendance is looked for when the university enters her new buildings in 1905. Football is the all-absorbing topic in athletics just now. The eleven promises to be the best that Washington has turned out in years. A no-scoring struggle played last Saturday with Missouri was the best game seen here for a long time. We were glad to meet a bunch of Sigma Alphas who accompanied the team to St. Louis.

We are in a new home this year, 2824 Washington Avenue. It is the most comfortable of all the fraternity quarters here, and is the best Missouri Beta has ever had. The chapter has entertained several times in her new home. Our Hallowe'en party was a success in every particular, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

R. MORGAN SAYLOR.

Σ A E House, 2824 Washington Ave.
11 November, 1903.

Nebraska Lambda-Pi, University of
Nebraska, Lincoln.

THE active Sigmas in Nebraska University will number thirty men when our eight pledges have exchanged their purple and gold ribbons for diamond-shaped pins. We are justly proud of our new men this year, for they represent a bunch of fine fellows from the best blood in the State. All of them were introduced to a bit of fierce rushing, for rivalry has never been so lively as this year.

Last June we lost Wallace, Shock,

Crooks, Jouvenat and Shidler by graduation. Shock was society and athletic editor on the *Daily Nebraskan*. Shidler and Crooks were in the senior play, "The Rivals," and also made the senior society—The Innocents. Townsend was re-elected captain of the nine for '04. Bender is one of the five student-members of the athletic board, and also captain of the football team this fall. Eagen and Robertson will in all probability make the football team; and it might be of interest to note that there were four of our men on the nine last spring—Townsend, Gare, Steen and Bender.

Our prospects are the brightest Lambda-Pi ever enjoyed. There are eighteen men in the house, three outside, and nine town men. Our prominence in athletics has given a certain help in rushing, and as a chapter we try to be on friendly terms with every other fraternity.

We have had visits this fall from George Doughty, Ohio Delta, whom we all think so much of, and the following alumni: Stewart, Harmon, Roy Sawyer, Wallace and Shidler. Steve Brock, '01, is back in Lincoln in the jewelry business, and Robert Wheeler, '06, has returned to college after a two years' trip in Mexico.

Along with the joys of the last few weeks a great sorrow and misfortune has come to us. Hugh Edmiston died September 17, after a long illness. Hugh was a typical and ideal fraternity man and his constant interest as an alumnus has been a worthy example to emulate. He is directly the cause of the Lincoln alumni association which is about to spring into life.

Nebraska expects a good football team this year, but hardly the equal of last, when our goal line was never crossed the season through. Our schedule includes Northwestern, Illinois, Iowa and Knox Colleges, on the east, and Kansas, on the south. Booth of Princeton is head coach again. The material has never been so plentiful and of such good quality.

Nebraska Lambda-Pi sends greetings and hopes for a successful year to every chapter. Don't forget where the Sigma Alpha house is if you ever land in Lincoln.

OSCAR VEIT.

Σ A E House, 1228 R St.

8 October, 1903.

**Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas,
Lawrence.**

ALMOST three months of the school year have passed and Kansas Alpha considers herself very well started on her second year. Unfortunately, six of our strongest men found it impossible to return this fall. We are very sorry for this, for it means that much of our hardest work is lost and has to be done over again this year. We want our Freshmen to stay with us four years and become prepared to undertake the duties of influential and prominent Sigma Alphas.

However, the first week in September found twelve of last year's men back, ready to make Sigma Alpha Epsilon one of the strongest fraternities represented at the university. We have pledged and initiated seven new men this year and are especially pleased to present to the other chapters and alumni

the names of Brothers Lindsay, Cooper, Mossbacher, Busch, Hatfield, and Holliday, all of whom are Freshmen; and Brother Sawyer, a graduate student who has just a few weeks ago received a fellowship in Sociology. During the rushing season we enjoyed visits from Brothers Sanford, Bunting, Crowell, Woodson, Frost and Crabbs, of Kansas City, Plumb, of Emporia, and J. Lee Dick, of Hutchinson, who all assisted us greatly in the work of getting started again this year.

Eleven men are rooming in the house this winter, and it is safe to say that a more congenial bunch can not be found anywhere. We have a comfortable house with rooms for twelve men. Our meetings have been especially gratifying this year, as a deep interest has been taken in everything connected with the Fraternity welfare.

One of our men is now editor-in-chief of the *K. U. Weekly*, the official paper of the University. Although we have no men on the Varsity football team we expect to have our three last year's track men back in harness next spring. We also hope to make ourselves felt in the race for the inter-fraternity baseball pennant next year, and on the several class teams in school.

Kansas Alpha has reached an enviable position at the university, and it is our duty and earnest expectation to keep untarnished the reputation we have earned here. It is the first hope and ambition of every member of our chapter to make Sigma Alpha Epsilon the star fraternity at Kansas.

ASTLEY B. PURTON.

Σ A E House, 941 Vermont St.,

10 November, 1903.

PROVINCE ETA.

Colorado Chi, University of Colorado,
Boulder.

THE opening of college found us with fifteen old members back, ready to enter upon what terminated in one of the most successful rushing seasons the chapter has ever had, at the end of which we initiated the five men named elsewhere in this issue. The initiation took place on Saturday, October 3d.

Our football team this year promises once more to win the State intercollegiate championship, having won all of the games they have played so far, and with only one game remaining to be played. We have been represented by four men on the squad this year.

The university has been in mourning on two occasions this year,—first through the death of Dr. Coman of the Medical School, and inside of two weeks by the death of Professor Crouch of the Engineering School, both dying of typhoid fever.

We are at present making preparations for our annual reunion, which we shall hold on November 28.

The new library building is now nearly completed and will be ready for occupation by the first of December. It will add greatly to the looks of the campus, and is a very handsome structure.

The chapter wishes to commend the Denver Alumni Association on the several steps they have taken to keep their members together, and their Fraternity always before them.

We have had many pleasant visits from our alumni and other Sigmas, and want them all to continue to

drop in on us here, where they will always be most welcome.

ARTHUR K. MORRISON,
Σ A E House, 1121 Thirteenth St.

Colorado Zeta, Denver University,
University Park.

NEVER in the history of Colorado Zeta has a school year opened more auspiciously.

Although handicapped by the loss of several men who entered other institutions—Vaughn, Colorado School of Mines, Warwick, Ohio State University, and Perry, Columbia—we entered into the rushing season with a greater vim than ever before, and the names printed in another place attest to the result.

Of five men rushed, we obtained four and are proud to present them to our brothers in Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Our greatest strength in rushing came from the united efforts of all members of the chapter, assisted by our able alumni.

As football now occupies the public arena, it is appropriate to note that we have two men on the best team Denver University has ever put in the field, and in addition the assistant manager of the same team.

The football team of the University of Nebraska met us on the gridiron on October 10, and we were defeated by a score of 10 to 0; but in view of Nebraska's scores with some other teams we consider it an excellent showing for Denver University. Among the corn-huskers we were glad to meet the captain, Brother Bender, and Robertson and Eager, from Nebraska Lambda-Pi.

The national convention of $\Gamma \Phi B$ convenes in Denver on November 10 and adjourns on November 13.

Colorada Zeta will offer every possible courtesy to the visiting delegates, and will assist in every way possible to make the convention a success.

Within our own chapter we are having well attended and enthusiastic meetings, and we feel that Sigma Alpha Epsilon has never had a brighter outlook in the University of Denver. WILBUR D. STEELE.

10 November, '03.

**Colorado Lambda, State School of
Mines, Golden.**

WE are pleased to report that the end of the rushing season finds our chapter much strengthened, and our roll increased by seven new names. We have initiated six men, besides having with us Tom Reed of Kansas Alpha as an affiliate member. A seventh man wears our pledge pin, but can not join us until the end of the second semester.

Most perhaps know through our annual letter that Colorado Lambda has a chapter-house, and has plans for procuring an even better one next year. We have found that a house adds much to fraternity life, and is most essential in order that chapter interests may be fully appreciated.

The chapter regrets very much that it was not represented by a letter in the last issue of *THE RECORD*. We wish to impress upon all our readers that the omission is in no way expressive of a lack of interest in the welfare of *THE RECORD*.

ROBERT McCART, JR.

$\Sigma A E$ House, Fifth St.,
8 November, 1903.

**California Alpha, Stanford Univer-
sity, Palo Alto.**

THIS issue of the quarterly finds California Alpha nearing the close of another successful semester. There are eighteen active members in the chapter. The opening of the term found our numbers strengthened by the addition of Millard Clapp to our ranks. Clapp hails from Lambda-Pi, at the University of Nebraska.

Probably the most interesting piece of alumni news concerns Lanagan, '00. The opening of the semester found our football squad composed almost entirely of raw recruits. The crack football sharks of the coast predicted that Stanford would be defeated by at least twenty points when she lined up against California. It was then that "Jim" Lanagan came to the front, and in spite of adverse outside criticism from theoretical coaches, Lanagan turned out a first-rate team from the green material at his disposal, and the overwhelming defeat which the cracks turned out to witness on November 14 proved to be a tie game, in which the critics had to acknowledge Stanford's superiority.

One of the most successful social functions of the year was the dinner which the brothers gave in honor of coach Lanagan. It was purely a fraternity affair and was graced by many of our alumni and their wives.

The most interesting events of recent date were the interfraternity football games. We had a team in the field which succeeded in tying Sigma Nu, who probably possesses the strongest football team in college.

Of especial note is the birth of a prospective $\Sigma A E$. During his Sep-

tember rounds the stork left a little son at the Blake home in Palo Alto. Since the happy event Brother Bill has been dubbed "Pap" Blake. "Tommie" is said to have inherited the loquacious powers of his dad.

In musical, athletic, debating and literary circles $\Sigma A E$ is well represented this year.

Of interest to the whole college and all prospective Stanford men is Mrs. Stanford's million-dollar gift of a new library for college uses. When completed it will probably be the finest college library in America. At present Mrs. Stanford is in Europe collecting curios to fill the enormous museum which is under completion.

Several new chapters have been installed at Stanford during the past year, notably Kappa Alpha, Theta Delta Chi, and Phi Gamma Delta, all three are housed in Palo Alto, but it will be some time before any of them can compete with the chapters which have been installed here for the last ten or fifteen years. In putting in a chapter Phi Gamma Delta has but revived an old one which was withdrawn from this place several years ago.

We extend a hearty invitation to all visiting brothers, and wish the chapters everywhere a successful conclusion of the first semester and a prosperous new year in which to further all our interests.

GEORGE D. LYMAN.

$\Sigma A E$ House, Stanford, Cal.,
23 November, 1903.

California Beta, University of
California, Berkeley.

THE California State Legislature recently appropriated \$250,000 for a new building at the University of California to be known as California Hall. The preliminary work for this has already been started. Our new \$500,000 Mining Building, presented to the University by Mrs. Phœbe Hearst, should be ready for occupancy within a year. The new Physiological Department under the famous Professor Loeb is already attracting much deserved attention.

California Beta has initiated three men since writing the last letter, and has four pledged men who will enter soon. These men together with the strong bunch we already have bid fair to maintain the good position that $\Sigma A E$ has held in the past at California.

In the annual running of Skull and Keys, the Junior Honor Society, $\Sigma A E$ was represented by Stroud and Boone. We were all much pleased when Daniels was announced as the successful author of the curtain raiser for the Junior Day play, and subsequently chosen as the leading man therein.

California Beta has also had its share of marriages. A. C. Nahl, '01, was married to Miss Jessica Davis of the Alpha Phi Sorority in San Francisco in September. They are now at the San Francisco Mine, Slano, Mexico, where Nahl is superintendent. Osmont and Childs are also at

the same mine assisting Nahl. Potter surprised us all by the announcement of his marriage to Miss Ina Ball of San Francisco.

The alumni of California Beta are making an enviable record in their different lines of work. Ritchie has recently been promoted to the editorial staff of the San Francisco *Call*. Caldwell is assistant superintendent at mines in Durango, Mexico,

employing 4,000 men. Reid is at the head of the mining department of the University of Nevada.

We recently received notice from Brother George H. Kress of the formation of an alumni association at Los Angeles. We wish them the greatest of success in their work.

ARTHUR H. HALLORAN.

Σ A E House,

4 November, 1903.

PROVINCE THETA.

Louisiana Epsilon, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

WHEN we saw Brothers Crichton and Graham, "the backbone" of Epsilon, leaving school last spring the chapter felt that things looked rather unpromising for the following year. While we miss the faithful brothers, however, who graduated last year, I am glad to say that among the eight men, who constitute our present chapter, there exists one of the most congenial and harmonious spirits of brotherhood, as well as one of the highest standards, that has ever been enjoyed by Louisiana Epsilon.

Coleman, always a prominent man in college, has become even more prominent on account of the very efficient manner in which he has captained the football team. Fournery is also making a reputation for himself by his gridiron stunts at quarter.

W. S. Borland, Pennsylvania Omega, the popular and efficient coach of last year's football team, is again with us. The consensus of opinion is that he will get out the best eleven that this college has ever

had. His attractive manners and address have won for him the admiration and esteem of all the college men, and the fact that "Coach" is an Σ A E adds much to the prestige of our chapter.

Since the last letter K A has installed a chapter here. They started out with a very good number for a beginning, but were unfortunate in losing several good men at the opening of school. All the fraternities at this place have halls for meeting purposes except II K A, and no doubt they will have one ere long. K Σ is ready to begin work on a new house, we are told, and it is said that the new hall will surpass anything on the campus in the way of a fraternity house.

The new buildings of the university are practically completed, and make this institution one of the best equipped in the South. Specialists in all lines have been constantly added to the faculty in recent years, and exceptional advantages are now offered for work in all departments.

W. BURCH LEE.

Σ A E Hall.

14 November, 1903.

Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, Tulane University, New Orleans.

LOUISIANA Tau-Upsilon presents to the Fraternity this year as her contribution towards new members six men, all of whom will wear our badge with credit. We returned but four men to the academic department this year, and for a time the outlook was not over-promising. But with the aid of our two pledges and one of our resident medical men, we were able to capture from the other fraternities four fine fellows. These new men assure our future here for some years to come. At present Louisiana Tau-Upsilon is very strong, and exercises great control over college affairs, its members being in everything worth the while at Tulane. Tau-Upsilon is more than satisfied with the rushing work it did this year.

The fraternity world at Tulane was surprised one morning early in October by the appearance of six men wearing $\Pi K A$ badges. It turned out that $\Pi K A$ had reestablished their Tulane chapter which had been inactive since 1881 or thereabouts. It contains men who are prominent in certain phases of college affairs, and who will probably keep the chapter going. They have already initiated one Freshman. $\Pi K A$ is the seventeenth fraternity to enter Tulane. $\Theta N E$ now only exists at the Medical department. It initiated no men at all last year, and if it goes on at its present rate it will be only a question of time before it surrenders its charter and passes into inactivity. ΣN , although reestablished only last year, returned

but one man to the academic department, and will have to do some strenuous work to continue in existence. The other fraternities, with the exception of $\Delta K E$, seem to be holding their own. Of all the chapters at Tulane, Tau-Upsilon can say without any idle boasting that it has gone forward the most this year. Almost every one of our initiates was asked by other fraternities, and one especially was asked by six others.

At present Tau-Upsilon is fixing up its present home, although it hopes to go into larger and more commodious quarters soon.

The brothers were all very sorry to hear of Brother Virgin's resignation as E. S. R., as they believed that he has filled the office well. They desire to offer him their best wishes in any and all of his undertakings.

WILLIAM KERNAN DART.

8 November, 1903.

Mississippi Gamma, University of Mississippi, University.

WHILE Mississippi Gamma is not as strong as it has been in its former days, the three men in the chapter now are loyal to the Fraternity and intend to build up the chapter to its former high standing. It has been nearly forty years since Sigma Alpha Epsilon entered the University, and in its membership it has had some of the best known men in the Fraternity. One of the earliest initiates in the chapter was our Past Eminent Supreme Archon Judge Charles B. Howry. The chapter has always had an honorable place in the fraternity, and although the pres-

ent membership is meeting with some difficulties, we believe there are none that cannot be conquered. We have several pledged men and are hoping to get more.

We were visited early in the fall by Brother E. R. Barrow of the Memphis Alumni Association, and we have now had with us for the past ten days our Eminent Supreme Archon William C. Levere, who is assisting us during the rushing season.

Elmer is captain of the football

team this season, and was also captain of the baseball team last spring.

Brother Hightower represented us at the Theta Convention in June.

Fraternally,

R. L. HEIDELBERG.

30 October, 1903.

Texas Rho, University of Texas,
Austin.

NO LETTER RECEIVED.

PROVINCE IOTA.

Kentucky Kappa, Central University,
Danville.

FROM their accustomed places among Kappa's members, only three went by graduation last June; and the result of the rushing season is that five new members have already been added to our ranks. When referring to these Kappa takes pride in saying that they are five of the best men in college, men such as the most fastidious chapter would justly boast of.

In addition to this enlargement of the roll by initiation, Kappa has two accessions by affiliation, H. B. Fleece, '98, and J. R. Smith, '03, the one taking a Law course, the other working as a postgraduate academic, and both still filled with devotion to their chapter. By their experience Kappa will undoubtedly profit.

In numbers Kappa, with sixteen men, ties with Phi Delta Theta for the place of largest fraternity at Central. And with every man taking a more or less prominent position, it can easily do more than hold its own.

In winning honors of the classroom and on the field, Kappa has been conspicuous. Michel was elected president of the Intercollegiate Declamatory Association, which is one of the highest honors of the year. Fleece was elected secretary and treasurer of the Sophomore class, and also captain of the class football team. Quite a number of class football games have been played, and $\Sigma A E$ has been represented with one man on the Junior team, three on the Sophomore, and one on the Freshman. In the fall tennis tournaments Kappa holds the premier-ship. The Senior doubles were won by Michel and Gowdy, while Gowdy won the singles. McQueen and Fleece were winners of the Sophomore-Freshman tournament and McQueen won the singles.

To Kappa is conceded the honor of giving one of the most novel and enjoyable social events of the year. Every one present at our Circus Party pronounced it a complete success. In the College Minstrels we shall be well represented by six men.

The outlook for a most prosperous

year is exceedingly bright, and with a firm resolve to increase her prestige, Kentucky Kappa wishes all sister chapters the success which should be imparted to them by strict adherence to the principles of $\Sigma A E$.

DONALD McQUEEN, E. C.

12 November, 1903.

Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Russellville.

ALTHOUGH only four old men returned to resume work in college this year, each had the welfare of the Fraternity at heart, and set to work immediately on arrival with the determination to succeed. Their efforts and interests in the affairs of the Fraternity are shown by the seven initiates reported elsewhere. The present period is not very eventful, but is still a busy and most pleasant one, for we are moving along in a good, free and healthy condition. There is no athletic activity here now, but basket-ball will be commenced soon, and in this we expect to take our place at the front. The social life so far this fall has been especially pleasant.

Bethel College is now rapidly regaining its former strength, and this, with the enthusiasm shown by all the members of our chapter and the fact that there are only two fraternities in school, indicates that Kentucky Iota has brighter prospects for the future than she has had at any time for several years.

GEORGE AMOS STOWE.

24 November, 1903.

Kentucky Epsilon, Kentucky State College, Lexington.

COLLEGE opened with an unusually large number of matriculates, and we are glad to say that every year our college is growing. A new \$25,000 Experiment Station, and a \$14,000 Women's Dormitory, have recently been added to our numerous buildings.

We returned thirteen old men and several came in to help us rush. This has been a most fruitful season, as we have not lost a man to another fraternity, and have brought six men into the folds of the Purple and Gold. After the ceremonies we had a most delightful spread.

We are glad to report the affiliation of Brother Hughes of Alabama Alpha-Mu, 1901.

On November first we moved into quarters in a newly completed building, and our lodge is second to none among the Greeks.

The Province Convention meets in Lexington with Kentucky Epsilon during the Christmas holidays. We hope that every chapter will have its delegate present, and shall be glad to have with us any Sigmas who find it possible to come.

LUCIEN A. BUCK.

15 November, 1903.

Tennessee Zeta, Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville.

ALL but one of our last year's chapter returned this fall to take a strong stand for our beloved Fraternity. This session was begun with

rather a small number of students, and so none of the fraternities here is very large at present.

At the beginning of the session we were without suitable quarters, so we at once set about to secure some good rooms and to fix them up in an attractive manner. We now have two good rooms situated in the central part of town. The faculty, however, deeming it inexpedient for the fraternities to be located in the business part of the city, have passed regulations requiring all the fraternities to be in quarters on the campus by the first day of February.

The rushing season is almost over, and the chapter is about ready to settle down to the regular year's work. We have not been at all idle, however, during this busy time of the year, but have secured several good men for $\Sigma A E$.

There has been lately considerable disturbance here on account of the proposed removal of this university to Atlanta, to combine there with Columbia Seminary. The question has not been decided as yet, but it seems very doubtful that the move will ever be effected. There are, however, strong supporters of both sides. This question is, of course, of vital interest to all the fraternity men here, and we are anxiously looking forward for a quick settlement.

SCOTT C. LYON.

8 November, 1903.

Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Lebanon.

THIS fall all the old members of Tennessee Lambda came back to school on time, and with the assistance of Bryan and Grannis, gradu-

ates of last year, Williams, of Tennessee Eta, and all the local alumni, succeeded in bringing into the fold nine first-class men. We are now fourteen strong. All the fraternities here have about the same number of men as ourselves. We expect to increase our number to perhaps twenty by the end of the year. >

Cumberland is on a boom just now. Our football team has good chances of winning the championship of the South. A fine new dormitory has been built, and other improvements made. Tennessee Lambda will grow with the college. A local alumni association is being formed, and we hope that a chapter-house will be built before long.

Avery Grannis is now studying engineering at Vanderbilt University. We have lately had visits from Perkins, Butler and Bryan, graduates of last year, and from Brother Kirkus, an old son of Tennessee Lambda, and now president of Trinity University, Texas. Williams, from Tennessee Eta, entered school here this year, but after about a month went back to his Alma Mater. He will study law here next year.

The local that last year petitioned Beta Theta Pi for a charter has disbanded, so there are now only three fraternities here. None have initiated any men from the Theological Department yet, on account of the anti-fraternity spirit there last year. We have one man pledged from that department and will initiate him after the storm has entirely passed. The faculty are heartily in favor of fraternities, and the present policy of the several fraternities is controlled by their advice.

A. W. SMITH.

10 November, 1903.

Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University,
Nashville.

WITH the opening of the present session Tennessee Nu entered the field with a stout body of old members steadfast in heart and overflowing with enthusiasm. We were on the track and we did not get off until we had captured everything we wanted. The preceding list of our initiates shows the success of our rushing season. Competition as usual was very strong—there being thirteen full-fledged and troublesome active fraternities at Vanderbilt. But the determined efforts of our boys, combined with the efficient aid of some of our recent alumni, overcame all opposition.

We have also come in for some share of college honors—our boys holding the positions of athletic editor of the *Hustler*, assistant editor of the *Observer*, Thanksgiving debater, presidents of both literary societies, representative in Tennessee debate, and director of University German Club.

The chapter has been especially favored by a visit from our Eminent Supreme Archon. He took us by surprise, charmed and delighted us by his winning personality, and left us inspired by his enthusiasm. We had a called meeting to receive him; and his speech, followed by one from our Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon, opened new visions of usefulness to our old men, as well as to our new ones, and gave us a deeper insight into the glories of the great brotherhood of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

We have had a few informal dances in honor of our new initiates. But our

formal début into society takes place Thanksgiving night at the University Club. It is our custom to hold a banquet annually, and this year we intend to surpass all former efforts. We are the only fraternity in the university who ever give anything of this nature, and so we, as well as our friends, take a particular pride in its success.

Sigma Chi, with the aid of its alumni, is building an attached chapter-house which they expect to enter by the first of the year. At present we rent a house, but for some time have been agitating the question of buying. We have a good offer, and hope to raise sufficient funds within the year at least to make a first payment.

About half of our chapter will attend the province convention at Lexington, Ky., in December, and we expect to go en masse to Memphis in 1904.

The football season has been a very successful one for Vanderbilt so far. There have been some $\Sigma A E$'s on nearly all of the visiting teams, and we have always been most delighted to take them in, for there is most assuredly a "tie that binds."

ANTHONY F. BLANKS.

$\Sigma A E$ House, 2221 West End Ave.
10 November, 1903.

Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

TENNESSEE KAPPA returned only six of her twenty-one men of last year, losing several by graduation, and nine others failing to return for various other reasons. But the loss of these members did not weaken

the fraternity spirit of those who came back. We went to work with a will and determination, and as a result have taken in three men whom we are very sure will be earnest supporters of Σ A E. To this number of three we will soon add the name of another, W. B. McMullen, Jr.

Tennessee Kappa was well represented on the football team this year, C. J. Fuller playing quarter-back and Watkins playing end. C. J. McClung was assistant manager and proved to be an efficient man for the position. L. L. Heiskell was elected captain of the "scrubs." While we have always been well represented in this line of athletics, we are glad to say that there were more applicants for the team from our chapter than from any other fraternity in the university.

The honor of the presidency of the Senior class fell to L. L. Heiskell.

Our small chapter necessitated our giving up the chapter house this year in which we have been living for some time. We now occupy a floor in one of the most popular dormitories and find this the next best thing to a house of our own.

MATT G. THOMAS.

6 November, 1903.

Tennessee Omega, University of the South, Sewanee.

AS a result of the last rush, the ranks of Tennessee Omega have been strengthened by the addition of five new brothers, who have entered into the activities of the chapter with zest and enthusiasm. The affiliation of Joseph B. Young, of Louisiana

Epsilon, has also been of material advantage, and the chapter, as a result, is in a most commendable condition with regard to its spirit and zeal. Of late the chapter-house has been the scene of several enjoyable dances of an informal nature, which have contributed to the pleasure of the brothers. In college honors, the chapter has her full quota, and certainly can not complain on that score.

This term is one in which there is little going on except football, and in that activity, all at present is, in the main, satisfactory, and augurs well for a successful season. The chapter has been unfortunate since the last letter, in that several brothers have left the university for other fields of activity; but the addition of the new initiates has brought the number up to its normal size. We are also glad to state that those who have recently left us are, without exception, prospering in a manner which leaves us no room for complaint.

F. S. HOUGHTLING.

Σ A E House,

10 November, 1903.

Tennessee Eta, Southwestern Baptist University, Jackson.

THIS term Σ A E returned nine men and have since taken in two; we are watching several others closely and feel confident of taking in six more before June 1st.

We were very sorry to lose Saunders, who went to Vanderbilt to enter the medical department.

We were recently honored by a visit from Brother William C. Levere,

our E. S. A. He spent Thursday, November the 5th, with us, and we enjoyed his visit very much.

We have taken our share of the honors which have been conferred so far this year. Medlin is Senior class poet and university librarian; Williams is president of the Junior class and O'Connor treasurer. Medlin is also one of the Calliopian Literary Society's representatives in the primary competition for the State oratorical contest, and Peebles is one for the Appolian Society.

On Friday, November the 6th, there was installed a chapter of the Chi Omega Sorority at this university, and the same evening Σ A E gave an elaborate banquet at the Southern Hotel in honor of our new Greek sisters.

Since our last letter the Fraternity

has suffered the loss of one of the best and noblest men of all who ever wore the old gold and royal purple. Eugene Mercer died at his home at Mercer, Tenn., on Friday, August 21. Brothers Anderson, G. C., Saunders and Muse went from Jackson, and Dulin from Neely's, to the funeral. He was twenty-one years old, had been a Σ A E three years, and was loved by us all.

Kappa Sigma and Alpha Tau Omega each have a chapter here, and they are in a flourishing condition. A strong rivalry exists between \mathbf{K} Σ and Σ A E.

Tennessee Eta extends greetings and the hand of fraternity to all chapters, and wishes to say to all "We'll meet you in Memphis in 1904."

G. C. ANDERSON, JR.

7 November 1903.

Here and There.



THE appearance of a case of typhoid fever in any given locality is by no means an index of bad local conditions in regard to sanitation; and the recent epidemic at Lexington, Va., is not in any sense a reflection on the healthfulness of the town. Lexington is situated on two hills, which extend throughout its entire length. The intervening valley, and outside valley, serve to make drainage particularly easy. Not satisfied with such excellent natural advantages, the local authorities some years ago instituted a system of underground sewerage, its total length equaling eight miles.

In spite of all possible care, a few cases of typhoid fever have appeared each year, most of which have been of a mild type. In the Virginia Military Institute, where several hundred young men

are brought closely together, the danger of the spread of the disease from a single case is necessarily greater than where a body of students is scattered through the community. The appearance of the fever four years ago caused the Institute to disband the corps of cadets, and resulted in the death of several young men. A large amount of money was subsequently spent in putting Virginia Military Institute and its grounds in the best possible order, and a rigid examination by distinguished experts declare that its present sanitary condition is perfect.

Not quite a month ago, several cases of fever appeared, traceable in every instance to causes not connected with Lexington. Of the nine cases at Virginia Military Institute, but a single death has occurred as a result of the outbreak which caused a second disbanding of cadets on October 23, 1903, the corps being given a furlough for thirty days.

Six students of Washington and Lee University, including Walter H. Dunlap, of our Virginia-Sigma chapter, have also been ill with the fever. Here, one case, that of Mr. White, a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, was at first reported to have terminated fatally; but it was afterwards learned that this student, though dangerously ill, had actually passed the crisis safely and was getting well. At the present time, all are either convalescent or completely recovered.

That Lexington is more subject to this scourge than other towns in this part of Virginia, seems to be supported by no evidence whatever. The wide publicity given to the existence of such cases is due to its importance as an educational center, and to the natural anxiety which parents everywhere feel in the absence of their sons. Such local excitement as was caused by the appearance of the fever has now subsided, and no further anxiety is felt.

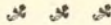
Virginia Sigma.

CHARLES C. THOMAS.



Missouri Beta, at Washington University, has made a start in the right direction, though an humble one, by renting a little two-room house at 2824 Washington avenue. The house is too small to be

used otherwise than for meeting and social purposes, but is doubtless but the beginning of better things. Tennessee Nu has had a proposition to buy an excellent house in Nashville, and is planning how best to raise sufficient funds to come to terms. Alabama Iota's plans to build have been considerably dampened by the talk of moving the Southern University from Greensboro to Birmingham. When the matter is settled one way or another, however, they announce their intention of getting to work on the house question in good earnest. Pennsylvania State has entered this fall into a large new house, built after their own plans, which promises to give perfect satisfaction. Many other chapters find themselves this fall in quarters superior in every way to those of last year. To offset this general upward movement in what is an extremely important field, we are sorry to note that Tennessee Kappa, finding its members sadly diminished at the opening of the college, has thought best to surrender its house in Knoxville, and now occupies quarters in Reese Hall, on the university campus. The Maine chapter returned this fall to find itself the only unhoused chapter in Orono, Phi Kappa Sigma having surprised local fraternity circles by putting up a desirable house during the summer. The boys at Maine, however, are not one whit discouraged or "out of it." They did well in the fall rushing, and are taking steps to get suitable concessions from the faculty preparatory to doing a little building on their own hook



Unusual success in securing new men of the right sort seems to have crowned the efforts of the great majority of our chapters. The number of initiates "put through" within the past few weeks has been, in some individual cases, rather remarkably large. Vanderbilt and Minnesota took in an even dozen each. Cincinnati initiated eleven. Georgia Tech, Kansas, Mercer, Auburn, Georgia and Pennsylvania State each enrolled ten. Cumberland and Davidson selected nine apiece, and Illinois and Alabama took eight. Fourteen chapters have thus added at one stroke 129 new men to our ranks, the average increment being 9 1-3. Perhaps the most remarkable work of them all was that of Mercer, who returned four men and initiated ten more. This somewhat noteworthy achievement is said to have

been due mainly to the personality of a man in that chapter named Ogburne. This clearly entitles Ogburne to be ranked in the class of a certain D. K. E. at Mississippi who, returning to college a year or so ago, to find himself the sole representative of his chapter, was not at all dispirited, but turned in with a will and soon initiated two men. On a percentage basis, Ogburne has the advantage of the two; but, from a spectacular standpoint, we are inclined to think that the Deke has the call. We have always wondered just how he did it.



Fraternity activity at Wofford has been killed this year, on account of the new faculty rule prohibiting the rushing or initiating of students who have not been in regular attendance for one full year.



The luncheon club idea has hit the Denver Alumni Association, and George Kimball writes that it is the greatest thing out.

Denver alumni members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity have adopted a novel scheme for renewing and maintaining friendships formed in college. All of them who take lunch down town have arranged to have their lunch hour at the same time and to go to the same restaurant on every Thursday at 10 o'clock, where a large table is reserved for their use. Of course these lunches are entirely informal, and they give promise of becoming the most enjoyable of the social gatherings of the Σ A E fraternity.—*Denver Times.*



A step which would vitally affect the interest of our chapter Tennessee Zeta, at Clarksville, is the projected removal of the Southwestern Presbyterian University to Atlanta, Ga., to be united there with the Columbia Seminary of that place. The project was discussed at length in the Mississippi Presbyterian Synod, which met in Laurel, Miss., in November. An argument against the proposed consolidation is the fact that the Southwestern seminary was the recipient of certain endowments on condition that it be located at Clarksville. The synod appointed three of its members to attend an ecclesiastical conference in Atlanta, on December 6, when the question will be definitely settled.

Just as we are going to press we find, in the very able and attractive *Quarterly* of the Alpha Phi Society, the following:

The editor of THE RECORD OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON begs chapter correspondents to be prompt with chapter letters, and accompanies the plea with the reminder "that under our new law, his failure to get to us in time makes it impossible for his chapter to receive its quota of RECORDS, unless they pay for them. The price of THE RECORD, for these unlucky persons, will be, as elsewhere announced, thirty-five cents per copy."

It may be in some subtle way parents know best the idiosyncracies of their own children, but this new law of Sigma Alpha Epsilon's seems to us a prescription based upon false diagnosis. Tardy chapter letters clearly indicate lack of interest or ignorance on the part of chapters. Nothing more surely promotes interest and educates in fraternity matters than regular reading of the Fraternity journal. Why then deny the flagging interest the tonic which might arouse it?

Possibly THE RECORD management may agree with us in diagnosis and differ with us in treatment, acting with that school of medicine which treats disease in such wise as to produce its symptoms in a subject whose condition was normal. We trust that we shall not be denied knowledge of the result.

In reply to this lively dig, we have opportunity at this time for the merest word. The law referred to above was put into effect, for the first time, in distributing the September RECORDS. That issue—we recall the fact with utter shame—lacked eighteen chapter letters. The present issue lacks one. Of course this proves nothing at all, however, and nobody will detect that fact more readily than the sprightly editor of *Alpha Phi Quarterly*. The subject of the chapter correspondent is one over which we have pondered much and, we may as well admit it, sorrowed sorely. It is not a matter that can be dismissed in two words.

At another time, however, we shall hope to find something to say.



Columbia University lost an exceptionally efficient manager of her 1903 foot-ball team, and New York Mu a very remarkable man, when Gordon Green decided last spring to forsake college and become a benedict. Green is now living at Ensley, Ala., where he is running a mine for the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Mining Co. He is also recommending matrimony to all his friends as the only safe, sure and immediate road to happiness.

Concerning the very interesting picture facing this page, we print the following letter:

EVANSTON, ILL., October 14, 1903.

Mr. Henry Sydnor Harrison, Richmond, Virginia:

MY DEAR SYDNOR:—I am sending you by this mail an interesting souvenir of a recent visit of mine to Illinois Beta at the University of Illinois. The great big beautiful giant of a dog is "Sig" of Illinois Beta. He is a true knight of Minerva, not only by adoption but by descent. His mother was the famous Sigma Alpha Epsilon dog of Michigan Iota-Beta that won fame for herself and honor for the fraternity by saving the life of a little girl, who was drowning. At that time one of the Hayes brothers of Galva, Illinois, was in the chapter. You know there were three Hayes brothers in all in that chapter. Well, "Sig" is the son of the brave old dog, and has for a number of years belonged to a young chum of the Hayes brothers. This fall Percy Hayes, the fourth of these brothers, decided to enter the University of Illinois. His friend and the friend of his brothers could not go to college with him as he had hoped; but when Percy took the train, his friend came down to the station, and brought "Sig" with him. "I cannot go to college myself," he said, "but I am going to send 'Sig.'" And so "Sig" came up to Illinois, and of course when Percy Hayes pledged himself to old Sigma Alpha Epsilon, as three of his brothers had done before him, old "Sig" was pledged too. And now, here they are—Percy Hayes, "Sig" and

WILLIAM C. LEVERE.



We shall hope to be able to report in the next RECORD the plans of a great many chapters for the proper observance of Founder's Day, March 9th. It is pleasant to note that the celebration of the birthday of the Fraternity appears to be becoming more and more general with each succeeding year. Chapters which are accustomed to give several entertainments during the course of the winter can readily arrange to have one of them fall upon this day; and chapters which give only one can not possibly select a more seemly and appropriate occasion.



For the benefit of those of our readers who keep THE RECORD for filing and binding, we wish to state that a complete index of Vol. XXIII will be published in connection with the March issue.



E. S. A. William C. Levere left Evanston early in November for a visit to two or three of the Southern chapters. In especial he spent some days with Mississippi Gamma, at the University of Mississippi, an old chapter with an honorable record, which has been allowing its members to dwindle somewhat during the past few years, and which finds itself in a weakened condition this year, owing to the failure of several of last year's men to return to college. Brother Levere also paid short visits to our chapter at Vanderbilt and the Southern University.



Percy Hayes, Illinois Beta "Sig" William C. Levere

AN INTERESTING PICTURE.

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