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## The Forty-Second National Convention.

By *William C. Levere*,  
Eminent Supreme Archon.

TO the Forty-second National Convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon must be awarded a very high place among the great gatherings of the Fraternity. It was a most notable event in our annals; and the forces that swayed it, and the policies that sprung from it, will have a far-reaching effect on the unmade history of our brotherhood. To those who have been students of our past, it must be evident that no convention of them all, from Murfreesboro to Washington, will assume more importance than the one whose session recently came to a close. It is not contended that among all previous conventions there have not been some few which have had to cope with problems quite as fundamental. Without a doubt, there have been such; and it is only because these early conventions, some of which lie far back in our remote infancy, adopted certain ideals, and clung fast to certain deep-set convictions, that such a convention as the Washington Convention of 1902 has been made possible. And in this latest gathering of our national Fraternity, the ideas of these early statesmen received the fullest vindication.

Now, as a body, what was the convention? I feel no diffidence in asserting that it was as fine a group of young men as ever came together. Filled with all the vigor and enthusiasm of youth, and devoted to a brotherhood of high ideals, they were typically col-

legian, typically comrades, and typically American. To the man or woman who loves a bright-eyed, full-throated, broad-chested, finely stalwart, and, beyond all, a clear and clean-brained young manhood, the composite of this gathering could not fail to be a joy forever. It was a revelation to many of us to know that the colleges of the land are everywhere filled with men such as these; and in the eyes of Columbia, as well as of Minerva, this is a token of future good to this land of ours.

The questions of vital importance which arose and were settled during those memorable four days had to do with both the internal and the external welfare of the Fraternity; and in passing judgment upon these problems, or in preparing to do so, there was none who spared himself. Was there ever such a hard-working convention? Day and night sessions were regularly followed by committee work that lasted until the morning. The delegates fairly reveled in work; to labor for the Fraternity, to get to the bottom of things, to bring to pass, was their very meat and drink and sleep, and the result of this work is to us wholly satisfactory. Such constitutional changes as were made reflected the ripened judgment of veteran workers, and will, in each case, tend forcibly toward the strengthening of the vital organs and the structural parts of our brotherhood. The revision of the ritual, for example, was a delicate task; but the convention carefully and critically took up this work, and gave us, after calm deliberation, a beautiful ceremony, with all of the old teachings retained and emphasized, and with all the fond traditions in bold relief.

But, to the writer's mind, no work of the convention revealed the temper and unswerving purpose of the Fraternity so clearly as its stand upon the question of extension. The attitude of the convention toward this grave subject revealed the true feeling and plain wishes of the chapters from which the delegates came; and bore conclusive witness that Sigma Alpha Epsilon has grown neither narrow nor aged. True worth in both men and institution is now, as always, the passport to her heart. She realizes, with unaffected happiness, the position which she occupies in the Greek-letter world; but her spirit is no whit less gracious than when she first came out of the Southland to take her place among the national fraternities. Pros-

perity has not begotten haughtiness, and her temper is far too kindly ever to be marred by the breath of snobbishness. To those who can not meet her basic requirements, she is considerate; and to those who do, she is not ashamed to reach out her welcoming hand, be they one or be they many. He who believes that the dictum of the convention on this question was but the will of the delegates at Washington must be owned, indeed, a near-sighted student of fraternity affairs. For that was the voice of the great Fraternity, whose members were then scattered wide on far prairie, in remote valley and on distant mountain. The great throbbing heart of the Fraternity all over the land beat in sympathy with the roll-calls on extension.

The curtain has fallen and the convention is over. But its influence and inspiration are not over. These will live in the deeds and thoughts of all who were there, and will find victorious fruition in service for Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

## The Work of the Convention.

By *Edward Harmon Virgin*,

Eminent Supreme Recorder.

ON Tuesday, December 23, 1902, there assembled in the convention hall of the New Willard hotel, Washington, D. C., a larger body of representative Sigma Alphas than has ever before assembled at a national convention. It should be pointed out that by the term "representative" is meant regularly elected delegates, each one of whom represents a local or district organization of the Fraternity, situated in different places throughout the country. Maine and California, Texas and Minnesota, Georgia and New York, all were represented, and the total or regularly accredited delegates reached the hitherto unknown number of eighty-five. The appended table shows, in brief, a statistical comparison of this convention with the two previous ones, each one of which in turn was considered the most successful and largely attended convention up to that period in our history.

	1898	1900	1902
	Nashville	Boston	Washington
Chapters .....	53	55	58
Chapter delegates present .....	41	49	54
Other delegates: Supreme Council, Province Presidents, Alumni Associations, etc. ....	13	18	31
Total delegates .....	54	67	85
Chapters unrepresented .....	12	6	4

This long list of delegates might well be cited as evidence of the general prosperity everywhere prevalent throughout the Fraternity, but if examined closely it will show also three other no less interesting facts: first, an especial interest in the business of this convention; second, a continuation of the steadily growing importance of our national conventions, a condition which has become more and more in evidence in recent years; and, third, a desire on the part of



many alumni associations to take their share in our system of government, and to continue in an advisory way the active interests of their college life.

The work of this convention should be, in the main, characterized as one of revision rather than creation. The rules and regulations as adopted after the report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws are but a revised edition of those now in use. The ritual, after undergoing the judicial consideration of the convention, still remains the old and beloved ritual. It is a fact of which the Fraternity should be proud that the work of its earlier members has so well stood the test of time. The general policy of work and of government as outlined for us in the years past survives upon its own merits. The report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws, than which, with one exception, perhaps there was none more important, was lengthy and detailed in the extreme, but its provisions were taken up with the utmost care, and severally and seriously pondered. The temper of the whole convention was well illustrated by the extreme patience and carefulness with which the report of this committee was considered, despite the lateness of the hour and the general weariness of the flesh when it came up for action. Its main provisions, as has been already indicated, did not embody any radical changes, but tended rather to secure a stricter observance of the laws at present in force, and a more careful performance of their duties by all officers, national, province and chapter. By the adoption of this report, too, the alumni associations are brought into much closer relation to the Fraternity at large, and made more responsible to the national officers. The act creating the board of trustees, who administer our financial surplus, was made an integral part of our national system of government.

Naturally, the other report, whose recommendations were of the first importance, was that of the Committee on Extension. They had much to consider, because of the large number of petitions brought before them, fourteen in all, and they began work early and ended late. As was of course to be expected, each extension project had its warm supporters, and the work of the committee was arduous in the extreme, in sifting the testimony brought before them, and considering what seemed to be for the most certain good

of the Fraternity. As a result of their report, we have already three strong and prosperous chapters at the University of Wisconsin, the Colorado School of Mines, and the University of Kansas, and perhaps by the time this article appears in print, the installation at the University of Chicago will also be a thing of the past. The report of the Editor of the Catalogue, and of the Editor of the Manual, also received painstaking consideration; and steps were taken to secure the publication of both works at as early a date as possible.

Through the report of the Committee on Chapters, it became evident that there was no exaggeration in the welcome statement made by the Eminent Supreme Archon, in his report at the opening of the convention, to the effect that no chapter of the Fraternity was in anything like a critical condition. The committee especially commended the work of the chapters at Columbia, Cornell, the University of Michigan, Ohio Wesleyan, Denver University, and one or two others. Moreover, they pointed out the fact that all the chapters established in recent years were in particularly gratifying condition, surpassing many of our older chapters in the zeal with which they worked for the good of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. A slight change of chapter distribution sprang from the fact that for a number of years it has been apparent that, with the increase of chapters in the middle west and south, some step would have to be made in amending our arrangement of provinces. The report of the Committee on Provinces settled this matter, and within a few months a new allotment will go into effect, whereby Province Gamma and Province Epsilon are to be made into three provinces. Province Gamma, as hereafter organized, is to be made up of the States of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina and the District of Columbia. Province Epsilon is to consist of Georgia, Florida and Alabama. The new province, to be called Iota, will consist of Tennessee and Kentucky; and inasmuch as we have nine chapters in those two States, will at once take rank as one of the strongest of our province organizations.

The reports of the supreme officers, as usual, contained many points of peculiar interest to all of us, which can not very well be set forth here. The Eminent Supreme Archon pointed out the general

prosperity throughout the Fraternity, and called attention to the fact that ten new alumni associations had been organized during the past two years. The Editor of *THE RECORD* showed that the finances of this magazine were in a much better condition than ever before, and modestly added that one hundred new subscribers had been newly added to his subscription list. The Eminent Supreme Recorder, in his statistical tables, reported 1,044 active members in the fifty-eight chapters, and 407 initiations during the year 1902. He also reported that thirty-three out of the fifty-eight chapters were in houses. The Eminent Supreme Treasurer reported receipts during the past two years of \$14,985, and a balance on hand at the time of the convention of about half that sum. Perhaps it should be noted, for the benefit of those who do not know, that the other half of the receipts during that period has not been, for the most part, paid out, but is merely turned over in large part to the Board of Trustees for investment. The Board of Trustees reported loans during the two years of \$2,700, and a balance on hand of \$9,695.68. Their detailed report showed a very careful and businesslike administration, and was received with entire and unanimous approval. The step which was taken at Boston in creating this Board has satisfied a long-disputed question, and has so far shown no need of the slightest amendment or change. The approbation with which their report was greeted manifested itself in the reelection of the two officers of the Board whose terms expired at this convention, Dr. H. G. MacAdam and B. C. Collier, by a unanimous vote for a further term of four years.

It will be remembered that when the convention voted at Boston to meet in 1902 at Washington, it had in mind the presence at the national capital of our well-beloved and loyal brother, William McKinley. By his sad death our hopes for his participation in the 1903 convention were set at naught. Resolutions in his memory were, of course, passed by the convention. Through the kindness of Judge C. B. Howry, one of our old alumni, and Past Eminent Supreme Archon elect of the convention, the delegates were given a reception by President Roosevelt on the afternoon of the day before Christmas. The new Council, as elected by the convention, consists of William C. Levere, E. S. A., Marvin Early Holderness, E. S. D. A.,

Henry Sydnor Harrison, Editor of *THE RECORD*, Edward Harmon Virgin, E. S. R., and G. D. Kimball, E. S. T. Brief biographical sketches of these men will appear in a later issue of *THE RECORD*.

It should be noted in closing that never before, at least within the writer's recollection, has the session of a national convention been so characterized by hard and conscientious labor, and by such great unanimity of agreement. Despite the fact that the convention met in a city whose attractions are perhaps greater than any other in the country, the delegates, almost to a man, staid by their work until it was completed, and performed that work accurately and only after the ripest deliberation. When the time came for decision on various mooted questions, the discussion was always full and free, but without other feeling than a deep desire for the best and broadest advantage of the Fraternity. One of the last questions to be acted upon had to do with the decision as to the next meeting-place of the convention. After an ardent contest between the representatives of the Little Rock and the Memphis Alumni Associations, it was voted to meet in 1904 in Memphis, Tennessee, in which decision the representatives from Arkansas loyally acquiesced. No better hope for the success of that meeting could be expressed than that it may be as pleasurable and successful as was the Washington Convention of 1902.



## The Convention's Leisure Hours.

By *Marvin E. Holderness,*

Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon.

THE afternoon of December 22, 1902, found the city of Washington brimful of the men of the Fraternity, whose enthusiasm and good cheer were at the bubbling over point. These brothers had come from every section of our country, bringing with them their varied temperaments, and diversified sentiments and customs, to be contributed to the unified work and pleasure of a national convention. Only those who have been actual participants in such a great gathering can appreciate how fully these men supplement each other in the work of deliberation and legislation, and how exhaustive is their composite method of making a perfect success of the social side of the convention. Every effort to reproduce on paper those splendid times, merely the recollection of which makes the heart throb faster, and feeds the memory for days to come, must be futile, because of the inadequacy of words. Therefore, these lines can be only an index to the necessarily unwritten story of "The Play of the Convention."

Toward nightfall there was a general exodus from the streets about town, where the early comers had been generously introducing themselves to a few sign-boards and attractive plate-glass windows, to the common rendezvous in the lobby of the New Willard. Now many new faces were seen for the first time, and those ordinarily quiet corridors took on an unusually lively appearance. The prominent gentlemen so busily engaged about the clerk's desk were the members of the Washington Alumni Association. It was theirs to receive and welcome the guests with the grip of the Fraternity, and at the same time instruct the management to give the visitors the best accommodation the hostelry afforded, with the usual emphasis, "They are S. A. E.'s you know." Dress-suit cases



and great piles of baggage from many quarters were hurried to the various apartments; bell-boys and "Hello" girls all had their hands full; the elevators adopted the rapid transit system; and everything was suddenly in a whirl. The great convention was on in full blast.

There was plenty of fun that evening. All the visitors were the guests of the Washington Alumni Association at a smoker, held in a vast room made up of the combined interiors of the four large parlors on the second floor of the New Willard. At one end of the hall a large S. A. E. flag was stretched upon the wall, and at the other, the stars and stripes of our nation. More than a hundred men gathered in groups around the many small tables which plentifully dotted the hall, and whose tempting burden made them so good to look upon. That was a merry house, and there seemed to be a common motto: "Eat, drink, smoke and be merry, for to-morrow you must rise, gird up your loins and work." Enthusiasm was fast rising to a high point, when a pleasant, full-bodied gentleman, whom men call William C., sauntered gracefully in amid deafening applause and forthwith occupied himself in passing out among the fellows a large supply of chorus books, bound in royal purple and old gold. Brother William seemed to be the idol, and altogether a jolly good fellow, as he beat time with his delicate fingers, and led in the fine old songs of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Under such skillful leadership, the songs were fast under way, and rebounded proudly about the room; and at this æsthetic moment there was another great commotion near the entrance, and the brothers all rose to receive George D. Kimball, and to proclaim him their Hero from the West. He is, in truth, a typical character, standing head and shoulders above all the rest, and always in the game. The little "man with the books" was late in arriving, and had just about captured the assembly, when there was a call to order, and speechmaking was begun. If we may judge from the number who spoke, every man was an orator, and, what is not always the same thing, every orator had something to say. The speeches were all medleys of fun, wit and humor, and a message from the boys at home. The finale here was in keeping with the act; for, as a sort of nightcap, the whole company joined lustily in what seemed a national air, and when the happy evening came finally to an end, the chronometer on

the wall indicated the wee sma' hour usually incident to such merry gatherings.

Tuesday and the greater part of Wednesday were devoted to the "horrid grind" of work, a matter with which this sketch will have absolutely nothing to do. On the latter day, however, there were one or two brief respites which cannot very well be passed over. About noon the mandate was issued that the convention session should shut down, and that nobody should be allowed to work again until further notice. These orders were a great blow to such committeemen as felt themselves to be sadly behindhand with their reports, but they bravely allowed no protest to escape them. Instead, they fell in with the battalions which were just pouring out of the New Willard, and made a part of the procession to the Army and Navy Building. Here, on the great stone steps, we all swarmed into some sort of pleasant conglomerate, and proceeded to pose for the handsome picture which somewhere adorns these pages. In the finished result, we note with pain that certain brothers on the extreme wing have the somewhat abbreviated appearance usually exhibited only in a peculiar sort of comic mirror. This is not the fault of the brothers, however; it is merely that the photographer would have his joke. After being urged to "look pleasant" several times upon false pretences, the bulb was finally pressed, and any one was at liberty to look as unpleasant as he wished. We do not know, however, that any one took advantage of this opportunity.

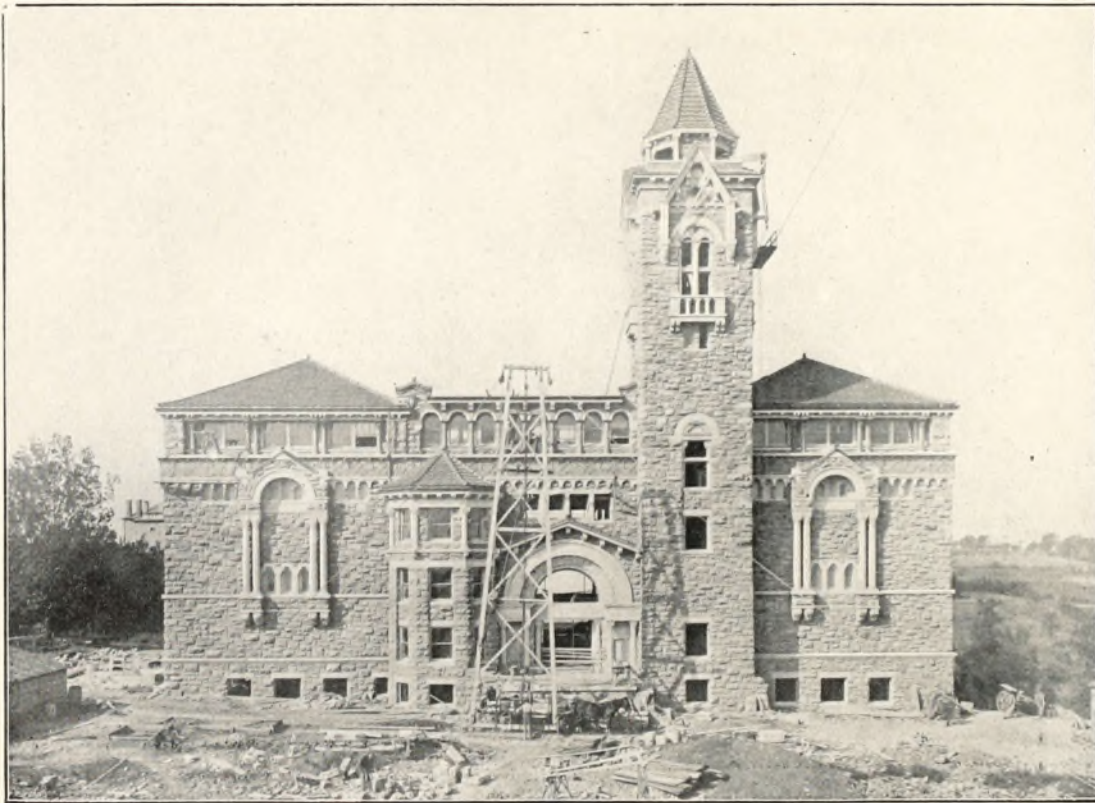
Somewhat later, after scattering about the city for a rather hasty lunch, the delegates had the privilege of visiting the White House, and making the acquaintance of Mr. President Roosevelt. Judge Charles B. Howry, of the Court of Claims, President of our Washington Alumni Association, stood at the left of the President, and made the presentations. There were also several secret service men in the receiving party, who seemed to suspect several of their guests, notably Kimball and the famous "Pesky" Garwood, of insidious designs. The affair passed off very pleasantly however, no arrests being thought necessary. Stowell, of Maine, the giant of the Convention, described bear-hunting in the old Pine-Tree State to his distinguished host, apparently with much mutual satisfaction. The Chief Executive seemed a very pleasant sort of gentleman,

and certainly received us most cordially; but it may be said, without, we trust, any unkind reflection, that the termination of his hearty hand-clasp indicates in a general way the direction of the exit. This insinuating gesture, without doubt, avoids many complications.

The Christmas dinner and the theatre party at the Columbia were among the very pleasantest of our playtimes; but space forbids us to give them more than a passing mention. For the dinner, the tables were decorated with the holly and mistletoe of the season, and the viands and spirit were of the best. Many of us had not looked forward to a Christmas dinner away from home; but it must be owned that the genuine good-fellowship and real merriment everywhere rampant removed all trace of prospective homesickness. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon theatre party at the Columbia saw "The Two Schools," and the rest of the audience saw the Sigma Alpha Epsilon theatre party. Even the members of the company were prompt to do honor to their visitors, and Miss I. Conquest wore at her waist a large bouquet of violets, said to have been a token of personal regard from the well-known "Kansas" George Bunting.

Christmas afternoon many of us spent in those seductive vehicles familiar to rural visitors as the "Seeing Washington Cars." There were two of them; and every man on board for this trip was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Convention, excepting those necessary appendages, the guide, the motorman, and the conductor. These were all outsiders; but the real culprits were the guides. At the earliest possible moment, these gentlemen entered their respective doors, and stood face to face with their victims. From this vantage point they proceeded to perpetrate upon the passengers their beautiful speech, furnished gratis by the management, calling attention to all points of interest along the route. In spite of the guide, however, that trip was an interesting one. The circuit covered by these cars opened with a grand panoramic view of the business portion of the city, and passed on to those particularly interesting sights which thrill with emotion the breast of every truly patriotic American citizen. We passed in rapid succession Ford's Theatre, where Lincoln was assassinated, the homes of Bob Evans, Pitchfork Tillman, and other celebrities, the City Hall, in which took place the trial and conviction of Charles Guiteau, the Smith-





NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM  
At the University of Kansas.





sonian Institute, and the National Museum, where it is said that you can see the world under a glass cage. The cars now reached a point from which can be seen the Nation's Capitol standing out in bold relief against the crystal sky. Just a few paces forward and to the right could be seen the Library of Congress; and it is here, midway between, that sightseers find themselves almost unconsciously comparing these two monuments of a nation's pride. The cars had now passed many points of interest which had not been overlooked by the guide, and were just entering the historic old city of Georgetown with its quaint old buildings and ten thousand points and places to conjure up the recollection of far-gone days. Across the broad waters of the Potomac we could see the Old Dominion rising terracelike to its azure mountains in the distance. Well in the foreground, and somewhat to the left, was a pretty little city, which we learned to be Alexandria; and upon a slightly rising plateau on the outskirts of the city, we caught a glimpse of an old Southern mansion with massive columns and broad balcony. This is Arlington, the home of Robert E. Lee. The return trip was along another route, and brought us past the homes of the German, French and Chinese Legations, the Dewey House, which holds the world's record for rapid transfer, and the War, State and Navy Departments. And this was the end of "Seeing Washington."

Friday evening brought the convention to an end, with a glorious banquet in the big hall on the tenth floor of the New Willard. The tables were set in rectangular form, and one hundred and fifty plates were laid. The decorations were in the dual scheme of the Fraternity, royal purple and old gold, with flowers of a corresponding tint, the violet prevailing. The members of the Fraternity sat by States and sections, with the members of the Supreme Council as the keystone. An elaborate menu was served, while sounds of sweet melody from the orchestra in the balcony above echoed through the hall. During the courses there were frequent bursts of the "Phi Alpha Alicazee" of the Fraternity, and the individual yell of almost all the best known colleges and universities in the country, sometimes many or all of these intermingling. When the last course had been served, the toast-master rose to speak eloquently of the glories and triumphs of S. A. E., and then called upon

the orators of the occasion, who responded fittingly to appropriate toasts. Finally, while all the brothers stood, and, joining hands around the banquet hall, formed one great circle, a song was sung in accents gentle and low. Ere yet the echoes of "Good Night, Brothers" had died upon the ear, the curtain fell upon the last act of a fraternity convention that was truly great.

The toast-list was as follows:

Toast-master.....	Benjamin Micou
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....	William C. Levere
The Ideal Fraternity Man.....	Clarence W. Stowell
Chapter Life.....	C. Albert Blakeslee
Our Alumni.....	Charles B. Howry
Undergraduate Enthusiasm.....	Edgar Barnes
Washington Alumni Association.....	E. C. A. Moyer
In the Far West.....	R. Emerson Warfield
Past, Present, and Future.....	Watson B. Selvage

After all, matters of business are ever the most important features of a great fraternity convention, and there was no exception to this rule in the convention which is now so freshly present to all our minds. Those who have had the experience of it, and who know how strenuous is the life of that week given up almost exclusively to working and planning for the Fraternity, know best how to appreciate the odd moments of leisure and pleasure which convention week allows us. Were it not for the relaxation that we find in the reunion of brothers gathered around the festal board, and for the diversion sought at eventide in the highways of Vanity Fair, these college men, though young and strong, could not bear the physical strain of the great volume of work that is crowded into the few days of meeting. And so, in after years, when the brothers of 1902 are thinking over the work of this convention and of the part it has played in the history of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the memories of the incidents here only briefly alluded to, and a thousand others, will come trooping thick and fast to mind.

## The University of Kansas.

By *Roscoe C. Chambers,*

Kansas Alpha.

**F**ORTY miles west of Kansas City, and twenty-six east of Topeka, lies Lawrence, the home of the University of Kansas. By many of her aspiring citizens she is often spoken of as the "Athens" of Kansas. However apt that expression may be, Lawrence has, like Athens, her Acropolis, an eminence called Mount Oread, which towers high above the town. On its summit is the University, around which centers the life and hopes of the little city. Standing on the campus and facing east, one can, on a clear day, see the smoke of Kansas City. To the right, dotted by an occasional farmhouse and the bright red roofs of the Haskell Indian Institute two miles away, stretches the fertile Nakarnsa valley; to the left winds the peaceful Kaw river. From the top of Fraser Hall one can see the dome of the State Capitol at Topeka; and down below, to the east and around towards the north, tucked snugly among the trees, nestle the homes of Lawrence.

Before the Civil War closed, thousands of liberty-loving souls migrated from the East and sought new homes in the Territory of Kansas. Curiously enough, those who settled in Lawrence proved to be of a literary turn of mind; they were cultured and loved education; they preferred the library to the plow; and even before they were firmly settled in their homes they began to turn their attention to the question of education. The best blood of New England coursed in the veins of many of them. Come peace or come war, they were determined that their children should be educated. Standing on Mount Oread, breathing that pure air and looking at the beautiful view around them, they found an inspiration. What a site for a university! This idea took firm hold of them. As early as 1856, Charles Robinson was in correspondence with Amos A.



Lawrence, of Massachusetts, after whom the town was named, concerning a university for Lawrence. To these men belongs much of the glory of establishing the school.

The institution was opened in September, 1859. In 1866, twenty-six young women and twenty-nine youths applied and were admitted. The next year the attendance was increased over 100 per cent., the names of 125 students appearing in the catalogue. In the year 1868, 152 students were in attendance; in 1870 there were 227; in 1878 there were 582. And so, year by year, the numbers have been always increasing. To-day the University catalogue contains almost 1,300 names.

The University campus comprises about fifty acres, on which there are eleven buildings. The total equipment of these buildings is valued at one million dollars. The organization includes eight schools: the Graduate School, the College of Letters and Science, the School of Engineering, the College of Law, the School of Fine Arts, the School of Pharmacy, the College of Medicine and the University Geological Survey. The schools of Letters and Science, of Engineering and of Pharmacy are considered exceptionally good. The Art students are admitted to Harvard without examination, where they are allowed to obtain a Bachelor's degree in one year after having obtained the same degree at this institution.

At present the University faculty is composed of eighty-four members, many of whom have taken degrees from Paris, Berlin, Oxford, Gottingen and Munich, Yale, Harvard, Columbia and Johns Hopkins. The prospects for the future of the University were never so bright as they are to-day. Never before in its history have the people of the State taken such an interest in its welfare. All things are in its favor, and it does not take a great prophet to declare that the University of Kansas is opening upon a new epoch, and that a far brighter and more prosperous era is dawning.

Fraternity life at the University of Kansas is very active. There are represented here at present eight national fraternities, four national sororities and a local, two honorary fraternities, and one professional. They are, in the order of their establishment: Beta Theta Pi (1873), Phi Kappa Psi (1876), Phi Gamma Delta (1881), Phi Delta Theta (1882), Sigma Chi (1884), Sigma Nu (1884),





OUR NEW CHAPTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.  
Installed February 14, 1903.



Alpha Tau Omega (1901), Sigma Alpha Epsilon (1903); Pi Beta Phi (1873), Kappa Alpha Theta (1881), Kappa Kappa Gamma (1881), Chi Omega (1902), and a local petitioning Gamma Delta; Sigma Xi, Phi Beta Kappa, and Phi Delta Phi.

College life at Kansas is most delightful, and, like life in every college town, is strictly individual. Lawrence is quiet, somewhat rural, with many pretty walks and drives. Business is good while the students are in town, but when they are away for the summer vacation there is a general lull. In the fall and spring the Kaw offers splendid opportunities for rowing. During the football season Kansas usually manages to keep up her end. The University cheer

Rock-Chalk!

Jay-Hawk!

K. U.

has become famous, and has helped to win many a close game. Activity at the various chapter-houses furnishes plenty of diversion. Every spring the different fraternities give their annual balls: they are the important and dignified social functions of the year. The fraternity men and their alumni and friends, the Chancellor of the University and various members of the faculty, meet together and make merry in "tripping the light fantastic toe."

Could good old Charles Robinson and Amos A. Lawrence come back to Lawrence to-day to stand on Mount Oread once again, could they see our beautiful campus dotted with buildings, and watch the happy congenial students as they come and go, they could not forbear to feel very naturally proud of the University which they founded so many years ago.

## The Installation of Kansas Alpha.

By *Elmer B. Sanford,*

Michigan Iota-Beta and Kansas Alpha.

A NEW gem has been placed in the crown of Minerva. The old has passed away, and thus passing, the new is born. It was on St. Valentine's day that William C. Levere pronounced the funeral oration of Zeta-Tau, which was the christening of Kansas Alpha of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Thus it is that the rose blooms and dies but to bloom again in greater glory and beauty.

Strong in death the ruins lay,  
For death was her birthday.

As soon as the date for the installation was selected, the local began preparations for the eventful day. Invitations were sent to every chapter and officer in the Fraternity by the Kansas City Alumni Association. These invitations were responded to by telegrams and letters of congratulations from many of the chapters, and by two representatives from Nebraska Lambda-Pi.

The Elks very kindly gave the local permission to use their hall for the initiation, and it was in their rooms that fifteen fine Kansans were introduced to the mysteries and dignity of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The initiation ceremonies were very impressive. Every word was distinctly and effectively pronounced by the officers conducting the ceremony. William C. Levere officiated as Eminent Archon; J. L. McConnell as Eminent Deputy Archon; Geo. H. Bunting as Eminent Recorder; Rev. E. B. Woodruff as Eminent Correspondent; H. A. E. Chandler as Eminent Warden; and Elmer B. Sanford as Eminent Herald. The ceremony began at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, February 14, and an hour and a half later the old and the new brothers met in the bonds, and held an S. A. E. powwow.

The banquet was held in the old Zeta-Tau, a present S. A. E., chapter-house, which had been handsomely decorated for the





PRESENT S. A. E. HOUSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.



occasion. The walls were covered with college banners, sorority banners, and many more S. A. E. banners. The banquet tables were gorgeous. The silverware, cut-glass and flowers, reflecting the light from the candelabra, transformed the room into a veritable fairy-land, in which twenty-seven loyal Sigma Alphas, representing eight different chapters, sat down at the festal board. If ever decorations gave inspiration, the new chapter should certainly have been inspired.

Fraternity enthusiasm reigned supreme through the evening. Cares and troubles were forgotten, and, in a truly scriptural spirit, no thought was taken of the morrow. The banquet opened and closed with a rousing Phi Alpha Alicazee, which went echoing and reechoing over the neighboring houses, proudly announcing the birth of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in Kansas. The menu was good, and the toasts were excellent. Songs and yells were given repeatedly during the banquet, and again the Kansas yell distinguished itself by making the hit of the evening.

The toast-master proved himself a wit. Brother Woodruff, of New York Mu, received much applause for his short stories and apt introductions of the speakers. He was wide-awake and kept things moving. Ernest Chandler spoke on the "Ideal Fraternity Man," whose willingness to make sacrifices for the good of others was, he said, the basis of fraternalism.

George Bunting, the father of Zeta Province, reviewed his labors for S. A. E. during the past ten years. Those who know Bunting can imagine the nature of his toast. It was brimful of enthusiasm and spirit, and loaded with the doctrine of work. Brother Frost pictured the struggles of Zeta-Tau, and Tom Reed, the delegate of the local at the National Convention, gave his first impressions of S. A. E. The "Relation of the Alumni to the Chapter" was responded to by Brother J. E. Dick. "It makes me weary," said Brother Dick, "to hear alumni of college fraternities say, 'I used to belong to such and such a fraternity.' Why, confound it, I am always a Sigma Alpha. I look forward to receiving THE RECORD and *Phi Alpha* fully as much as I do to pay-day."

The last speaker of the evening was William C. Levere, our Eminent Supreme Archon. Those who have heard Billy Levere

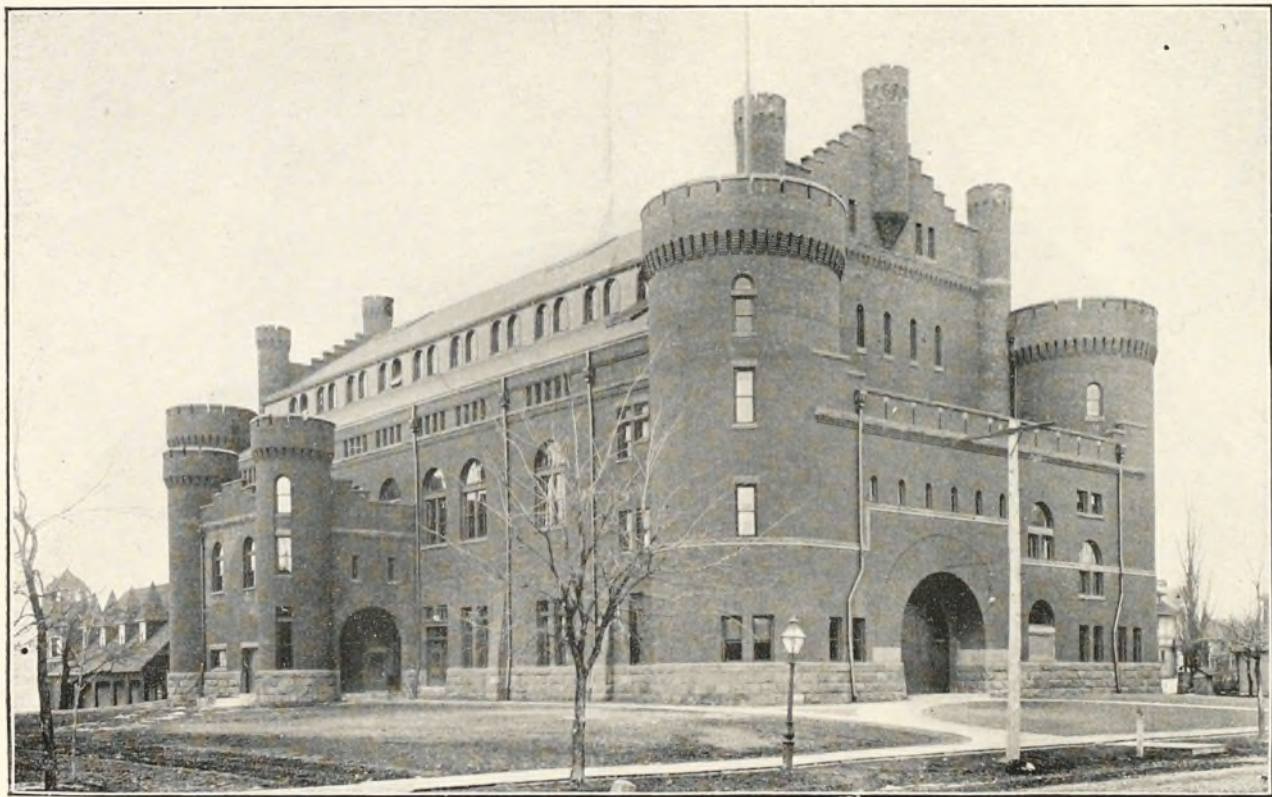
speakers know of his ability. As he dwelt upon the tender relations existing between William McKinley and our Fraternity, he suddenly transformed our mirth into seriousness and our laughter into tears. His emotional voice thrilled every fiber, and as he closed his remarks upon Sigma Alpha Epsilon, giving his famous toast, Kansas Alpha felt prouder than ever of belonging to such a Fraternity.

Impromptu speeches were called for by the toast-master from all visiting delegates. Brown, of Nebraska Lambda-Pi, welcomed the new chapter into the fold, and Peters expressed his delight at seeing the purple and gold floating at Kansas. Will C. Green, an alumnus of Nebraska, gave a very interesting talk, and was followed by McConnell of Arkansas, who spoke effectively of the fraternity situation at the University of Arkansas.

About 3 a.m. Sunday morning, February 15, 1903, the installation of Kansas Alpha of S. A. E. was thoroughly completed, and all the ceremonies were at an end. Such a spontaneous flow of good feeling had never been witnessed by many present; and indeed, it is just such occasions as this that recalls to us better than anything else the true fraternal spirit. This auspicious occasion ended with the spirit of good fellowship and of the Fraternity existing between the new and the old members, and a closer bond of brotherhood binding together the old.

The charter members of Kansas Alpha appear in full on another page.





UNIVERSITY HALL  
At the University of Wisconsin.



## The University of Wisconsin.

By *Robert Storey Crawford,*

Wisconsin Alpha.

THE University of Wisconsin is situated at Madison, the capital city of the State. The three-hundred-acre campus, extending for a mile along Lake Mendota, a beautiful sheet of water four miles in width and six in length, well deserves the special mention of its picturesqueness made by James Bryce in the *American Commonwealth*. The eastern portion of the grounds, known as University Hill, rises about a hundred feet above the lake, and overlooks Lake Mendota to the north, the city of Madison to the east, Wingra Park and Lake Monona to the south, and University Heights to the west. Most of the college buildings are located on the summit and on the eastern slope of University Hill.

The buildings of the University which are used for purposes of instruction are fifteen in number. The oldest three—University Hall, North Hall and South Hall—stand on and near the eastern summit of University Hill. South Hall is at present occupied by the offices, lecture-rooms and laboratories of the College of Agriculture; North Hall is used by the departments of German and Hebrew languages, and the School of Pharmacy; while University Hall contains the lecture-rooms for most of the remaining departments of language and literature, and the offices of the President of the University, the Registrar and the Dean of the College of Letters and Science. These buildings were originally erected out of the money derived from sales of land granted by the national government. University Hall was greatly enlarged during 1898-99 by the addition of a large wing. Across the east front of the campus, at the foot of University Hill, is a long row of buildings, all of them erected at the expense of the State of Wisconsin. On the western summit of University Hill is the Washburn Observatory, built in 1878 by the late Gov. C. C. Washburn, and presented to the Uni-

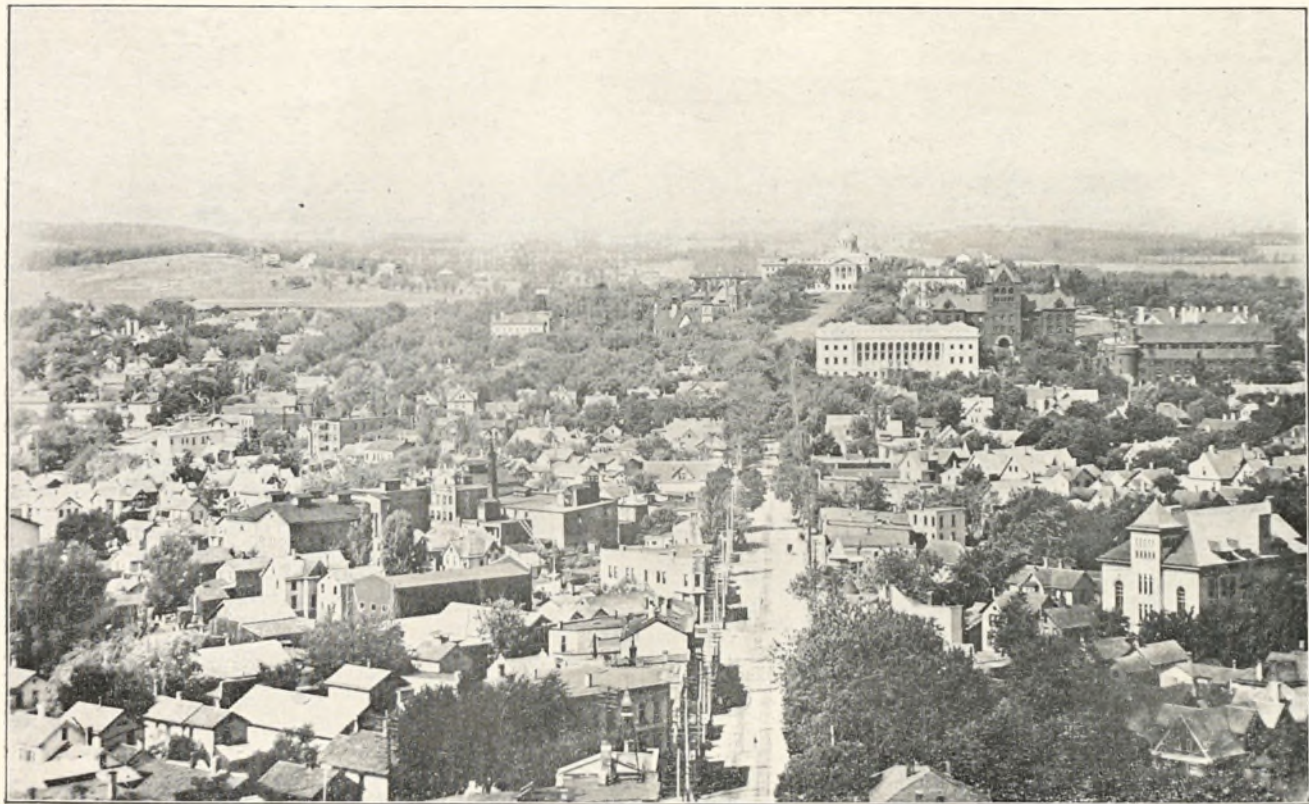
versity. Near it are the Students' Observatory and the residence of the Director. On the western slope of the hill are a group of buildings used by the College of Agriculture. Between the lower campus and the lake is the Armory and Gymnasium, and on the water's edge is the University Boat House. In the western part of the lower campus is the new State Historical Library Building, occupied jointly by the libraries of the State Historical Society and the University.

The rank of the University of Wisconsin among American institutions of learning is so well known that it seems unnecessary to give a detailed description of the University's work. Strict entrance requirements are in force, and a high standard of scholarship is exacted. The material equipment in the line of buildings and laboratories is adequate, and is being generously increased. The libraries of the University and of the State Historical Society are housed in one building on the University campus, and comprise about 200,000 volumes and 135,000 pamphlets. The University faculty is composed of 92 professors and assistant professors, and about an equal number of instructors and assistants.

In athletics Wisconsin has for a number of years maintained a leading position in the West. Championships in football and track athletics have been won repeatedly; and Wisconsin teams are always counted among the leaders. In the words of a prominent representative of one of our chief athletic rivals, "Wisconsin never has a poor football team." In addition, Wisconsin is the only Western university that includes rowing in its athletic undertakings. The position which Wisconsin has obtained in the annual races at Poughkeepsie with Cornell, Pennsylvania and Columbia is too well known to require comment.

The University catalogue for the year 1901-1902 shows 2,777 students in residence, nearly one half of whom are enrolled in the college of Letters and Science. In order to ascertain, however, the real numerical strength of the University from a fraternity standpoint, it would be necessary to deduct from this grand total the women students and those pursuing courses in the Summer School, the School of Music, and the College of Agriculture. After making





VIEW OF MADISON FROM UNIVERSITY HILL.



this reduction, there are left some 1,500 students, all of whom, roughly speaking, might be considered eligible for fraternity membership; and these are divided among the active chapters of fourteen national fraternities. We print herewith, from a table originally compiled in the autumn, and hence containing, no doubt, some inaccuracies, a few statistics regarding each of the fraternities at Wisconsin.

The oldest chapter is that of *Phi Delta Theta*, which existed from 1857 to 1863, and was reestablished in 1879. It has 4 members in the faculty and 32 active members. — *Beta Theta Pi* was chartered in 1873 and has 8 faculty members and 29 active members. The athletic element is especially well represented in its membership. — *Phi Kappa Psi* was chartered in 1875, but the charter was given up in 1893. A new chapter was established in 1897, which has 2 faculty members and 29 active members. — *Chi Psi*, 1878, has 2 faculty members and 25 active members. — *Sigma Chi*, 1884, has 2 faculty members and 18 active members. — *Delta Upsilon*, 1885, has 10 members in the faculty and 35 active members, and is in every way one of the strongest chapters at Wisconsin. — *Delta Tau Delta*, 1888, has 23 active members. — *Phi Gamma Delta*, 1893, has 23 active members. — *Theta Delta Chi*, 1895, has 1 member in the faculty and 22 active members. — *Psi Upsilon* in 1896 gave a charter to the members of a local fraternity which was composed largely of former members of the old chapter of *Phi Kappa Psi*, together with a large number of unattached alumni, including many distinguished graduates of the university. Although the action of *Psi Upsilon* in granting a charter under these conditions has been much criticized, it has resulted in giving the chapter a strong and influential body of local alumni. It has 7 members in the faculty and 28 active members. — *Kappa Sigma* was chartered in 1901 and has 1 faculty member and 22 active members. — *Phi Kappa Sigma* was chartered in 1901 and has 1 member in the faculty and 17 active members. — *Alpha Delta Phi* chartered in 1902 the local *Phi Rho Beta*, and has some 20 members. — *Sigma Alpha Epsilon*, chartered in 1903, has 5 faculty members and 25 active members.

All of the national fraternities for women are represented at Wisconsin. They are in chronological order as follows: *Kappa Kappa Gamma*, 1875; *Delta Gamma*, 1881; *Gamma Phi Beta*, 1885; *Kappa Alpha Theta*, 1890; *Pi Beta Phi*, 1894; *Alpha Phi*, 1896; *Delta Delta Delta*, 1898; *Chi Omega*, 1902. The legal fraternity of *Phi Delta Phi* and the pharmaceutical fraternity of *Phi Chi* have chapters here. The honorary fraternities represented are *Phi Beta Kappa* and *Tau Beta Pi* (engineering).

The fraternity system at Wisconsin is exceptionally well devel-



oped. Fraternities are recognized by the university authorities as an important part of student life, and this liberal attitude has been of no small advantage to the Greek-letter men. Although there are here, as elsewhere, varying standards and degrees of excellence in the different fraternities, it can not be said that there is a weak chapter here. Each fraternity owns or rents a house. The city of Madison, while large enough to give the social advantages so important in fraternity life, is not so large but that by far the greater part of the student-body come from outside the city, thus making the fraternity house a more important factor than it can be in a larger city. The fraternities do not meddle with university politics, and the feeling between the various chapters, as well as between the fraternity and non-fraternity men, is of the best. In short, it is probable that nowhere are the advantages of the fraternity system better shown than at the University of Wisconsin.

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## The Installation of Wisconsin Alpha.

By *H. A. Ernest Chandler,*

Illinois Psi-Omega.

**F**EW events in the history of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in the middle west will have more significance than the entrance of the Fraternity into the University of Wisconsin. Many years ago the wise men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon perceived the desirability of this field, and called attention to it; and since that time we have waited only the suitable moment to make our appearance under the best auspices. At length, the time was plainly ripe; the attendant circumstances were favorable; and the seventh of February, 1903, witnessed the culmination of our plans.

Our advent into Wisconsin was marked by an imposing ritualistic ceremony and a memorable banquet. It is doubtful if any initiation in our history was, in all its details, a more complete success than this. The Sigma Alphas commenced to arrive in Madison on the evening of February 6, and when the gavel sounded, seventeen brothers, good and true, were gathered to conduct the neophytes





WISCONSIN LIBRARY BUILDING.

Occupied jointly by the Libraries of the University and of the State Historical Society.



into the paths of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Eminent Supreme Archon William C. Levere headed the list, and was ably supported by brothers from all parts of the West. The installation was our first under the revised ritual, and will long be remembered by all those who were fortunate enough to share in the ceremony. The dignity of our teachings and traditions were illustrated with striking power and impressiveness. The regular installing officers were: William C. Levere; David Wallace, Illinois Psi-Omega; Henry S. Bunting, Tennessee Zeta; Dr. David E. W. Wenstrand, Illinois Psi-Omega; George Darmer, Illinois Beta; and H. A. Ernest Chandler, Illinois Psi-Omega. They were assisted in their work by John G. Wilson, Illinois Beta; Payson L. Nusbaum, Illinois Psi-Omega; Robert A. Allen, Indiana Beta; Avery R. Colburn, Illinois Psi-Omega; Alfred C. Whitney, Minnesota Alpha; Darius Randall, Michigan Iota-Beta; Robert S. Merriam, Minnesota Alpha; Noah Klove, Illinois Psi-Omega; Hastings, Ohio Theta; Ellis, Ohio Epsilon; and Kaplan, Minnesota Alpha. Brothers Colburn and Randall have been students at the University of Wisconsin for some time, and Brother Hastings is an instructor there; and all three of these brothers, as honorary members of the local Phi Phi Phi, took especial pleasure in the work of the day.

One of the features of the installation which contributed much to its success was the efficient preparation for the ceremonies. Perhaps the happiest thought was the use of a large representation of our badge, jeweled with colored lights, which, at the proper moment in the ceremonies, was used with the finest effect. There were thirty-one who were then transformed from members of the local to genuine, true blue Sigma Alpha Epsilons. Their names are reported at length on another page. When the final scene had come and the last word was uttered that bound these brothers to us, our hearts were overflowing with the spirit of our gracious Fraternity; and so, clasping hands and standing together as Sigma Alphas are wont to stand, we recited those memorable words so dear to the chain of brothers that stretches across the continent.

It was nine o'clock when, to the swelling music of the orchestra, Henry S. Bunting, the toast-master of the evening, on the arm of Brother Lyman A. Libby, led the procession of forty-eight

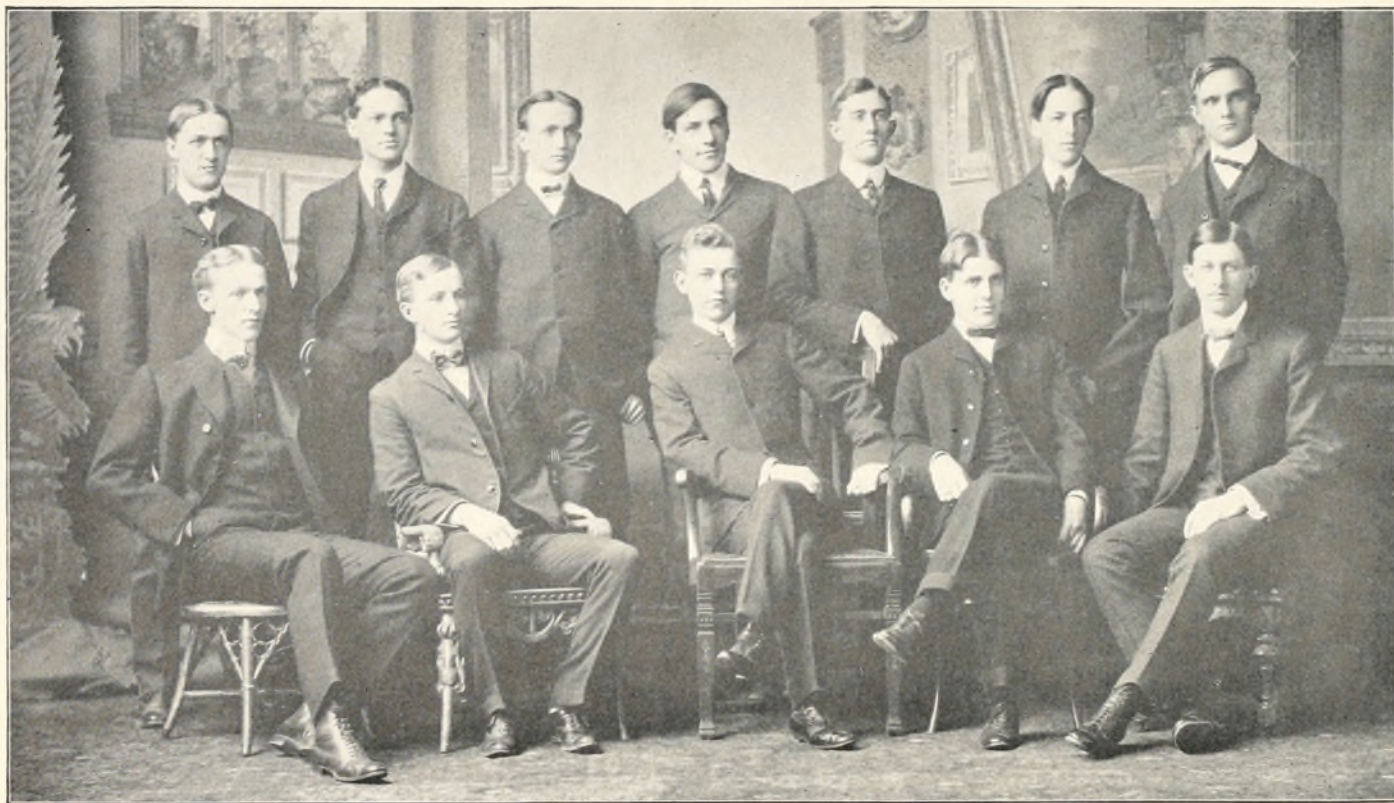
S. A. E.'s to the banquet hall. Beneath bright lights and gay colors we sat down to a table which offered all that the heart of man could ask. Good things were plentiful, but none were quite so good as the intellectual feast that came later. The toast-list follows:

## TOASTS.

Toast-master .....	Henry S. Bunting
A Glance Backward .....	John V. Brennan
The Road to Greece .....	George Darmer
Fraternity Ideals .....	Stephen J. McMahon
Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the Future .....	John G. Wilson
The Workers .....	Robert S. Crawford
The Alumni .....	David E. W. Wenstrand
In Washington .....	H. A. Ernest Chandler
Sigma Alpha Epsilon in the Middle West .....	Robert A. Allen
Sigma Alpha Epsilon .....	William C. Levere

It is impossible for me to describe the scenes of that hour. Bunting is the prince of toast-masters, and under the magic of his fine wit, joy ruled the night. I would it were given me adequately to express the spirit of the toasts. The fraternity sense of Wenstrand, the felicitous phrasing of Darmer and Wilson, the happy hits of Brennan and Allen, the eloquent words of McMahon, the thoughtful wisdom of Crawford, and at the end came our Eminent Supreme Archon, William C. Levere, who, in vivid and stirring words, gave the fine familiar toast, old, yet ever new, "Sigma Alpha Epsilon." If I could but do this, I would admit you to a feast of fraternal gladness that would ever live in your minds as it will in the minds of those who were there. And the close! It was glorious. How we sang and sang and sang, and with clasped hands stood together until the stars paled in the light of the eastern sky.





COLORADO LAMBDA AT THE STATE SCHOOL OF MINES.  
Installed January 30, 1903.



## The Colorado State School of Mines.

THE School of Mines of the State of Colorado, established by an Act of Assembly approved February 9, 1874, is situated at the city of Golden, sixteen miles west from Denver, on the line of the Colorado and Southern Railway. Its first site was a mile to the south of Golden, but a building was later erected in town, on lots given by the citizens. In 1882 the original building was enlarged, and in 1890 a much larger building was added. The growth of the school imposed upon its trustees the alternative of hampering its efficiency on the one hand, or of meeting the demands of the growing number of applicants on the other. Engineering Hall was erected in 1894; however, in 1897, it became evident that the space available had again become insufficient, and an additional story was put upon the largest building, an alteration which gave space for one of the finest drafting-rooms in the west.

In 1900, Mr. W. S. Stratton, by his gift of \$25,000, enabled the trustees to build the assay department, and wholly to reconstruct the chemical laboratories. To this fund M. Guggenheim's Sons, and others, have also contributed, and in 1901 the State of Colorado added \$60,000, thus making possible the erection of the Hall of Metallurgy, not yet finished. The assay laboratory and the chemical laboratories are said to be the finest between the Mississippi river and the Pacific coast, and the gymnasium is more spacious and better equipped than any other college or school gymnasium in the State. It forms part of the building of 1890, and has a floor space of sixty-five feet by forty, and a height of twenty feet. The student-body controls and manages all athletics through a board of directors, which is constituted at the beginning of each year from the chosen representatives of each class. In the athletics of Colorado the School of Mines plays an important role. Football was first intro-

duced into the State through the School of Mines, and this school has always been prominent in the effort to make clean amateur athletics and promote the sports. Although not a large school, and receiving scarcely more than two hundred and fifty students, the Colorado School of Mines is by no means an institution that may be considered insignificant. It has been said that no institution in the United States exacts such a high standard of work as the School of Mines of Colorado, with the single exception of the Military Academy at West Point. There are two four-year courses leading to the degree of Mining Engineer (E.M.) and Electrical Engineer (E.E.), though the latter course is seldom taken. The fact that every one takes the same course has resulted in a harmony of feeling which few colleges can show.

The disagreement between the faculty and students last year resulted in the resignation of President Chauvenet, an extremely able man, but one too "set" in his ways and too old to conform with the ideas of the present generation. Dr. C. S. Palmer, an eminent educator, who was then installed by the trustees, has proved to have all the ability of Dr. Chauvenet, and to have also that broad-mindedness which is a necessary quality in the college president of to-day.

Year by year the attendance of the School of Mines has increased, and there has been, during the last few years, far greater application than could be accommodated. Its continued growth can not very well be doubted.

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## The Installation of Colorado Lambda.

By *Wayne C. Williams,*

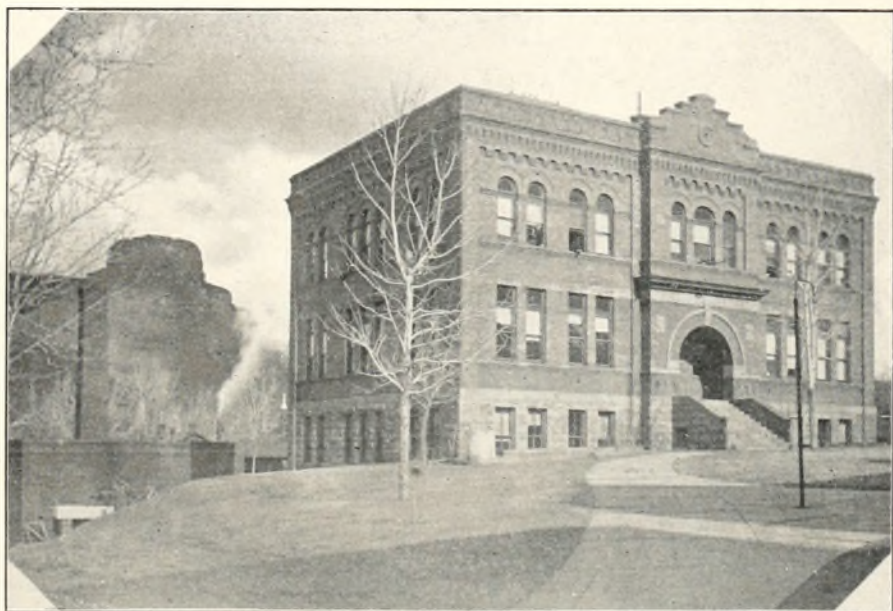
Colorado Zeta and Denver Alumni Association.

THE memory of the installation of *Colorado Lambda*, the new chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at the Colorado State School of Mines, and its admission into the roll of S. A. E. in Colorado, will live long in the history of our Fraternity. This was no ordinary event. The granting of a charter





A GENERAL VIEW  
Showing part of Campus and one building at the Colorado School of Mines.



ENGINEERING HALL,  
At the Colorado School of Mines.



to the petitioners at this school by the Washington Convention was hailed with unmixed delight by every S. A. E. in the Rocky Mountain region. It was what we had all earnestly hoped and longed for, and to us it means renewed strength for Province Eta, and the addition of a new band of splendid brothers in a vigorous and progressive school.

The very day that the western delegates returned from Washington preparations began for the installation of the chartered local. Walter E. White, President of the Province, soon called a meeting of the Denver Alumni Association at his home in Denver, and this experienced and enthusiastic body of Sigma Alphas laid elaborate plans for the making of Colorado Lambda. At that meeting there was a united voice for installation exercises that should be notable in the annals of the Fraternity. Nothing was left undone. The committees went to work with unexcelled vigor to render every possible assistance to the authorized Installing Officer, George D. Kimball, E. S. T. Among those who did most to prepare for the entrance of the new men into the fold are W. N. Vaile, W. E. White, C. M. Taussig, C. J. Ling, Edward Lazelle, and N. L. Watson.

Wednesday night, January 28, was set as the date for the first part of the program, and for this, the initial step into the Fraternity, nothing was lacking. The "Lofters" were on hand early and *en masse*, and were given a most strenuous test of their mental capabilities along highly specialized lines. Brothers Ling and Vaile gave out the "puzzlers," and a humble and contrite set of young men found to their dismay that they were sadly lacking in certain branches of philosophical and scientific knowledge, of which, it may be said, any one but a neophyte may be safely ignorant. It was, beyond question, an evening of widespread mental anguish. After this the fourteen candidates were left to think it all over alone for a period of three days.

On Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by appointment, every "Lofter" was standing at attention in a big hall in Masonic Temple, and the real initiation began. The unsuspecting and embryonic Sigs failed to note a look of keen delight on the faces of the half hundred Fraternity men present, and certainly not one of them suspected the

approach of one half the interesting things that then ensued. It is safe to say that there was nothing left out in that initiation. The combined wit, brains and ingenuity of Western Sigma Alpha Epsilon was concentrated into a program of thrilling import for those gathered to offer themselves as candidates. The fourteen youths heroically trod the rough and thorny path to admission, exhibiting boundless good humor and sublime courage at every stage of the pleasing exercises. Reinhard was made to feel the dignity and prestige of his position as head of the local, by receiving the distinction of several special "extras," served hot with plenty of side-issues thrown in. His was a much envied lot by his other brothers in what is now Colorado Lambda.

The serious portion of the initiation followed—that part which leads every candidate solemnly and impressively into the folds of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon brotherhood. When every man had run all the gauntlets, and had become a full-fledged Sigma Alph, there was great rejoicing.

The installation closed with the banquet the same evening at the New Adams, a glorious banquet that started every new Fraternity man on the right road to loyalty and enthusiasm for S. A. E., and one that made every old brother a better Sigma Alph for being there. That banquet will live in the memory of many men out West. At nine o'clock George Kimball, the toast-master, led sixty-one S. A. E.'s down to the dining-room of the Adams, where the long tables were set, handsomely decorated with purple and gold, and ready for the spread that promptly followed. A representative body of western Sigma Alphas was gathered at the banquet tables. Men from California Alpha and Beta, from Colorado Chi and Zeta, from Massachusetts Iota-Beta, and from a dozen schools and chapters all over the United States, were there. On the right of the toast-master sat President Charles N. Palmer, of the State School of Mines, the guest of the Fraternity; and on Brother Kimball's left sat President Walter E. White, of Province Eta. W. N. Vaile, C. J. Ling and others of the Denver Alumni Association sat near, and the members of Colorado Lambda of S. A. E. were ranged along each side of this group. It was a true and enthusiastic banquet, like a thousand others of by-gone days that have



come and long since gone, and yet still live in fond recollection; but with the added cheer that came from receiving a new chapter into the ranks of the Fraternity. If there is any song in the S. A. E. book which did not "get sung" that night, we hope it will be pointed out to us for use on a future occasion. Colorado Chi, from Boulder, began the singing—those boys can sing, by the way—and the songs and yells were thereafter very plentifully mixed. The new men of Lambda were ready with a fresh collection of songs of their own, and yells that contributed largely to the gaiety of nations.

More serious phases of the occasion were reflected in the speeches. Brother Kimball presided with dignity and ability, and opened the toasts with a recital of how Golden got her charter at Washington. He expressed the sentiment of every man in wishing a God-speed for the new chapter. Brother Vaile welcomed the new men in a hearty and witty speech, and F. J. Reinhard responded with tact and feeling for the chapter. Other toasts followed. Walter White's account of the Washington Convention was especially felicitous. "It was the finest body of S. A. E.'s I have ever seen," he said, "and it makes any man a better Sigma Alpha to attend a national convention." W. J. Cheeley responded for Colorado Chi, and D. S. Swan for Colorado Zeta, each with speeches of high quality, and received with marked appreciation. Brother Blumm, a charter member of Chi, talked reminiscently of early fraternity days in Colorado.

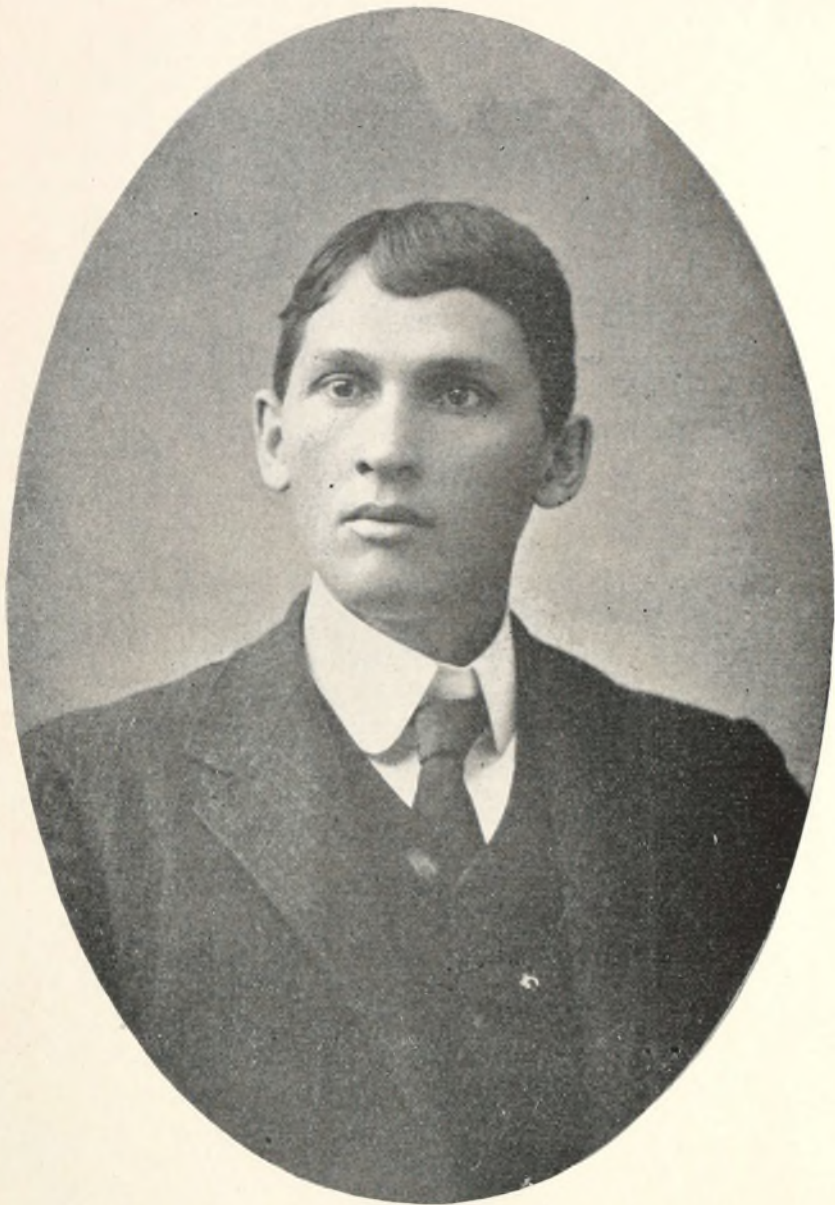
There was no mistaking the meaning of the thrilling cheer that went up when President Palmer, of the School of Mines, was introduced. President Palmer's remarks were of the broad and inspiring kind that roused sixty enthusiastic men to tremendous applause. They realized that it was no common experience to have a share in an installation banquet at which the President of the institution gives the warmest of welcome to the new chapter, and enters into all the enthusiasm of the occasion. President Palmer's splendid tribute to the manhood of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was delivered with eloquence and real sincerity, and brought a tremendous demonstration.

The new chapter starts under the best auspices. Its fourteen men are of the right calibre, strong in the school, manly men, and men altogether fit for Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The school is one of

note, standing high among the mining and technical institutions of the country, and sending out, every year, young men to many parts of the carth, who make names for themselves. From this institution we may expect loyal S. A. E.'s to go to every land, and always to carry the name and fame of the Fraternity with them. There is nothing lacking to make this chapter one of the banner chapters of the Fraternity.

Colorado Lambda is welcomed by Colorado Chi and Zeta, and this triumvirate will now shoulder arms and march forward.





NATT THURSTON ABBOTT.  
Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, 1902.



## A Young Boston Lawyer.

AT the last Maine State election the Republican party put in nomination as a candidate for representative a young lawyer whose graduation from the Boston University Law School was a matter of only a few months past. There was no contest for this election, for the Democrats took an almost unprecedented step, and ratified the nomination. The post thus went by unanimous approval, and Natt Thurston Abbott, Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, 1902, came into office.

Brother Abbott's life has been a rather remarkable exposition of what brains, merit and industry will do for the man whose habit is to make the most of his opportunities. Born at Shapleigh, Maine, thirty years ago, he graduated from the high school of his home town as valedictorian, and entered Dartmouth with the class of '92. At Dartmouth Natt Abbott was a member of the football, baseball and track teams, and for some time held the New England inter-collegiate record in the running high jump and hammer throw. After graduation from Dartmouth and a little postgraduate work at Harvard, seven years of his life was spent in superintending schools in Shapleigh, and Newton, N. H.; at the end of which time Brother Abbott entered Boston University and promptly cast in his lot with Sigma Alpha Epsilon. A little later he became a member of the legal fraternity of Phi Delta Phi; and both of these chapters owe a great deal to the enthusiasm and ready aid of this loyal S. A. E. He was a prominent member of the Law School Senate, and Clerk of the Court of the University; and, while maintaining all his other work, he taught in the Boston Evening High School. In his Senior year in the Law School, his classmates showed their recognition of his sterling worth and real merit, and made him their unanimous choice for class-president. It is said that no other fraternity man has ever been elected to this post.

One of four from a class of one hundred to receive his degree of LL.B. Magna Cum Laude, he graduated June 4, 1902, and was admitted to the Suffolk county bar in September last. As a crowning achievement he has been returned to his chapter as professor of one of the longest and most difficult subjects of the whole law. That he is proving as successful in this difficult position as his past experience might seem to warrant, is the testimony of every man in his class.

F. H. HILTON,  
Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, '03.

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## James Chapin Vinton.

JAMES CHAPIN VINTON, '03, whose death occurred on the morning of February 14, 1903, in Ithaca, N. Y., was born in Canal Dover, Ohio, on the 17th of October, 1880. He prepared at the Canal Dover High School, from which he entered the University of Colorado in the autumn of 1898. On October 2d of that year he was initiated into Colorado Chi of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. While in the university he evinced a marked interest in athletics, and was for two years a member of the Varsity baseball team.

In the fall of 1900, he left the West and entered the Engineering Course at Cornell with the class of 1903. He immediately affiliated with New York Alpha, and was one of her best and most loyal supporters up to the time of his death. Brother Vinton was one of the first among the students of the University to contract typhoid fever, during the epidemic which lately swept through the town of Ithaca. His condition grew gradually worse, and he passed away early in the morning of February 14, with his parents at his bedside.

To those who have known his genial smile and sunny disposition, which so often brightened the lodge, the loss is an especially real one. They can only unite in tendering their heartfelt sympathy to his stricken family.

EDWIN N. FERDON,  
New York Alpha, '03.



JAMES CHAPIN VINTON.

Colorado Chi and New York Alpha, '03. Died, 14 February, 1903.





## The Founding of S. A. E.



ONE March evening some years back, seven young college men met in a little brick building in Tuscaloosa for the execution of a cherished design. Inseparable friends and already fully agreed upon their main purpose, they went quickly to work and effected, without friction or fuss or feathers, their heart's desire. There was little pretension about that first gathering in Johnson's schoolhouse. It is doubtful if it made much stir among their fellow-students in the University of Alabama. One must even think it unlikely that these young men were weighed down by any sense that they were launching into being a vast organization, which, in the years to come, for better, for worse, would ever look to them as the great first cause, and its makers. It seems evident that their chief impulse was merely that of healthy, high-minded youths whose affections and common adherence to certain principles had inspired to join hands. And that meeting and the many others which followed it were the meetings of ardent, high-spirited and merry young men.

All that was forty-seven years ago, and out of it grew the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. War and the hand of time have wrought ravages since that March night, and of the seven but one remains. But they builded better than they knew. Not to many men is it given to rear in the short space of a lifetime so gracious a structure, to draw out of nothingness so endless a well-spring of good. And they were worthy to have done this. Surely, it is a fine heritage for us that the men who made the Fraternity were men of a sterling cast. The master spirit was De Votie, and to the splendid manhood of De Votie we have received lasting testimony from a fond friend, not a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. His associates were men of a like temper. One can not doubt that it was only the firm founda-

tion of their lofty character that enabled the new-born brotherhood to weather the terrible storm which was destined soon to shake the South, and to carry from us De Votie and Dennis and Patton.

It is for these men that our chapters hold festival over the land on the day which we name for them. It is meet that we should do this. They gave to us old Mother Mu of Alabama no more truly than they have brought to us her youngest child of the West, born into the world on the Old Mother's forty-seventh birthday. On that night throughout their Fraternity and ours, many men will speak with fond respect of them and of the day we celebrate; and it is a glorious thing, though they may not be there to hear, that, in sixty wide-scattered spots and more this Founders' Day, there will be reverent young men to rise up and call them blessed.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

The National Convention of 1902 has come and gone, and has joined its forty-one predecessors as one of the events of our past history. Every convention has, no doubt, its special characteristic

The Forty-Second Convention. which reflects quite accurately the common sentiment of the men who make it up, and hence the general temper of the Fraternity; and it seems universally agreed that the distinguishing mark of the forty-second convention was *work*. Unfortunately, our own inexperience prevents us from any effective comparison of this last convention with our forty-one others, or even with some few of them; but what we saw of this one, or rather what prolonged committee-work prevented us from seeing, is convincing evidence that the general estimate, so prominently set forth in all the convention articles of this issue, is the true one. Surely there was never a more willing, faithful and efficient execution of difficult and arduous tasks. The indiscriminate search for pleasure, for "something to do," usually thought to be instinctive with a body of young men brought together from the ends of the country in an attractive city, was altogether wanting to that gathering. The common attitude of all the delegates and all the visitors was based upon one simple desire: What could they do to help? And, as it chanced, there was enough to go around and to spare.

There were no fripperies or furbelows about the sessions of this convention, no idle debates, no empty speechmaking, no pleasant time-killing. Even the newly chosen officers did not find occasion to make their customary and time-honored remarks of thanks, for the reason that there was real and vital business that needed to be looked after. For the same reason no opportunity was found to adjourn the session of Wednesday, December 24, until 3 o'clock on Christmas morning; but we did not hear of anybody's getting

sleepy and going off to bed. The men of the convention did not seek to spare themselves; and when, on Saturday, with the banquet toasts still ringing in their ears, they scattered to their homes, it was with the pleasant consciousness of duty faithfully performed. We can not doubt that the future has in store for them a bountiful reward.



To our new chapters in Colorado and Kansas and Wisconsin, we extend, in the name of the Fraternity, a very cordial welcome. It is the good fortune of each to enter Sigma Alpha Epsilon, under  
 Our New Chapters.      auspices of singular propitiousness; and their apprenticeship as successful and well organized locals gives every reasonable promise that their several careers, as active chapters, will be of a sort creditable to themselves and to the Fraternity. This is neither the time nor the place, it may be, to launch a sermon upon what the Fraternity expects of her men; but we may, perhaps, be permitted one word of counsel to these newly-made brothers of ours. The price of success, in the chapter as in everything else with which we are acquainted, is unremitting, self-effacing, willing work, and work which is based upon that union in which alone lies strength. That they are capable of this, their admittance to the ranks of Sigma Alpha Epsilon we believe sufficiently testifies, and their sole care need be always to avoid sinking below their capabilities. Though so smoothly spoken, here is a task, as Robert Louis Stevenson would say, for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy; and it is wrought out only by the stern will that it must be so. But with a fair start, a favorable environment, and a host of ready and kindly helpers, the task may be considered already well-nigh accomplished.



A somewhat depressing feature of almost any organization composed of human beings, and hence of the college fraternity, is the fact that the great bulk of the executive work, the labor of doing,  
 The Doctrine      is not universally divided among the compo-  
 of Work.      nent parts of that body, but is left to settle  
 down upon the already overburdened shoulders of the faithful few.



In applying this general truth specifically to ourselves, the reference is not, of course, to the regularly created officers of the general Fraternity, whose duties go with the office which they agree to fill, and who are paid for their services. We have in mind the chapters, the alumni associations, the conventions, the manifold incidental opportunities, everywhere cropping up, for manifesting in deeds that love for Sigma Alpha Epsilon which we are all so confident that we feel. Yet, these are constantly and cheerfully neglected; and after sitting calmly by while others are bearing the burden and heat of the day, we come trooping in at eventime to offer our congratulations, and, it may be, to share a little of the harvest.

There is no malice in all this; we have a very comfortable theory about it. The few, we say, work because they like it; and we, for a similar reason, sit with our feet on the mantel; and now and then, when we think of it, smile them a word of encouragement. And there is truth in our theory, after all. The men who work when they do not have to work, do it, one may assume, because they like it. The wonder is that our curiosity does not lead us some day to take down our feet and bear a hand, if only to see what these other fellows find in it to afford them so much satisfaction. But we don't—almost never; and they somehow can not quite make it plain. It is a difficult thing to explain, perhaps—this joy of doing, this pride of creating, this glory of making things which were not there before. Yet it is as true as the rule of three.

Since our temperaments and our training have not impelled us this way, suppose we try it merely as an experiment, to be adopted if successful, to be cast away if a failure. The result will be a revelation. For it is not only true that those who love the Fraternity best will work for her most; it is equally true, as a writer in *Phi Alpha* pointed out not long ago, that those who work for her the most, love her the best. It is a wonderful begetter of cheerfulness, this habit of generous labor; and, by a strange coincidence, the happiest man in town and the busiest man in town, if only his business be not altogether selfish, will not infrequently turn out to be united in a single identity. Where lies the charm? What is the magic recipe? There is but one way to discover it; let us try and see. There is no difficulty in finding the work. It is everywhere, ap-

parently only awaiting us; and there are not over many claimants. Nor need there be any fear that the work is without purpose, resultless. Many glorious things in our own history have been accomplished by the merest handful. Only begin, and begin at once. It is not well to put this off. *For the night cometh when no man may work.* . . . It is not too late, however. Indeed, there need not be such words in the vocabulary of this Fraternity. If we cheerfully resolve to lend a helping hand, to take up a burden that necessity does not make ours, freely to give as we have freely received, we shall not fail of our reward. It is the underlying spirit that is significant. It is well to remember, in that pleasant and comforting tale of the householder who went out to hire laborers into his vineyard, that they who were hired early in the morning, and they who stood to the eleventh hour idle in the market-place, received at even every man a penny.



It is with extreme gratification that we announce that we have received, for this issue of *THE RECORD*, a letter from every chapter in the Fraternity. This is a subject in which we have personally

Our Correspondents:  
A Word of Thanks.

been so deeply interested that we have, on occasions, gotten pretty disagreeable over the remissness of certain chapters, and have, we fear, attained by our insistence considerable unpopularity in sundry quarters that shall be forever nameless. All that, however, seems over and done with; at any rate, we have had to write few letters to correspondents, either cajoling or imperious, in preparing this issue for the press. And we are unwilling to believe that this diligent execution of the correspondents' duties springs altogether from the recent act of the convention, which denies *THE RECORD*, otherwise than by purchase, to those chapters failing to send in their letters. We prefer to consider that the faithful efficiency exhibited by our correspondents in this complete representation of all the chapters does not arise from motives purely of self-interest, but has been born out of a growing sense of duty and personal responsibility. And we offer them our congratulations and sincere thanks.

It is a common conviction among those chapters which complain most loudly of the indifference exhibited toward them by their alumni that this apathy is produced in the main by something wanting in the nature of their alumni. Of course, they make some allowance for the absorbing duties and interests of a larger life; but in the last analysis their feeling seems to be that if their alumni were really of fraternity stuff, if they were, in a word, *all right*, their relations with the chapter would not be as they are. This view of the situation is wholly inadequate; for, otherwise, in the by-gone years when these same "disinterested" alumni were undergraduates, and the bone and blood of the Fraternity, the chapter which they made up must have stood still, or retrograded, or fallen absolutely dead; which facts would not show to have been precisely the case. On the contrary, the fact that many chapters stand where they do to-day belongs absolutely to those who are now the alumni, and not infrequently to those very ones whose apparent "lack of interest" is a cause of such sore vexation among the chapters. It seems a curious condition. To-day these men are eager, alert, hard-working, self-sacrificing; to-morrow they go out into the world, and of a sudden become indifferent, lethargic, self-absorbed, forgetful of the ties once held so dear. Why is this? What sin of omission or commission transforms the chapter worker into the alumnus drone?

We do not know whether the chapters, in asking themselves this question, realize that they here confront what we think, after all, it is not unfair to call the great fraternity problem. We doubt very much whether they are not too prone to ascribe the unhappy situation to some oddity of alumnaal temperament, or to the preverse nature of things in general, which, however unfortunate, they have no means of remedying. If this be true, then, the case is, indeed, very bad; for it is well known that the measure of the success of any fraternity is largely the measure of the alumni activity; and the measure of this activity hinges, except where the alumni chance to be gathered together in large centres, almost wholly upon the active chapters. For a man's chapter is not merely his gateway into the Fraternity; it is to him, in a sense, the Fraternity; and whatever lasting hold the Fraternity has upon his affections springs from and

is wrapped up in his chapter. And thus this grave problem, so bound up in our own large destiny, is one whose solution rests not so much with the Fraternity as it does with the active chapters.

We certainly do not believe that once regarding the matter thus in its more far-reaching aspects, those sterling undergraduates to whom time, labor, self-denial, are as nothing in the interests of their chapter, would shrink for one moment from the weightier burden thus imposed. It is a question upon which hinges not merely the success of certain plans for a chapter-house, but the lasting success of the Fraternity; and its solution, we are confident, works out upon very simple lines. Love, it is said, can not thrive upon nothing; and the interest of your alumni in you is very likely to be only a reflection of your interest in your alumni. Distracted as they are, by new and other pursuits, in the absence which does not inevitably make the heart grow fonder, the burden is not so much theirs to interest themselves in you, as it is yours to interest yourselves in them. Many chapters ask themselves with real self-pity, What have our alumni ever done for us? The converse is not so common; and we imagine that few undergraduates say, reproachfully, What have we ever done for our alumni? This is the leg, however, which the boot is on; and when it is fully comprehended that even affection is mutual and hence is not always wholly unselfish; and that affection, however genuine, only thrives by occasional manifestation; they will have gone far upon the solution of this problem so vital to the chapters, to the alumni, and therefore to the Fraternity.

We think that this much vexed point will eventually right itself upon the line here briefly indicated; and we are sure that the devoutly wished consummation will come finally through the active chapters, and only through them. But it will never be arrived at by those who maintain toward their alumni an unmitigated silence, broken only by overtures for a loan. The rarer these chapters, the better for S. A. E.; and, happily, they are very rare.



We take pleasure in presenting to readers of *THE RECORD* the names of two new associate editors, Elmer B. Sanford, of Michigan



Iota-Beta, and Rev. C. D. Taylor, of Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi.

Elmer B. Sanford Both of these men have recently come so prominently before the Fraternity that an introduction of them here seems almost superfluous. At the recent convention, Brother Taylor, though able to be present for only a small fraction of the sessions, took a memorable part in the debate, and made, by his dignity, his logic and his effective address, an abiding impression. His speech at the final session of the convention in rendering a report for his committee was freely admitted to be the best which the week had brought forth. With Brother Sanford's work, the Fraternity at large is even more familiar. Sanford is the sponsor and godfather of Kansas Alpha. Entering Kansas from the University of Michigan, he saw at a glance the desirability of the field from an S. A. E. standpoint, organized a strong local, put them in a house, demonstrated their intrinsic merit, and won for them a charter. A personal letter to the editor from one of the old Zeta-Tau men discloses what native modesty must have left untold, and assures us that the marked success of the local in securing desirable pledges was due almost wholly to Brother Sanford's agreeable personality. In so speaking, we would not minimize the value of the effective aid of George Bunting, and many other willing helpers; but these men, we feel confident, would be the first to own that the lion's share of that labor of love was wrought by Brother Sanford.

In receiving assurance of the cooperation of these two men, we feel that THE RECORD is distinctly benefited.



With this issue and the beginning of Volume XXIII., the care of THE RECORD passes into new hands. In our previous connection with this journal, as assistant to the retiring editor, Brother Champe

The Record. S. Andrews, we have served an apprenticeship which has not left us, we hope, without its bequest of training and experience. By that bequest it shall be ours to profit. We have no editorial plans of vivid originality to develop, no theories of unusual rosiness to promulgate. Indeed, after recently glancing over, for the first time, some old issues of seven or

eight years ago, we can not even make the promise which would readily slip from an untried and not unambitious pen, and assert that we will make THE RECORD better than it ever has been before. One purpose, however, we shall not disclaim. So far as in us lies, we shall make THE RECORD good. Of the best that we have we shall freely give; and the limitations of our magazine will merely reflect the limitations of its editor. In 1894, when Hiram Burger was newly installed in these editorial duties, he said that his task should be to make THE RECORD "the faithful exponent of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity," which it is commonly agreed that Brother Burger did. We boast no more lofty hope than this. If THE RECORD is in our hands a faithful exponent of the Fraternity, and is so held among the men of S. A. E., our aspirations will be amply gratified.



To Champe S. Andrews the Fraternity owes, in the fullest meaning of a somewhat worn phrase, an honest debt of gratitude. In the midst of pressing business cares, at a moment when his time was, literally, money, he accepted, at considerable sacrifice, the charge of THE RECORD. He brought himself to do this only under the urgent pressure of his friends, who, being likewise friends of the Fraternity, presented the matter to him as a plain duty. How well this duty was performed many letters from alumni and undergraduate readers would amply testify. His present withdrawal from official relations with the Fraternity is, we trust, merely temporary. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has few such able workers among her men, and she can not afford to lose this one.

# THE GREEK WORLD

## Exchanges.

EDITED BY GEORGE H. KRESS.

One copy of each exchange should be sent to Dr. George. H. Kress, National Soldiers' Home, Dayton, O., one copy to William C. Levere, Evanston, Ill., and one copy to Henry Sydnor Harrison, 44 Monroe Place, Brooklyn, New York. Three copies will be sent in return to any desired address.



THE RECORD acknowledges the receipt of the following fraternity publications since December first:

November.—*The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta; The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi; The Beta Theta Pi; The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega; The Trident of Delta Delta Delta; The Frater of Psi Omega.*

December.—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta; The Delta Upsilon Quarterly; The Beta Theta Pi; The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi; The Shield of Theta Delta Chi; The Alpha Tau Omega Palm; The Delta of Sigma Nu; The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma; The Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho; The Sigma Chi Quarterly.*

January.—*The Anchora of Delta Gamma; The Frater of Psi Omega; The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta; The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi; The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega; The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*



Two rather valuable testimonials to the worth of the college fraternity system were given during the autumn by the Presidents of Denison and California Universities. President Wheeler's remarks were a part of his address to the students at the opening of the fall session of the University of California. He spoke as follows:

If you find yourself settling down into satisfaction with a limited circle of acquaintances, particularly if that satisfaction involves depreciation of others whom you know little or not at all, be sure you are on the wrong track. This is one of the dangers involved in fraternity membership. Have you noted how hard it is to bring about the election of a man into a fraternity in the later years of his course? It is unquestionably due to this false crystallization of companionship. One and another in the body has come to feel that this man whom they have seen much, but have not known well, could not be companionable. So does habit make fools of us.

Do you ask me if you should join a fraternity? There are decided advantages in so doing. You will have therein an assured basis of companionship. You will have a home with a body of men predisposed to be friendly and sympathetic. You can be assured you will not be a recluse. After graduating you will find the fraternity to be a tie to bind you to the college. When you return you will have a place to go to, and a starting point from which to pick up the old friends. But I should warn you to enter cautiously upon your choice. Do not join a body which has not a nucleus at least of sober, earnest, studious men; and this for two reasons: first, such a fraternity will not ultimately prosper; second, it will be likely to interfere with your own success as a student. Of all things, do not allow such a connection to shut you off from the great body of your fellow-students or nourish in you any semblance of exclusiveness.

Dr. Emory Hunt's address at Denison University was delivered at the dedication of the S. S. Chamberlin Lodge of Phi Gamma Delta. He expressed himself thus:

I believe in the fraternity idea. I could not help it. I was defrauded of some of the initial privileges of fraternity life, for four brothers preceded me in membership in one of the chapters in my alma mater, and the rest seemed to regard my place as foreordained, and that money and time spent in "rushing" me would not prove a good investment. So I missed much, but finally the chapter, which was supposed to have a mortgage on me, graciously foreclosed and admitted me. After twenty years, if I were compelled to choose between what I received from college and from chapter, it would be a hard choice. I still believe in the fraternity idea.

Some are so constituted that they cannot trust what they do not themselves control. Some seem to suppose there can be no reason for secrecy but shame. They easily conclude that, if all acts and purposes are not announced, it must be because they are not fit for publication. The list of alumni of almost any college fraternity should be a sufficient refutation of such a thought.

The personal associations formed in college are the most permanent and influential of our lives. While human nature remains they will continue to be formed. Even if not regularly organized, there will still be exclusive



circles, but ephemeral, irresponsible, and with less of character and of purpose. Fraternities are better than cliques.

It is not true, as is often asserted, that a fraternity is no better than the members that compose it. The fraternity is equal to the character of its individual members plus the sense of responsibility for the brotherhood. And this increment is of incalculable practical value. Some of the richest experiences of my life have been found in joining hands with others about a brother of weak and vacillating purpose. Not of the least importance was the help the helpers themselves received. Many a man who cares too little for his own reputation is exceedingly jealous of the reputation of his chapter. He recognizes that he is the custodian of the good name, not only of his chapter, but of the fraternity at large. As a college officer, I would not think of handling a case of discipline in which a fraternity man is involved without availing myself of the help I can secure from the men of his fraternity. They are closer to him than I can be. Through them I can most effectively reach him.

An element of special value and importance is the continued interest and supervision of the alumni members of the fraternity. Your frequent visits are the surest guarantee of its usefulness. Your influence will always be a most potent factor in maintaining among the active members high personal and intellectual ideals.—*The Phi Gamma Delta.*



The editor of the *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi* gives some very pertinent and sane remarks on the question of extension, from which we quote the following:

The fraternity which, in its own opinion, has grown so strong that it can no longer afford to embrace an opportunity for becoming stronger wherever and whenever such a chance, in line with a conservative policy based on common sense, is presented, is certain to be in a more or less advanced stage of dry-rot. It is within the memory of the present generation of Phi Psis that extension into the comparatively new State institutions of higher learning west of Chicago was at one time regarded by certain Greek letter societies with supercilious amusement. Yet in later years we have seen the same organizations dismount the altitudinous pinnacle, and trail into these same universities after some of the fraternities, which were the objects of their scorn a dozen years ago, have secured a local footing from which even the pretensions of more aged rivals cannot dislodge them. This only goes to show that the Chinese variety of conservatism is not applicable to American conditions.



Under the caption "A Chat With the Chapter Officers," there appears in the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* a very suggestive article, from which we clip some random thoughts:

The duty of the President is to preside—that doesn't mean only at business meetings. Do you know, Mr. President, that your corresponding secretary has acknowledged the contribution to the chapter fund sent by that enthusiastic alumnus to the man who used to hold that office,

**THE PRESIDENT.** or have they between them failed to attend to it? *You should know.* Do you know that the chapter letter has been written, and that it includes not only the latest news of the chapter, but the honors won just after the last letter was written, and the names of the brothers initiated three months ago, too late for mention in the last issue of *The Quarterly*? *You should know.* Do you know that the other officers are doing their duty? That the entertainment committee (if you have one, and you should) is making the alumni meetings entertaining; that the historian is keeping up the records; that the librarian is preserving *The Quarterly* for binding; that the rushing committee is really rushing? Do you know these and many other things about the working of the chapter? You don't? Then why are you holding the office of president and hampering the chapter? *You should know.*"

This office is a snap for the lazy, isn't it? It's an insult to a really active, enthusiastic member—only if you take it that way. . . . But work hand in glove with the president. Be on hand to run the meetings when he must be away. . . . Borrow some of the

**THE VICE-PRESIDENT.** president's work; help out the chapter editor; check up the historian; work with the rush committee; be on hand on alumni night to get acquainted with the men who are standing by the chapter. Do these things and you will show the chapter that the education you have acquired in the office of vice-president has made you the logical candidate for the higher office.

It seems foolish to have to take notes of a chapter business meeting, then put them in shape to be read and approved, and finally transcribe them in the minute book, now doesn't it? . . . . It is

**THE RECORDING SECRETARY.** highly important that the chapter records should be accurate. Reference has often to be made to this account of the chapter's doings. . . . The main requirement is ability, the next industry and the third thoroughness, and all three are capable of development. All training is worth while.

How many graduates have there been from your chapter? . . . . It is not easy to keep track of them all, and yet that is what must be done.

**THE HISTORIAN.** You must know where they are. Don't try to remember it all. Write it down. Do it systematically. Have a record book. . . . Oh, there's a lot of work for the historian. The office is no sinecure for a lazy man to try to fill, and it isn't a "minor office" unless you are a minor man. Don't be that. Be a miner and dig out the facts.

Such a mess as that last man left the library in! Then straighten it out. Any copies of *The Quarterly* missing? Complete the files and have them

bound. . . . Text-books help out a chapter library, too. If the graduates leave them with the chapter they can be rented to new members. The income would pay for binding *The LIBRARIAN. Quarterly*. Try it. Do you know that Delta Upsilon has a library? What do you suppose it consists of? Not Dickens and Scott and Thackeray, but books, pamphlets, magazine articles, etc., by members of the fraternity. How many contributions have you made to the fraternity library? Is your chapter song-book there, or your chapter history? Do you publish an annual circular to your alumni? Is that there? All this is part of your work. Get a grip on it.

It would not do to forget the chapter editor, the man who is the link between the chapter and the fraternity—between the undergraduates and the the alumni. Your opportunities are, perhaps, greater than those of any other officer of the chapter. You have your chapter letter to write. Make it as interesting as possible; inform the alumni of the doings of the chapter; record the honors won by its members; tell the latest college news; give interesting facts concerning the fraternities; but avoid boastfulness. Tell what you have done, not what you are going to do. Do not say that your chapter has “upheld the high standard of Delta Upsilon.” The records in your letter should show that. Be enthusiastic, but not bombastic. Do not refer to “the brothers of our sister chapters,” or “our lady friends.” Be careful in spelling the names of your chapter members; several bad slips have appeared lately. It may be it's the handwriting. Then print the names.



An interesting column in *The Trident of Delta Delta Delta* is that written by “The Fraternalist.” From this we print a paragraph which is especially worthy of consideration by those who habitually blackball candidates because of the lack of this, that, or the other minor qualification:

I was about to say what I should do if I were a *chapter*, just as the stump-speaker says what he would do if he were the United States, and one does feel sometimes that one could act and do so much better as an aggregate body than as an individual. Collectivity gives assurance, and in the event of sufficient assurance, I should act very independently, at least, in the selection of new members. In the first place, I should seek variety. I shouldn't want only pretty girls, any more than I should want only studious ones. I should not want all grave or all gay; all quiet or all talkative; all gracious or all reserved, but I should want one or some of each. Of course, your idealist will say that the Delta girl, as if there could be but one kind, must be pretty and studious and agreeable and popular; in short, must be the impossible creation of fancy. Common sense, however, or experience tells you that the gifts of the gods are not in clusters, and that if you would



have the clustered effect you must choose your jewels and do your own grouping. Now, I believe the quality of a chapter depends on the selecting and grouping, for, if one cannot have everything in a single member, one can at least have everything in a single chapter, and in the make-up of my chapter I should bear this in mind. I should reject a girl, not because she failed to have everything I wanted, but because she failed to have anything I wanted; and I should take her, not because she had everything desirable, but because she had at least one of the things desirable.



An editorial in the *Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta* deals with "The New Material," which only lack of space prevents us from quoting in its entirety:

While training freshmen along chapter and fraternity lines, the importance of college and class-room standing should never be lost sight of. Unless a man maintains a degree of scholarship that will at least retain for him the privilege of college attendance, and therefore continued chapter membership, his value to the chapter ceases at once. It is a personal kindness to a freshman and a direct chapter duty for the older men to supervise the college work of their new brothers. Aim to make the new brothers not only good chapter men, but good fraternity men as well. See to it that their fraternity horizon is a broad one. Instruct them first of all in the fraternity principles, history and peculiar form of government. Compel them to know the chapter roll thoroughly, not only the designating Greek letters of the different chapters, but their geographical distribution and the standing of the various colleges represented. Then let them obtain a fair knowledge of other National fraternities, especially those having chapters at their own college. Above all strive to implant in these new brothers an abiding interest in, and loyalty for, the National Fraternity as distinct from the chapter, so that their value as Delts may not terminate with their graduation.



The President of the General Council of Phi Delta Theta recently visited all the Phi Delta Chapters in Pennsylvania and Indiana, and the *December Scroll* contains a detailed account of his experiences. One paragraph therefrom we can not refrain from quoting:

I wish that some of our good Phi brothers who would like to see our chapter roll materially reduced could have been with me on these two trips. I believe that the eyes of such an one would have convinced him that the small college, which has done so much for America in the past, has not yet ceased to exert a great influence for good in the land, and I believe that he would find that the great universities do not get all the good fraternity material by any means. When a small college can no longer furnish material



for fraternities, then the Greek-letter societies should retire, but no fraternity having healthy chapters in small colleges should withdraw charters simply on the ground that the college is small.



The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* of December contains an article on "Life at Sewanee," that is not only well-written, but of more than usual interest, in that it vividly portrays the unique and fascinating life of the student-body of the University of the South, where both Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon have their "Tennessee Omega" chapters. We will quote that one of its paragraphs which comes home to us most especially. The chaplain therein referred to is the Reverend William A. Guerry, of the class of 1882, one of the charter members of our chapter at Sewanee, whose work on our Ritual, and as Eminent Supreme Historian of the Fraternity, entitles him to much love and esteem from our undergraduates, as it always has from our alumni. It will be remembered also that it was Brother Guerry who contributed to the December RECORD the sketch of the life of the late Dr. Caskie Harrison.

The University of the South was founded by the Bishops, clergy and laity of the Southern Dioceses of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. Sewanee has made its fine high record of true scholarship, noble spirit and great ideals—its record of plain living and high thinking, of professors who loved sacrifice, and of students who, in thought and life, have honored their *alma mater*. The Faculty love the place. The most gifted and honored of our professors, whose reputation is even greater in England than in his native land, *has labored for years regardless of salary*. Others of the Faculty have been offered higher salaries elsewhere but refused to leave us. Our chaplain refuses each winter flattering offers from large city churches of salaries two or three times as great as the university pays. When a New York man asked Bishop Dudley: "What has Sewanee to recommend it?" our Chancellor's proud reply was: "She has everything except money. She has a rich endowment—an endowment which money can not buy—the endowment of a devoted body of professors." The gala times are when our boys win contests. It's a sight worth seeing when the train brings the visitors in. All the mountain is there to cheer and yell. Old ladies forget their last birthdays, throw prudence to the winds, and follow that howling, capering mob up the street with as much zest as the youngest grammar school boy. Why not? Isn't that the chaplain making a speech and saying how proud he is, and how he remembers when he used to do all that he could to help along these football victories when he was a boy of Sewanee? And there is the Vice-Chancellor clearing his throat (for he has

been one of the shouters) ready to say how he feels about it, too. The saying is: 'Once a Sewanee boy, always a Sewanee boy.'

The entire article is written in this spirit, and recalls to us an article that appeared in Volume XV. of *THE RECORD*, in 1895, when Hiram C. Burger was editor-in-chief. It was entitled "Fraternity Sentiment," and though the identity of the writer was not disclosed, we have always thought that it was Burger himself who contributed it. For the sake of its own worth, and not less because it serves to lay stress on some of the instructions issued by the present Editor of the *RECORD* to the chapter correspondents, we print an extended excerpt:

. . . With the fortunes of the South also perished the University of Alabama—our birthplace—which a young Confederate captain, Clemens, the first initiate of De Votie and his band, had guarded against menacing invasion for two weeks, and in the first assault chased the enemy across the Warrior river. . . . Before the struggle was ended, all the colleges and universities where  $\Sigma A E$  was known had been closed except Columbian University at Washington. Most of these were left in ashes, and with them perished a large part of the earlier records of the Fraternity. . . . In the environment of the new industrial South,  $\Sigma A E$  has broadened and fructified with the passing generation. . . . For such reasons I believe our heritage of sentiment is priceless. It is the birthright of chapters new and old, and is rightly one of the characteristics of the  $\Sigma A E$  chapter wherever found. It is grateful to note this spirit breathing through the pages of our Fraternity literature. It bespeaks a tone of dignity and love that cannot be disguised. . . . There is a gulf between this virile sentiment that feels, and the declarations of the exuberant schoolboy. . . . By the Fraternity's heritage of sentiment, I do not mean idly waving the Royal Purple and Old Gold through the chapter letters of every issue from Alpha to Omega. I do not mean prating on the better sweetness of the violet over Wooglin's rose. I cannot confine my meaning to mere mummerly of symbols, which, stripped of their significance, should be void. I rule out formal professions of loyalty.

To me the idea of fraternity has always been synonymous with our national life. I am not able to think of fraternity—of brotherhood—composing men of one idea, purpose or circumstance. . . . I never could, even in former days, picture old  $\Sigma A E$  as in any sense local or circumscribed except by the border-line of fealty to aims that are high and methods that are pure. When we were without the Canaan, which had been promised us by De Votie—promised in the shadow of gathering tempests—and which was reaffirmed to us by the leaders of the brotherhood for two decades following, our members loved to picture the present era when our sway should be national. I confess never to have thought of  $\Sigma A E$  except as the great

broad order that was to reflect the best life, thought and deed of every section of our land in the bright years of college and its harvest of after-realizations. . . .

. . . In reading our chapter letters I am always impressed with what appeals to a like feeling. I love to become a Puritan and witch-burner, a Unitarian and agnostic in turn, while the image of the New England college is in mind. It is gratifying to read chapter letters which somehow make one see the local color. It flatters one to feel all the smartness of Boston. There is much beside.

The Southern savannas, cotton fields, magnolia forests and orange groves should somehow intrude in the letters from Dixie. Soil and sunshine are but one feature. The New South should speak its progress through the deeds of its college men. There is the social South and the intellectual and literary South, if they are not one always. Those at the other extreme of Sigma Alpha Epsilon should get some glimpse of this in the chapter and alumni notes.

There is the great lake region, mostly prairie, with monstrous city growth and accumulating wealth and big universities. It should give its own originality to fraternity writings. All know the clear, inspiring air and the prodigal landscape, the rigorous action of our Rocky Mountain chapters. What their members do, and how they do it, will always interest Eastern brothers. California rises up like a strange mirage to all who have never been there. Everything of the Pacific flavor is novel and gratifying. Our California correspondents have much sentiment to underflavor their chapter letters with, even if they do not label the paragraphs: "This is California Life," "This is Pacific Coast, *ne plus ultra*," etc.

When there is such a wide variation in college customs and fraternity methods, and such a wealth of local sentiment to play upon, we may well pause to ask of what stuff the correspondent is made who opens his contribution with the borrowed phrase, "There has been nothing in particular to speak of lately." Considering that a separate book might be written on the life and ways of each college and chapter for our fifty or more, might not prosaic, unimaginative correspondents, who do not know news when it happens, devise some way of telling us the best of the routine in their college life? If facts fail you, fall back on sentiment. Σ A E and the States and Territories are full of it.

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## Gleanings.



BETA THETA PI.—The Beta Theta Pi chapter at Denison has suffered an unexpected calamity by the burning of its chapter-house on the evening of January 16. It is pleasant to note that every at-



tention was exhibited to the unhoused Betas by the other fraternity men in college. The material loss was, fortunately, not very great.

"All the records and valuable papers of the chapter being kept in a safe were rescued from danger, and all the interesting pictures which have been collected during the thirty-four years of chapter history were saved. The paraphernalia of initiation, stored in the attic, was lost.

"There was an insurance of \$3,200 upon the house and of \$400 upon contents, this latter item being upon the chapter property and not the personal belongings of the members.

"On Saturday morning an arrangement was made for the temporary occupation of a commodious house, recently vacated by one of the professors, and before night the letters "B Θ Π" nailed over its entrance indicated that A H was at home in new quarters. The members of the local chapters of Σ X and Φ Γ Δ were very kind in their attitude toward the Betas. They welcomed the fellows to their chapter-house, each one furnishing lodging to several. It was an expression of interfraternity kindness that was greatly appreciated."

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BETA THETA PI.—Dr. Watson L. Savage, the director of the Columbia University Gymnasium, is a member of Beta Theta Pi. Dr. Savage graduated from Amherst in '82.

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BETA THETA PI.—A local at Cumberland University, fifteen strong, is petitioning Beta Theta Pi for a charter. They have in their favor the fact that Cumberland is the site of a Beta tombstone. The old chapter died in 1899, after a continuous existence of forty-five years.

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ALPHA DELTA PHI.—Alpha Delta Phi's handsome new house at Cornell is now rapidly taking shape. The meeting-hall, built of solid masonry and lighted only by a skylight, is set apart from the dwelling-house, and is connected with it only by a subterranean passage-way. This reminds one of the middle ages, or of the present senior societies at Yale.

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PHI DELTA THETA.—Royall H. Switzler, of St. Louis, has succeeded Mr. Hugh T. Miller as editor of the *Scroll*. The readers of the *Scroll*, and the members of the Phi Delta Theta, generally, can wish this excellent magazine no better fate than that it may be



maintained by succeeding editors at the high standard set by Mr. Miller in his long editorship.

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PHI DELTA THETA.—At its recent convention in New York, Phi Delta Theta refused charters to petitioners from South Dakota, Idaho, Arkansas, Lawrence, Illinois Wesleyan and Nevada Wesleyan. No new charters were granted.

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PHI DELTA THETA.—The Dartmouth chapter of Phi Delta Theta recently moved into a handsome new house of colonial design. This is the first chapter-house to be built at Dartmouth.

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PHI DELTA THETA.—Phi Delta Theta is said to be planning to build a new house at the University of Illinois.

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DELTA KAPPA EPSILON.—The fifty-sixth annual convention of Delta Kappa Epsilon was held during November at the Hotel Gayoso, Memphis, Tennessee, which will also be the scene, by the way, of our convention in 1904. The Deltas rejected application for charters from Washington University and the University of Texas.

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DELTA KAPPA EPSILON.—Delta Kappa Epsilon has almost completed its new house at Stanford.

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SIGMA CHI.—The prospect of new and vastly superior buildings at no very distant date is stirring up activity in fraternity circles at Washington University, St. Louis. A local was recently organized for the purpose of applying for a charter of Sigma Chi, an aspiration which seems likely to be crowned with success. A petitioning body at Washington State has also filed an application with Sigma Chi.

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SIGMA NU.—During January Sigma Nu installed a chapter at the Missouri School of Mines at Rolla. This school, which had not hitherto been entered by a fraternity, is in reality merely a department of the University of Missouri at Columbia, and is administered

by the same President and Board of Trustees. Sigma Nu already had a chapter in Columbia, and thus enjoys the unique distinction of having two chapters in one university.

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**SIGMA NU.**—Sigma Nu is said to be making preparations to enter Washington University.

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**SIGMA NU.**—Here is a genius going begging, with a vengeance:

Our records do not show that Mr. Richard Harding Davis belongs to the Sigma Nu Fraternity. If it be true and he will establish the fact, we shall be glad to acknowledge the relationship, but at present we must deny the allegation to that effect published in several Greek-letter magazines.—*The Delta of Sigma Nu.*

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**HONORARY MEMBERS.**—It seems that the custom of initiating men who are not students at college at the time of their initiation is not so obsolete as we had fancied. Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma, at Kentucky State, each picked up a graduate member recently, in the person of an assistant professor and the commandant of the college, respectively. One may also note the following:

**PHI GAMMA DELTA.**—"But a still bigger surprise was in store for the other fraternities and barbarians. On last Saturday morning they were all struck dumb to see S. C. Mitchell wearing our diamond. Dr. Mitchell, or rather Brother Mitchell, is a Ph.D. of Chicago, the most popular man on the Faculty, as well as President of the General Athletic Association of the College."—*Richmond Correspondent.*

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**ALPHA TAU OMEGA.**—In the September RECORD we printed a fraternity jotting, gleaned from some forgotten source, to the effect that Alpha Tau Omega was practically out of existence at the University of Pennsylvania. The Editor of the *Palm* has pointed out to us that this statement is no longer accurate, and we are glad to insert a note to that effect.

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**PHI KAPPA SIGMA.**—The Champaign chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma, at the University of Illinois, which passed away under anti-fraternity laws, was reestablished in January, with a membership of a dozen men.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA.—The Northwestern chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma, which returned no men last autumn and seemed on the point of expiring, has been revived by the initiation of three new members. The Cornell chapter of this fraternity has recently moved into a house.

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KAPPA SIGMA.—The Kappa Sigma chapter at Bethel College returned only one man this year, and was obliged to send in its charter.

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KAPPA SIGMA.—The Stanford chapter of Kappa Sigma moved into a handsome new house on February 15. This chapter is in remarkably good condition, considering the short time it has been in existence.

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PHI KAPPA PSI.—Phi Kappa Psi will shortly move into a house at Stanford, a step which will give to this strong young Western university a completely housed chapter group.

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SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.—We modestly offer two little paragraphs about ourselves. The first is from the *Washington Post* of December 26:

“The prosperity of the country is amply evidenced by these young men,” said Judge W. B. Thompson, of Chicago, indicating by a sweeping gesture a large number of young men gathered in the rotunda of the New Willard, and ranging in years from twenty to twenty-five.

They were certainly a good-looking, well-dressed lot of youngsters, with the unmistakable air of refinement and good breeding that scholastic life usually confers. They have been in Washington several days attending the National Convention of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Society, one of the collegiate Greek-letter societies with chapters at all of the leading colleges.

And this, not so sweeping in its flattery, yet pleasant reading, is from the University of Kansas correspondent in the *Kansas City Star*, February 8:

The very newest of all the Greeks—so new that it has not yet been formally installed—is Sigma Alpha Epsilon, organized last year by Elmer Sanford, of Kansas City. The new fraternity was singularly fortunate in securing new members in the fall, and began its career with a chapter-roll so strong as to make it a formidable rival to the fraternities already firmly established. This fraternity will celebrate its installation with a hop, but will not give a formal ball this spring.

# OFFICIAL DATA

## M a r r i a g e s .

- Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, 1894.*—George Albert Moore to Grace Bristow Harrington, at Brookline, Mass., 8 October, 1902.
- Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, 1899.*—Rev. Foster Cookman Anderson to Ora E. Robins, Δ Γ, at Warren, O., 10 December, 1902.
- Massachusetts Iota-Tau, 1902.*—Kent T. Stow to Pauline Brown, 23 July, 1902.
- Massachusetts Gamma, 1895.*—Frank Julius Geib to Julia Hill, at Somerville, Mass., 10 October, 1902.
- Massachusetts Gamma, 1896.*—David Townsend to Mary Bacon Cruikshank, at London, Eng., 1 November, 1902.
- Massachusetts Delta, 1901.*—Albert L. Barnes to Mary Knickerbocker Watson, at Canaan, Conn., 29 October, 1902.
- New York Alpha, 1901.*—William Henry Marland to Marian Goodall, at Sanford, Me., 14 January, 1903.
- Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, 1897.*—Frederick Arthur Robinson to Kathryn Lean, at Pittsburg, Pa., 26 December, 1902.
- Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, 1904.*—Henry Bertram Hackman to Harriet J. Jones, at Wilkinsburg, Pa., 29 October, 1902.
- North Carolina Xi, 1897.*—Fletcher Hamilton Bailey to Alice Grace Wood, at Brundidge, Ala., 29 October, 1902.
- Georgia Beta, 1898.*—Richard B. Baxter to Sarah Cobb, at Athens, Ga., 30 December, 1902.
- Georgia Beta, 1899.*—John D. Mell to Helen Carlton, at Athens, Ga., 23 January, 1903.
- Michigan Iota-Beta, 1896.*—J. Earle Brown to Cecelia M. Wiggins, at St. Johns, Mich.
- Ohio Sigma, 1896.*—Charles Stephen Hoover, M.D., to Helen Williams, Δ Γ, at Alliance, Ohio, 22 October, 1902.
- Ohio Sigma, 1900.*—Jay Buchwalter to Matilda Gleockle, at Warren, O., 10 February, 1903.



- Indiana Alpha, 18*.—Edward M. Johnson to Pearl Baker, at Otterbein, Ind., 21 January, 1903. At home 1228 Ashland avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Indiana Alpha, 18*.—William T. Stout to Eva B. Martin, Π Β Φ, at Warsaw, Ind., 24 November, 1902. At home 6029 Ellis avenue, Chicago, Ill.
- Kentucky Epsilon, 1900*.—James S. Caldwell to Laura Gracy, at Eddyville, Ky., 10 December, 1902.
- Kentucky Epsilon, 1902*.—Richard N. Wilson to Anna Douglass, at Lexington, Ky., 3 January, 1903.
- Nebraska Lambda-Pi, 1899*.—Nelson Davidson to Garnet Sullivan, at Tecumseh, Nebr.
- Nebraska Lambda-Pi, 1898*.—LeRoy Isaac Sipherd to Alice Pratt, at Osceola, Nebr., 25 May, 1902.
- Nebraska Lambda-Pi, 1899*.—Fred M. Millenz to Mary Heaton, at Waterloo, Nebr., 30 June, 1902.
- Colorado Zeta, 1903*.—Miller Edwin Preston, M.D., to Caroline Cunegonde Schlachter, at Denver, Colo., 25 December, 1902.
- California Alpha, 1894*.—J. R. Edwards to Florence Rockwell, at Junction City, Kansas, 7 January, 1903.
- California Alpha, 1902*.—F. W. Bancroft to Miss Shoobert, at Sansalito, Cal., 27 January, 1903.

## D e a t h s .



- New York Alpha, 1895*.—Henry Charles Ohlmeyer, at West Hoboken, N. J., 26 December, 1902.
- New York Sigma-Phi, 1895*.—Rev. William F. Bielby, at Albany, N. Y., 23 January, 1903.
- Tennessee Lambda, 1898*.—Wilbert Stanton Kennard, at Tyler, Texas, 4 November, 1902.
- Nebraska Lambda-Pi, 1896*.—John C. Farwell, at Manila, P. I., 30 August, 1902.
- Colorado Chi*.—James Chapin Vinton (*affiliated with N. Y. Alpha, class of '03*), at Ithaca, N. Y., 14 February, 1903.

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## In Memoriam.



WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to remove from us Brother Henry Charles Ohlmeyer, whom we hold in affectionate memory for his love and devotion to our cherished Fraternity; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we, his brothers in New York Alpha, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, express our deep sorrow at the early termination of his career, so rich in promise of future attainment; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we extend to his bereaved family our deepest sympathy in their affliction; and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to them, and be printed in THE RECORD of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

A. D. HARNDEN, Chairman,  
EDWIN N. FERDON,  
HARRY S. BENTLEY,  
Committee.

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LINCOLN, NEBR., 3 January, 1903.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom to take unto himself our beloved brother in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, John H. Farwell; and

WHEREAS, In the death of Brother Farwell we have lost a brother who exemplified in his life those noble principles of our Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, In his death Nebraska Lambda-Pi has lost one of the truest and most valued members of its alumni, and one whose memory shall ever be revered by the brothers of our chapter; therefore be it

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

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, be published in THE RECORD of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and be inscribed on the minutes of Nebraska Lambda-Pi.

ARTHUR BECKMAN,  
GEORGE SHIDLER,  
WILLIAM SCHOCK,  
Committee.

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WHEREAS, It has pleased almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, to take from us our beloved friend and brother, James Chapin Vinton; be it

*Resolved*, That this chapter extend to the bereaved parents its deepest sympathy at their great loss—the loss of one so dear in the memory of us all; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents of the deceased, be published in THE RECORD of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and be spread upon the minutes of the chapter.

For New York Alpha,

ARTHUR DEWITT HARNDEN,

EDWIN N. FERDON,

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Any chapter having, to its knowledge, any alumni living in or near Columbus, O., will greatly oblige Ohio Sigma Alphas by sending their names and addresses to the address given below. An alumni association is being formed in Central Ohio with Columbus as headquarters, and there are, without question, many  $\Sigma A E$ 's in this vicinity entirely unknown to us.

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# THE ALUMNI

## The Men of S. A. E.

President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway, whose name has been figuring a good deal recently in the papers of the south and middle west, was a member of the class of '63, in our old Georgia Pi chapter, at the Georgia Military Institute. This was the chapter that went to the front in a body, forty years ago, as part of the G. M. I. Cadet Battalion, and did not survive the war. Mr. Spencer's remarkable management of the Southern Railway has given him a commanding place among the railroad presidents of the country. One arm of this great system which he has built up out of the ruins of sundry decrepit and one-horse branches, is the Cincinnati Southern, a road built by the city of Cincinnati at an expense of millions of dollars, and leased last year to the company of which Mr. Spencer is president, at an annual rental of \$1,150,000. By the terms of this lease the city of Cincinnati binds itself to expend \$2,500,000 in new terminals for the road. Much will depend upon the location of these terminals. President Spencer's trained eye at once picked out a certain property on Water street, Cincinnati, as the location for the prospective Southern terminal; and, in the capacity of head of the lessee company, recommended to the city the selection of this site. His choice, which the event seems to have proved the logical one, was strongly supported by the local press. We quote from an editorial in the Cincinnati *Times-Star* of December 5, 1902:

. . . . He knows the railroad business. He would not be a railroad president if he did not. We may be sure he has come to no hasty or ill-judged conclusion. He has to pay an average yearly rental of over eleven hundred thousand dollars. He must feel this heavy responsibility, the magnitude of this vast sum. He must want the best terminals two and a half



millions of money can buy, and inasmuch as he puts up the entire money to pay for the terminals, he is certainly entitled to the fullest consideration. Is it conceivable that he has deliberately chosen any other location than that which he believes to be the best for his interests as tenant, and therefore the best for Cincinnati, which is his landlord? Has his judgment as a railroad man been disputed? Has his good faith been questioned? Not at all. Not from any side. Not by any person.

Once let it be admitted that it takes a practical railroad man to run a railroad, and that the interests of a landlord and tenant are in substantial correspondence, there is no room for argument as to location of the new terminals. President Spencer's views will be conclusive to every man who thinks rather of the city's good than of personal advantage. That the lessee company wants Water street terminals is enough to determine the choice of the great majority of our citizens. They pin their faith to President Spencer's wisdom, fairness, foresight, knowledge and ability, just as they did a year ago. The city believes that what he thinks is best for the lessee company will be best for the city.

For some reason, however, the city officials appear to have been lethargic; the golden opportunity slipped past, and almost before they realized it, perhaps, the desirable site had been snapped up at a cost of \$450,000 by the Louisville and Nashville. This was a distinct loss to the city of Cincinnati, but the moral was plain. The *Commercial Tribune* of January 8 editorially reflected public opinion upon the situation as follows:

"New terminals will be selected. Suppose when they are selected the city allows itself to be guided by the celebrated lamp of experience?"

"The president of the lessee company is in the front rank of railroad men in the country. He knows his business. He has combined a dozen broken-down railroads in the South into one of the great systems of the country. He pays this city considerably over a million dollars a year rent, and besides pays interest and sinking-fund on all the bonds issued for terminals.

"Suppose next time this great railroad man be allowed, as far as possible, the same freedom of action that Mr. M. H. Smith of the L. & N. has? We have not the least doubt that, after the half-comic and half-bitter lesson of this week, public opinion would say, 'Give Mr. Spencer his choice.' A location that meets his approval, railroad man and lessee as he is, can not but be for the best interests of Cincinnati. Yes, let us all, trustees and citizens, learn the lesson well. The best judgment and ripest wisdom of a great railroad man is at our disposal. Let us give heed to it and abide by it."

The *Cincinnati Commercial Tribune* of February 15 devoted a page to an illustrated write-up of what it calls the "Newest Combine: Newspaper Jokesmiths' Association"; and among the journalists

whose humoristic tendencies are thus exhibited to the public eye, we find the name of William Reed Dunroy, who was a member of the class of '98 in our Lambda-Pi chapter at the University of Nebraska. The Cincinnati paper says, in part:

"It has come at last. The joke-writers, paragraphers, versifiers and philosophers on the daily newspapers of America have formed themselves into an organization and will hold their first convention in Baltimore, May 18-23.

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*The Commercial Tribune* presents herewith the pictures of some of the members of the new association, with brief stories of their lives and work. While the new association does not claim to be a full-blown beauty show, it does prove, by the various biographies, that the making of jokes is, on the whole, a serious business, and one for which the world has not always shown proper appreciation when thinking of the makers. . . . .

The following facts concerning the jokesmiths were gathered from the members themselves, who were asked for brief notes of their lives and a description of how they do their work. The replies make an interesting symposium : " . . . . .

Mr. Will Reed Dunroy, of the *Chicago Chronicle*, writes:

"I have been doing verse for a number of years, and used to be called the Nebraska poet when I was out there going to school. Have published two thin little volumes, thin not only in size, but in matter. One I called 'Corn Tassels,' and the other 'Tumble Weeds.' They are of a western flavor. Have been in the jokesmith business a couple of years, and have been able to get three good meals daily, a few Manhattans and heaps of fun.

"There is little to say about me, as I am a common dub, but hope some day to hold down a place on a daily paper where I have nothing to do but write alleged jokes, and get rid of rhymes that bother my head."



Our young Memphis Alumni Association, which, though less than a year old, succeeded in persuading the Washington Convention that Memphis was, par excellence, the one place on earth for the 1904 convention, is unquestionably one of the most aggressive and wide-awake of all our associations. On New Year's Eve they gave a co-tillon at the Peabody Hotel, which, though their first, appears to have been a really brilliant success. We clip from a long and glowing account in the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* of the following morning:

In their first annual german at the Peabody last evening the Σ A E men of the city established for all their future affairs a precedent of magnificent

and distinctive hospitality that will make the anticipation of them a thing of interest to Memphis society with each succeeding social cycle.

The dining-hall of the Peabody Hotel was treated for the occasion with all the decorator's and florist's skill. The broad arches at each end, supported by the handsome Corinthian columns, were wreathed in evergreen and delicate garlands of Jackson. The base of the pillars were banked in palms and firs and across the arches were swung festoons of electric bulb-lights in the fraternity colors—old gold and purple. Ropes of vines were looped from the distant corners of the room to the crystal-chandelier and studded with the purple and gold lights. In the niches of the hall the palms gave a distinctive touch to the old world mode of decoration to which the surroundings lent themselves with such notable effect.

The men of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity more than sustained the "Frat's" world-wide reputation as gracious hosts. The organization numbers some sixty-odd members in Memphis, whose prestige is such that they have had accorded to them the honor of the Σ A E convention for 1904. The following married men of the Fraternity in Memphis, with their wives, were the chaperons of the evening: General and Mrs. George Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Dupree, Judge and Mrs. Thomas Scruggs, Dr. and Mrs. Frank A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metcalf, and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Polk.

The leaders of the German were J. Bayard Snowden with Miss Elizabeth Morrow, E. R. Barrow with Miss Elise Vance, and W. H. Joyner with Miss Laura Willins. Miss Rowena Lee was done the honor of being selected to lead in Miss Vance's place on account of the latter's serious indisposition.

The Fraternity men were Roy Trezevant, Emmett Joyner, W. H. Joyner, Gilbert Raine, Jr., W. G. Cavett, Dr. F. Graham, R. A. Perkins, J. B. Snowden, Martin Donelson, Hal Howard, S. H. Trezevant, E. R. Barrow, Robert Metcalf, Bate Williams, Harold Fortune, John Martin, Nash Buckingham, Clarence Anderson and J. C. Cockroft.

At the close of the evening a dance supper of elaborate and faultless preparation was served in the ladies' café.



The Rev. Brother Frederick T. Krueger, to whom the appended clipping from the *Denver Times* refers, is an alumnus of our Colorado Chi chapter at Denver:

Special to The Times.

FLORENCE, COLO., Feb. 18.—The Rev. Frederick T. Krueger, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city, has just announced his election to membership in the American Historical Society. Rev. Krueger was nominated as a candidate by F. H. H. Roberts, professor of pedagogy in the University of Wyoming. He was born in Kentucky thirty-four years ago, and has resided in the west for twenty-two years.



Mr. Krueger is a writer of no little ability, and at present is writing a public history of the French revolution, between the years 1779 and 1815, or covering that period of the war from the opening of the States General to the final fall of Napoleon. To master this task he is familiarizing himself with the French, German and Italian languages, and hopes to have his work completed in two years, and ready for publication a short time afterward.

Besides being a member of the American Historical Society, Mr. Krueger is also councilor of the American Institute of Civics and has delivered a number of lectures, but none in the institute. After the completion of his history, he expects to win the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Denver and took the Master's degree in the University of Wyoming.

Rev. Krueger for the last eight weeks has been confined to his bed with typhoid fever, but appeared for the first time on the street to-day since his illness.



Rev. Brother Marvin A. Rader, who, with Mrs. Rader, is soon to leave for pastoral work in the Philippines, was, in his student days at Denver University, the President of the large Interstate Oratorical Association, comprising all the colleges in the States of the Middle West. The item is from the *Denver News* of January 8:

News of the intended departure of Rev. and Mrs. Marvin A. Rader for work in the Philippines will cause considerable surprise in the church circles of Denver. Mr. Rader is pastor of Grace M. E. Church, and announced his intention at a meeting of the official board held Tuesday evening. His resignation will go later to Bishop Warren, who will appoint his successor. So far the church has no pastor in view.

Mr. Rader will go to the Philippines as assistant to Dr. Homer C. Stuntz, who is superintendent of the work of the Methodist Church there. He will be stationed in Luzon, and his specific work will be the superintendence of the work of about fifty native pastors. He will also be called on to do any work incident to the opening up of the field and the establishing of schools in the province. Mr. and Mrs. Rader will sail April 4, and their work at Grace Church will cease the first of March.

The pastorate of Mr. Rader at Grace Church has been attended with the most marked success, and it is with great reluctance that the congregation gives up the young minister and his talented wife. During the two years of Mr. Rader's work the church has added 188 to its membership, has now a large and flourishing Sunday-school, and is recognized as among the most progressive churches of Denver. At the time of his coming it was on the point of disbanding. Mr. Rader was pastor of the First M. E. Church of Leadville before coming to Denver.



In many respects the new work will be much less desirable for Mr. and Mrs. Rader. The salary is about half as large and the field is obscure. The offer from Dr. Stuntz came entirely unsolicited, and it was only after the most mature consideration that it was accepted.



The *Boston Herald* of February 22 has something to say about two of our young graduates from Boston University. Roland H. Sherman, '96, is a prominent member of the National Muster Legion of Spanish War Veterans, which recently held its fourth annual convention in Lawrence, Mass.:

There is much interest here in the election of officers which will take place Monday forenoon, as Judge-Advocate General Roland H. Sherman of this city is a candidate for the office of Commander-in-Chief. The other candidates are Colonel Paul R. Hawkins of Governor Bates's staff, and Junior Vice-Commander George H. Manks. The indications are that Mr. Sherman is the strongest candidate of the three, but it is admitted by all that the contest will be a spirited one.

O. L. Stone was in Beta-Upsilon as a member of the class of 1901.

The proceedings of principal interest in the Sons of Veterans' Encampment occurred this afternoon in the election of officers for the ensuing year. This forenoon was given to reports of committees and routine work of the division.

The election of officers developed two contests. For the position of Division Commander, Orra L. Stone, of Clinton, and Samuel A. Pickering, of Lowell, were the candidates. Stone was the favorite and was elected, receiving 202 votes to 54 for Pickering.



From the *Boston Evening Record*, February 10, 1903, we clip:

James Bunting, who was but recently appointed to the non-commissioned staff at Second Brigade headquarters, has more recently been appointed Battalion Adjutant in the "heavies." Adjutant Bunting has had plenty of experience along military lines and was lieutenant in one of the immune regiments in the Cuban service. While his service on General Whitney's staff has been comparatively brief, yet his departure will be cordially regretted, albeit he has the warmest congratulations of his late colleagues on his promotion.

This is, of course, Brother James E. Bunting, Massachusetts Gamma, '98.

Rev. Dr. Morgan Wood, concerning whom we printed a newspaper paragraph in the December RECORD, is not an alumnus of Ohio Epsilon as was there stated. Brother Wood was a member of Ohio Sigma, with the class of '87.



One of the men who contributed most largely to the work in the '93 catalogue was the Rev. Frederick R. Graves, a well-known alumnus of Tennessee Zeta. Brother Graves still continues to be an ardent and enthusiastic fraternity worker. This clipping is from the Florence (Ala.) *Herald* of January 31, 1903:

Rev. Frederick R. Graves, late pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Tampa, Fla., will lecture in Florence in the near future, on "A Trip Through Italy." The lecture will be elaborately illustrated with a stereopticon, from views taken during his recent trip in that country. Mr. Graves is a ripe scholar and a forceful speaker. The lecture will be a rare treat, and we bespeak a liberal patronage.



A number of newspaper accounts of recent marriages in the Fraternity have been unavoidably crowded out of this issue by unusual demands upon our necessarily limited space. These will appear in the May RECORD.

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## J o t t i n g s .



### C O R N E L L .

'93. Lewis Joseph Doolittle is practicing law in Brooklyn, N. Y. —'94. Samuel Brown Perry is an insurance inquirer, care Underwriters' Bureau Middle and Southern States, New York City. —'96. Marvin Emory Parrott is practicing law in Brooklyn, N. Y. —'98. Arthur Chase Nutt is teaching in the Dubuque (Iowa) High School. —'99. Clarence Arthur Perry has the position of principal of the high school at Boac, Marinduque, Philippine Islands. Wm. Henry Standring is at present a student in the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Harry Wilkes Wright

is a student in the McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago.—'00. Carl Earnest Hardy has the position of master electrician in the United States Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va.—'01. Edgar Thurman Brown is doing engineering work for the B. & O. R. R. Co., with headquarters at Pittsburg, Pa.—'02. Everette Lothard McClure is studying law in the office of D. V. Murphy, Buffalo, N. Y. Wm. Hailes Palmer is a physician in the Bellevue Hospital, New York City.—'04. Wm. Henry Henderson is with the McCvicker Trust Co., bankers, general trust and real estate agents, New York City.

## C O L U M B I A .

'95. Dr. Henry Graham Mac Adam has a very successful practice in New York City, and is president of the New York Alumni Association. Rev. Edward Blanchard Woodruff is vice-president of the Kansas City Alumni Association.—'96. Ernest Irving Price is making quite a name for himself in the real estate business at 503 Fifth avenue, New York City.—'98. Frank Depew is with his father's firm, Edward D. Depew & Co., importers, at 14 Harrison street, New York City. Howard Lichtenstein is with his father, of Seamon Lichtenstein & Co., in the wholesale grocery business at 83 Barclay street, New York City. Jesse Watson, Jr., is practicing law with the firm of Robinson, Biddle & Co., at 160 Broadway, New York City.—'99. John D. Boyd is studying architecture in Paris, France. Jas. Hanan is practicing medicine at 130 Underhill avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.—'00. Frederic Dan Huntington Coerr is studying medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City. John James McKenna, Jr., is attempting to run the brass foundry of the firm of J. J. McKenna & Bro., at 424 E. 23d street, New York City.—'01. Samuel Winter Bowne is president of the S. W. Bowne Co., in the hay and grain business in Brooklyn. Frederic Kirk Knowlton is the secretary of Knowlton & Beach, paper-box machinery manufacturers, at 18 Elizabeth street, Rochester, N. Y. Charles Maynard Mapes is said to be writing a book to prove his favorite theory, to the effect that college-bred men usually delay marriage too long.—'02. Robert Hewitt Cromwell is a mining engineer with the Montezuma Lead Co., at Santa Barbara, Chihuahua county, Mexico. Walter Scott Lysle is an engineer on tests and specifications, with the Standard Steel Co., at Berlin, Pa.—'05. Alfred Walton Atkins is surveying for the Central Railroad of New Jersey, at Phillipsburg, N. J.

## S T . S T E P H E N ' S .

'76. C. E. Coffin is engaged in the insurance business at Catskill, N. Y.—'97. Rev. Leopold Kroll has accepted the rectorship of St. Mark's Church, Hoosic Falls, N. Y.—'01. Gerald Lewis is with Longley Bros., woolen merchants, New York City.—'02. William Burrows has entered the Berkeley Divinity School at Middletown, Conn. H. Eugene A. Durell is at the General Theological Seminary, Chelsea Square, New York City.

## ALLEGHENY.

'96. F. N. Frits is principal of schools at McKeesport, Pa.—'98. Tensard R. De Wolfe is political editor of the *Pittsburg Leader*.—'02. Donald R. Derickson is in the employment of a large engineering company at New Haven, Conn. Ralph S. Greenlee is in business in Chicago, Ill. Carl L. Selkregg is in the banking business at Ford City, Pa.—'04. Edgar Zimmerman is employed in the Pennsylvania R. R. offices at Jeannette, Pa.

## BUCKNELL.

'95. B. K. Brick is practicing medicine at Marlton, N. J. A. G. Loomis is practicing law in New York City.—'96. L. W. Baldwin is engaged in business at Norristown, Pa. W. J. Lewis is engaged in business at Shenandoah, Pa.—'97. L. T. Butler is a bank clerk at Lewisburg, Pa. H. B. Moyer is teacher of physics and chemistry at the Norristown, Pa., High School, and is also taking work in the graduate department of U. P. W. H. Parker is preaching at East New Market, Md. J. C. Stock is preaching at Philadelphia, Pa.—'98. L. T. Fetzer is practicing law in New York City. R. V. Rex is a mining engineer at Central City, Ky.—'99. A. D. Anstock is a pharmacist at Philadelphia, Pa. E. W. Cober is teaching at the Friends' Central High School, Philadelphia, Pa., and is taking work in the graduate department of U. P. A. M. De Vall is practicing law at Wharton, Pa. A. R. Garner is practicing medicine at New Haven, Conn. E. A. Humeston is engaged in business at Meadville, Pa. N. L. Kaufman is studying law in Philadelphia, Pa. R. S. Koser is a jeweler at Reading, Pa. E. K. Shumaker is practicing medicine at New Bethlehem, Pa.—'00. E. C. A. Moyer is attending the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania.—'01. F. R. Campbell is in business at Kane, Pa. O. N. Rambo is with the New York Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Philadelphia, Pa. C. F. Bidelspacher is teaching in the High School, Muncy, Pa. T. P. Evans is attending the medical department at U. P. G. L. Freudenberger is in business in Philadelphia, Pa. L. M. Goodman is attending the Jefferson Medical School, Philadelphia, Pa. J. B. Martin, who has recently returned from a two-years' musical course in Berlin, has opened a studio at New Castle, Pa. J. Z. Rowe is a theological student at the University of Chicago, where he took an active part in forming the local which was chartered by the Washington convention. D. A. Sausser is attending the Harvard Law School.—'02. J. E. B. Parker is in business at Philadelphia, Pa.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

'01. R. H. Bellamy is practicing medicine at Wilmington, N. C. H. M. London is practicing law at Pittsboro, N. C. A. R. Berkeley is studying at the Theological Seminary of Virginia, from which he will graduate this spring.—'02. F. H. Lemly has recently been appointed assistant postmaster in the navy. William G. Wharton is professor of mathematics in the Durham Graded School. R. W. D. Cannon is principal of the Wilmington (N. C.) High School.



## UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

'95. George P. Butler is commandant of cadets and professor of mathematics at Richmond Academy, Augusta, Ga. Noel Moore is a member of the faculty of the Georgia Medical College.—'97. Cliff M. Walker has been reelected mayor of Monroe, Ga.—'98. Richard B. Baxter is in the insurance business at Athens.—'99. George P. Jackson has been appointed assistant attorney of the Augusta & Aiken R. R. Zach Cobb, Law, is practicing law at El Paso, New Mexico.—'01. Blanton Fortson, Law, and Lamar Rucker are practicing law in Atlanta. Remer Denmark is practicing law in Savannah, Ga.—'02. Frank H. Barrett holds a very important position in the Clearwater Bleachery at Augusta, Ga. Sidney S. Dean is assistant superintendent of the public Schools at Rome, Ga.

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

'93. Arthur J. Tuttle is one of the most prominent attorneys at the State capital.—'96. James D. Kennedy is connected with the Solway Process Co., Detroit, Michigan.—'99. Jerome Harrington is touring with the Blanche Walsh Opera Company. Clyde I. Webster has been two years in the law office of Hon. Don M. Dickinson in Detroit.—'01. Clyde C. Barker is living at Alliance, Nebr., as claim agent of the Burlington Railroad. Romeo J. Hughes is practicing law in Sacramento, Cal.—'02. William H. Herrenstein is manufacturing cereals at Chillicothe, O. Charles A. Hughes is assistant sporting editor of the *Detroit Tribune*. Hugh White, captain of Michigan's 1901 champion football team, is practicing law at his home in Lapeet, Mich.—'04. Arthur J. Redner, Varsity half-back on the '00 and '01 teams, is attending Michigan College of Mines at Houghton, Mich.

## M T. U N I O N .

'85. John H. Femple has been appointed assistant commissioner of the general land office by President Roosevelt.—'86. Union C. De Ford, formerly probate judge of Carroll county, has been announced as candidate for the State Senate.—'96. O. U. Walker has announced his candidacy for a third term as mayor of Alliance.—'02. Dean Taylor has been chosen by E. S. R. "Eddie" Virgin as assistant editor of the catalogue, and has gone to Cambridge to take up this work.

## C I N C I N N A T I .

'93. William G. Langenheim is a designer for the New Jersey Steele and Iron Co., Trenton, N. J. Charles H. Williamson, M.D., has returned from a three years' course of study in the hospitals of Vienna, Berlin and Paris, and is now a practicing physician in Chicago, Ill. Dr. Gilbert L. Bailey has left for Vienna, Austria, where he expects to spend a few months in study.—'94. Alfred K. Nippert has law offices in the Carew Building, Cincinnati. Raymond Ratliff is practicing law in Cincinnati. He was formerly assistant prosecuting attorney for Hamilton county. Calvin McLeod Smith is

pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Ray, Indiana.—'96. Albert J. Cunningham is an attorney with offices in the Blymer Building, Cincinnati. Victor E. Heintz is in the law offices of Charles W. Baker (Ohio Epsilon, '89). Leander D. Oliver is an attorney in Cincinnati. George H. Kress, M.D., is assistant surgeon at the National Soldiers' Home, Ohio. F. Romer Peters is dramatic critic of the Cincinnati *Post*.—'97. Gustavus A. Ginter is practicing law in Cincinnati. Frank Hannaford is with the Pease Manufacturing Co., Cincinnati. Llewelyn Jones is an engineer in structural iron-work with the Colorado Iron Works Co., Denver, Colo.—'98. Al. F. Leue is with the Triumph Electric Company, Cincinnati. Augustus T. Smith, M.S., is Professor of Physics in the Portland (Oregon) Academy. Robert P. Oldham is practicing law in Seattle, Wash. Alfred W. Owen is draughtsman with the Potthoff & Frey Iron Co., Cincinnati.—'99. Guy F. Scott, B.S., is with the engineer corps of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg. Nellis N. Dalton is analytical and consulting chemist for Peet Bros. Mfg. Co., Kansas City, Mo. Clifford M. Stegner is estimator for the Columbia Bridge Co., Pittsburg, Pa.—'00. Clyde K. Cairus is with the American Tool Works Co. Adna L. Innes, B.S., is studying medicine at the Pulte Medical College, Cincinnati.—'01. Herbert Sibbet, advertising manager of *Oil, Mining and Finance*, Los Angeles, Cal., was a recent visitor among his old friends in Cincinnati.—'02. Stanley Granger is with the Pacific Furniture Co., Los Angeles, Cal.

## FRANKLIN.

'93. J. M. Berryhill is a practicing attorney in Indianapolis.—'94. J. F. Mock is a contractor at Muncie, Ind.—'95. M. W. Schuh is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Westboro, Mass.—'97. J. H. Deere is pastor of the Baptist Church at Jefferson, Tenn. D. R. Montgomery is in charge of the mission station at Jackson, Alaska. Truman H. Palmer is practicing law at Frankfort, Ind.—'98. A. R. Hatton is fellow in Political Science at Chicago University. C. Y. Andrews is prosecuting attorney at Peru, Indiana. Late newspaper notices say that he is making war against gambling joints of that city. E. F. Dougherty is pastor of the First Christian Church at Danville, Ind. Paul H. Keyes is practicing medicine at Dana, Ind.—'99. A. F. Harlow is a partner in the Indiana Engraving and Electrotyping Co. of Indianapolis. Most of the engraving for the college annuals of Central Indiana is done by this firm. G. L. Guthrie is a physician of Greenwood, Ind.—'00. E. A. Vannerys is a senior in the Princeton Theological Seminary. W. O. Curtis is yard superintendent of the Greer & Wilkinson Lumber Co. of Franklin, Ind.—'01. C. J. Powell is credit man for Swift & Co. of Chicago. He is at present at the Omaha branch house. W. T. Stout is a foreman in the fertilizer department of Swift & Co.'s branch house at Atlanta, Ga. G. T. Ragsdale is principal of the High School at Delta, Cal.

## CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

'84. William R. Welsh is in the brokerage business in Lexington, Ky.—'88. M. W. and J. M. Lowry are in business at Beaumont, Texas.—'90. Sidney Ives, Jr., is in the general merchandise business at Orlando, Fla.—'92. Chas. L. Nourse is pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, La.—'95. O. Reed Mann is a bookkeeper in Louisville, Ky.—'96. Robt. Benton is teaching school at Pine Bluff, Ark.—'97. Proctor K. McElroy is a lawyer at Lebanon, Ky.—'98. J. N. Turner, Jr., is a banker at Campbellsville, Ky. H. B. Fleece, who has been in the Philippines for the last two years, will return this summer and practice law at Campbellsville, Ky.—'00. E. V. Tadlock is a reporter for the Lexington (Ky.) *Herald*. N. K. Toy is in the insurance business at Princeton, Ky.—'02. David Banks is in the banking business at Henderson, Ky.—'03. W. H. Lassing is at the United States Naval Academy.—'04. M. S. Barnwell is stenographer for the Mitchell Boiler Works, Louisville, Ky.

## KENTUCKY STATE.

'01. F. W. Milbourn is professor in the Manual Training School, Nashville, Tenn. Douglass Graham has been promoted to cashier and director of the Pembroke Bank, Pembroke, Ky. H. T. Smarr is now manager of the Lick Creek & Lake Erie R. R. Co. branch, at St. Paul, Va.—'02. C. M. Jett has accepted a position with the Southern Engine & Boiler Works, Jackson, Tenn.

## KENTUCKY MILITARY INSTITUTE.

'83. Alfred H. Henderson has resigned the superintendency of the Masonic Employment Bureau at Cincinnati, to accept a position on the reportorial staff of the Cincinnati *Times-Star*.

## TENNESSEE.

'00. William H. Newman is now instructor in the St. Albans Preparatory School at Radford, Va. Tully R. Cornick is practicing law at the Knoxville Bar.—'01. Alex. M. Hall, lieutenant in the 28th Infantry, U. S. A., is now in the Philippines. Albert T. Summey holds the position of principal of the Shreveport University School. William H. Joyner has a position with the Lemmon & Gale Co. of Memphis, Tenn. Frank M. Gildersleeve is in the Johnson City office of the National Leather Co.—'02. Thomas L. Gibson is instructor in Greek in the Anniston Training School for boys. Clayton M. Heiskell is now a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania.—'03. T. Nash Buckingham is getting rich in the advertising business in Memphis, Tenn. Roy H. Trezevant is with the Equitable Life Assurance Company in Memphis, Tenn. E. E. Joyner is cashier of the Equitable Gas Light Company of Memphis.

## WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

'01. Harry Droste has recently opened a law office in St. Louis.—'03. Edward C. Wagner, Jr., and Otto Stoffregen have recently returned from Chicago, where they have just completed a term's work at the American Brewing College. Wagner was presented with a handsome gold medal for having the highest grade in his class.—'05. Simeon T. Price, Jr., has accepted a position in the Fidelity and Casualty Co. of New York. Eugene S. Gehrung has entered business in St. Louis.—'06. Alexander B. Beckers is in business with the A. M. Beckers Lumber Co., St. Louis, Mo.

## UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

'96. Hal Minor, traveling for the Whitebreast Lumber Co., has moved his headquarters to Hastings, Nebr.—'97. Bud Harmon, agent for the Simmons Hardware Co., travels out of Hastings, Nebr.—'98. Roy Sipherd has settled in Denver, Col., where he has entered the drug business.



## Association Letters.

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Adrian.

LAST commencement an Adrian  $\Lambda \Sigma \text{A E}$  Alumni Association was formed, consisting of every Adrian College Sigma that could be hunted up. A goodly number of old grads were present at the organization meeting, and a delightful evening was spent with the boys of Michigan Alpha.

The pleasant and perennial purpose of the association is to have a jolly good time during commencement week of each year. The next grand march is scheduled for Tuesday evening, June 23, 1903. The beauty of the thing is—no machinery, no committees, no dues—only the presence of all the Adrian alumni.

The old Sigma Alphas are making up a little fund for the use of the local chapter—a sort of “thank offering” for the good times they have had in  $\Sigma \text{A E}$ . Many have already made pledges. It is the earnest hope of our new association to do something of substantial benefit to Michigan Alpha.

C. H. HUBBELL,  
Secretary.

23 February, 1903.

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Boston.

THE Boston Alumni Association of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has now had an existence of seven years, with

a present membership of sixty-five. The scope of its work is chiefly of a social nature, affording an opportunity for the keeping up of old acquaintance. It has a stated meeting each year in February, followed by an informal dinner, and a mid-summer dinner in August. These dinners are always faithfully attended and greatly enjoyed by a certain few who look forward to meeting at them some of their old chums and brothers of their own chapter, as well as those whom they used to meet or hear of in neighboring chapters. There are many, however, especially among the recent graduates, who appear not to appreciate this opportunity for awakening reminiscences and living over again their old college days. At our recent meeting and dinner this lack of interest of some of the alumni was discussed, and it was hoped that more would come to realize the benefits to be derived from joining the association. We shall gladly welcome all new members at our next meeting in August. The officers recently elected were Dr. Charles S. Barrell, President; Dr. F. W. Stetson, Vice-President; and Luzerne S. Cowles, Secretary and Treasurer.

Fraternally yours,

F. W. STETSON,  
Former Secretary.

**Cincinnati.**

IT gives us great pleasure to report that the Cincinnati Alumni Association of  $\Sigma A E$  is in a more prosperous and flourishing condition than ever before. The annual election of officers took place at the stated quarterly meeting, January 10th, with the result shown in the Alumni Directory in this issue of *THE RECORD*. Several informal alumnal dinners have served to draw the "old boys" back into closer fellowship, and every Sigma Alpha will bear witness that the bonds of  $\Sigma A E$  only grow stronger as the years roll by.

February 14 was the occasion of an enthusiastic joint meeting of the Alumni Association and the active chapter of Ohio Epsilon. Matters relating to the welfare of the Fraternity were discussed, and speeches, songs and old-time jollity made the evening one to be remembered. Active preparations are being made for the Founders' Day banquet, which we expect to make the largest and best yet held in Cincinnati.

In conclusion, we wish to express our common sentiment that this association has been of inestimable value to Cincinnati Sigma Alphas in perpetuating the old-time friendships, and advancing the cause of  $\Sigma A E$ , and that we shall be more than glad to aid in establishing associations elsewhere. ALBRECHT F. LEUE.

15 February, 1903.

**Denver, Colorado.**

WITH the advent of Colorado Lambda chapter into western fraternity life, the Denver Alumni Association becomes the center of a

triumvirate of progressive chapters. With Colorado Zeta at the beautiful suburb of University Park, Colorado Chi at Boulder on the north, and Colorado Lambda at Golden on the west, the field for a strong, progressive alumni association is unsurpassed. It is the aim of the association to enroll the name of every Sigma Alpha in the city on our list of members, and to make him feel as much a Sig to-day as when he was a member of an active chapter. Our meetings are generally subject to call of the officers, who constitute an executive committee for the association, and every member in the city is notified by card of every meeting to be held.

At the present time there are about forty  $\Sigma A E$ 's in the city, representing about ten different chapters. There are fully as many more scattered throughout the State who attend our meetings when they can be in the city.

The event of the season in  $\Sigma A E$  affairs hereabouts was the installation of Colorado Lambda Chapter in the State School of Mines on the thirtieth of January. For the sake of convenience the installation was conducted at the Masonic Temple in Denver. All arrangements were under the direction of George D. Kimball, E. S. T., who was assisted by the province and alumni officers in the installation ceremonies. About sixty-five jubilant Sigma Alphas were present to welcome the neophytes into the  $\Sigma A E$  world, and they did it right royally.

In the evening at half-past eight o'clock we reassembled, sixty strong, at the Adams Hotel and sat down to

minister to the wants of the inner man, and to regale ourselves with good-fellowship and Σ A E enthusiasm. Both of these we had in abundance, and every brother went home feeling honored by membership in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and confident that the event just closed marked a new era in the progress and popularity of Σ A E in Colorado.

Colorado Lambda enters the fold with thirteen bright manly fellows, and with a hearty welcome from the other triumvirs and the alumni association. N. LILBURN WATSON.

13 February, 1903.

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**Macon, Georgia.**

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THE Macon Alumni Association has now been in existence about three years, but like the proverbially happy nation, it is without any history of unusual importance. Its advent sprang entirely from our love of fellowship, and its events have been but the exchange of our friendships. In the wear and tear and high tension of our busy life, where the nerve-destroying forces make inroads on our happiness, it has been worth something to us to feel this little circle of our friends drawn around us, with the same love that characterizes our own home life.

It is but an enlargement of the idea that "a secret brings us closer," and a demonstration of the truth that "a brother's love exceeds all the world's love in its unworldliness." Further than this we have no excuse for existence; and a nobler purpose we cannot, or would not, boast.

J. CAY MURPHEY.

9 February, 1903.

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**Memphis, Tennessee.**

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THE great honor that was conferred upon our association by the recent convention in selecting our city as the convention City for 1904 has filled our members with enthusiasm. Though we fully appreciate this honor, the confidence displayed by our brothers in entrusting this responsibility to our association, almost the youngest in the Fraternity, was particularly gratifying to us. To all those by whose assistance our fondest hopes were thus enabled to be realized, we take this opportunity of extending our sincere thanks. We trust that, in the future, it may be within our power to reciprocate this kindness, and to this end we now cordially invite them, one and all, to be our guests in 1904.

The sad death of our brother, William S. Roseborough, in November last, cast a gloom over our association which time finds it hard to efface. His was a loss which, at this early stage of our existence, we can ill afford. Though one of the older members, he nevertheless took an active interest in the association's welfare, and his early encouragement was of material assistance in perfecting our organization.

The announcement of the intention to widen the scope of THE RECORD by publishing letters from the active alumni associations was received with approbation by all our members. It is a step in the right direction, and will have a tendency to keep the numerous alumni of the Fraternity in touch with its active life. The interest manifested by the alumni rests largely with the differ-



ent associations. It should be the policy of every association, we think, as it is of ours, to work primarily for the benefit of the Fraternity. But the associations deserve due recognition and encouragement if the full results of their efforts are to be obtained.

The german given by the association during the Christmas holidays was in the nature of an introduction to the social circle of our city. It was widely complimented as being the event of the season in the social world. Several of our members came home from college especially for the occasion, and by their presence contributed materially to the success of the entertainment.

Any Sigma Alph who may have the opportunity is requested to call upon the officers and members of our association, and in doing so may always feel sure of a hearty welcome.

WASSELL RANDOLPH.

10 February, 1903.

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#### **Michigan—Headquarters at Detroit.**

THE Detroit alumni organized in 1897, under the name of the Michigan Association of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, for the purpose of enlisting the allegiance of every member of the Fraternity in the State. Our activity has consisted principally in celebrating Founders' Day with a banquet, in which both Iota-Beta, at Ann Arbor, and Alpha, at Adrian, have participated. We have always held this little affair in Detroit, but this year the established custom will be reversed, and the alumni will be the guests of the chapter at Ann Arbor, on the day which the Fraternity celebrates. These boys moved into their new house this fall, and are very

anxious that every old graduate should see for himself that Iota-Beta has as fine a home as any fraternity in the University of Michigan. Many alumni scattered throughout the State have written me that they will be present, and we look forward to a pleasant reunion, and an opportunity to become acquainted with the active chapter.

NORMAN FLOWERS.

13 February, 1903.

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#### **New York.**

THE present season of active work marks the most prosperous period in the history of the New York City Alumni Association. Since the summer months, when the association does nothing, there have been ten names added to the list of members, swelling the list to a total of sixty-eight.

The only innovation made this season in the regular yearly program is the Alumni Smoker, given at the Columbia chapter-house. There are two of these affairs each year, the second and last of which will be held on the evening of Founders' Day, March 9. The first smoker was given early in December and proved to be a most happy affair from two points of view: Every one had a good time, and the association got several new members. All Sigma Alphas are welcome at these smokers, and, indeed, at all the meetings of the association; and we feel especially confident that any visiting brothers who chance in at the New York Mu house, 359 W. 120th street, on the evening of March 9, will find it possible to pass a few pleasant hours.

SAMUEL W. BOWNE,

Secretary.



☞ Southern Ohio—Headquarters at  
Dayton.

THE Southern Ohio Association held its first regular meeting and banquet at the Phillips House, Dayton, Ohio, on the night of Saturday, January 3. Sigma Alphas from Dayton, Hamilton, Middletown, Tippecanoe City, Troy and Osborn were present. Our aim is to keep the Σ A E alumni who reside in Southern Ohio in touch with the Fraternity; and any alumnus of the Fraternity residing in Southern Ohio may become a member of the association, provided that he pays, through the Secretary-Treasurer of the association, one dollar annually for one year's subscription to THE RECORD and *Phi Alpha*. Such alumni who, in addition to the above, bear their share of the expenses of the association, shall be known as "active" members, and those who subscribe to THE RECORD and *Phi Alpha* alone shall be known as "associate" members. It is our belief that alumni who receive THE RECORD and *Phi Alpha* will retain their interest in the Fraternity; and we hope, by this "associate" membership plan, to keep in touch with our association and the Fraternity members who are otherwise isolated and lost to us.

We shall aim to hold four meetings annually: one during Christmas week, when the undergraduates can meet with us; one on Founders' Day; one during the last week of June, to plan rushing of desirable

men during the summer; and one during the first week in September, to send them away prejudiced in our favor. The officers of the association elected at the meeting of January 3 are as follows: President, George H. Kress (Ohio Epsilon), Dayton, O.; First Vice-President, Fred A. Tobbitt (Ohio Theta), Middletown, O.; Second Vice-President, Raymond A. Kerr (Ohio Delta), Tippecanoe City, O.; Secretary and Treasurer, Hubert M. Kline (Ohio Theta), Dayton, O.; Correspondent and Press Representative, Elmer L. Gerber (Mass. Iota-Tau), Dayton, Ohio.

Our association roll, arranged by towns, consists at present of the following men: *Dayton*, A. W. Mellowes (N. Y. Alpha), W. K. Judson (Ohio Theta), George H. Kress (Ohio Epsilon), E. L. Gerber (Mass. Iota-Tau); *Middletown*, F. A. Tobbitt, W. J. Tobbitt, F. W. Sullivan and W. S. Johnson (all of Ohio Theta), and B. Charles (Ohio Epsilon); *Tippecanoe City*, R. A. Kerr and F. Kerr (Ohio Delta), and J. R. Horton (Ohio Theta); *Hamilton*, C. H. Speer, L. Parker, J. D. Andrews (all of Ohio Theta); *Troy*, J. W. Cosley, J. D. Freese and B. K. Grant (all of Ohio Theta).

It is quite probable that our Founders' Day banquet will this year be held in conjunction with the Cincinnati Alumni Association.

ELMER L. GERBER.

30 January, 1903.

# THE ACTIVE CHAPTERS

## Initiates.

The roll of all initiates properly reported at THE RECORD office since December first is herewith appended. An innovation is introduced in this issue in tabulating these names from a topographical standpoint, an arrangement which will, we believe, be of interest as showing the sources from which Sigma Alpha Epsilon is drawing her men, and should not be without value to future alumni associations. In this list it will be observed that the province and State divisions are observed as in the directory; that the several towns under each State are given in alphabetical order; and that the men from the same town are arranged, where possible, according to their year of graduation.

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
P R O V I N C E   A L P H A .		
<i>Maine.</i>		
Eastport .....	Jefferson Leavitt Alexander ..	Maine.
Fairfield .....	Ernest Linwood Gray .....	"
Rumford Falls .....	Frank Radford Reed, Jr. ....	"
<i>Massachusetts.</i>		
Beverly .....	Raymond B. Kittredge .....	Maine.
" .....	Merton Rooks Lovett .....	"
Boston .....	Pilmer Alexander Sample ...	Boston, '03.
" .....	James Stainlaws Keane .....	" '04.
" .....	Linley Merton Paul .....	" '05.
" .....	J. Andrew Chapman .....	St. Stephens, '03.
Brockton .....	Lyman F. Garfield .....	Boston, '04.
Gardner .....	Dwight Kendall Dickerman ..	Worcester.
" .....	John Alonzo Dickerman .....	"
Springfield .....	Henry Steddard Miller .....	Boston, '05.
Worcester .....	Urban Athanasius Mullin .....	Worcester.
<i>Connecticut.</i>		
Norwich .....	Nathan Jackson Gibbs .....	Boston Tech.

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
<b>PROVINCE BETA.</b>		
<i>New York.</i>		
Catskill .....	Wallace J. Gardiner .....	St. Stephens, '06.
New York .....	Carl von Pustau .....	Columbia, '06.
" .....	Hugh C. Harle .....	Washington and Lee.
<i>New Jersey.</i>		
Ho Ho Kas. ....	Clifton T. Van Sant .....	Colorado, '06.
<i>Pennsylvania.</i>		
Allegheny .....	Richard M. Jones .....	Columbia, '05.
Harrisburg .....	James Casper Bigler Rhodes ..	Penn State, '06.
Linesville .....	Homer B. Davis .....	Allegheny.
Montrose .....	Arthur Boyham Fancher .....	Dickinson.
New Kensington ..	Herbert D. Crumley .....	Mt. Union, '06.
Philadelphia .....	George Alfred Howes .....	Pennsylvania, '06.
" .....	Robert Æneas Lambertson .....	"
" .....	Earle Mendenhall .....	"
<b>PROVINCE GAMMA.</b>		
<i>Virginia.</i>		
Alexandria .....	Winfield Jones .....	Georgia, '03.
Lexington .....	Archibald C. Lee .....	Wash'n and Lee, '06.
Roanoke .....	Walter Dunlap .....	"
<i>District of Columbia.</i>		
Washington .....	Harold Edgar Barnes .....	Pennsylvania, '05.
" .....	Charles Bowen Howry, Jr. ....	Wash'n and Lee, '06.
<i>Georgia.</i>		
Albany .....	Jesse W. Walters .....	Georgia, '03.
Americus .....	John B. Fields .....	" '06.
Athens .....	William C. Erwin .....	" "
Atlanta .....	Erastus R. Dorsey .....	" "
Augusta .....	Paul W. Plunkett .....	" '05.
Columbus .....	Ralph McFarlane Matthews ..	Alabama Poly., '05.
Conyers .....	Frank M. Tucker .....	Emory, '07.
Monroe .....	Golden McB. Knight .....	Georgia, '06.
" .....	John M. Ross .....	" "
Rome .....	Ewing H. Dean .....	" "
Savannah .....	Frank P. MacIntyre .....	" "
Thomasville .....	Hugh T. McIntyre .....	" '03.
Washington .....	Roderick H. Hill .....	" '05.
" .....	Austin H. Barnett .....	" "
" .....	Archibald T. Colley .....	" '06.
" .....	Edward H. Fortson .....	" "
<i>West Virginia.</i>		
Ripper .....	James Nelson Osburn .....	Wash'n and Lee, '06.
Weston .....	William B. Bennett .....	" " " "



Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
<b>PROVINCE DELTA.</b>		
<i>Michigan.</i>		
Detroit .....	Philip McCutcheon Armstrong	Michigan, '06.
Menominee .....	Frederick H. Haggerson.....	" "
<i>Ohio.</i>		
Alliance .....	Charles F. Mathias .....	Mt. Union, '05.
Cincinnati.....	Harry Maxwell Box .....	Cincinnati, '05.
" .....	Richard Tunis Dickerson .....	" '06.
" .....	Edward Van Matre .....	" "
" .....	James Norris Proctor .....	" "
" .....	Stephen Gibson Rose .....	" "
" .....	Clarence Milton Foss .....	Ohio State.
" .....	Robert Emmet Heekin.....	"
Columbus .....	Frank J. Reinhard .....	Colorado Mines, '04.
Delaware .....	Harlan Read .....	Ohio Wesleyan, '06.
Hamilton .....	Robert McK. See.....	Colorado Mines, '06.
Irwin .....	Glenn Greeley McElroy.....	Ohio State, '06.
Jackson .....	Daniel Charles Davis .....	" "
Piqua .....	E. Roy Pike .....	Ohio Wesleyan, '05.
Range .....	George W. Housamon .....	Kansas.
Washington C. H. ....	Walter L. Harrop .....	Ohio Wesleyan, '06.
<i>Illinois.</i>		
Aurora.....	Lonallen F. Miller.....	Wisconsin, P. G.
DeKalb .....	N. Clark Gilbert .....	Wisconsin, '03.
Evanston.....	Reuben F. Booth .....	Northwestern.
Rockford .....	Leroy M. Green .....	Wisconsin.
Taylorville .....	John Burr Glass .....	Illinois, '06.
Urbana .....	James Wesley Huss .....	" "
<i>Indiana.</i>		
Rockport .....	Silas Delmar Huff .....	Franklin, '06.
<i>Wisconsin</i>		
Benton .....	Claude M. Vail.....	Wisconsin.
Burlington .....	Rollin H. Denniston .....	" P. G.
College Grove.....	Arne C. Lerum .....	" '03.
Fontana .....	Courtney C. Douglass.....	" '03.
Lake Geneva.....	Arthur J. Quigley .....	" "
Madison .....	Warren Dupre Smith .....	" "
	Linnaeus W. Dowling.....	" P. G.
	George R. Gove .....	" '04.
Manitowoc.....	Stephen J. McMahon .....	" '03.
Mauston .....	William L. Davis.....	" "
Milwaukee .....	Roland Zinns .....	" "
	Ralph B. Ellis .....	" '04.
	Benjamin A. Paust.....	" "
	S. Irving Kilpatrick .....	" "
Racine.....	Henry L. Janes .....	" '02.
Stevens Point.....	William Bradford .....	" "
Tomah.....	John V. Brennan .....	" '02.



Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
<b>PROVINCE EPSILON.</b>		
<i>Kentucky.</i>		
Cloverport .....	Roscoe Frymore Severs . . .	Kentucky State, '00.
Flemingsburg .....	Roy Kenney Dudley .....	" " '06.
" .....	Francis Marion Stone .....	" " "
Newport .....	Frank Albert Buchanan, Jr. . .	Cincinnati.
<i>Tennessee.</i>		
Dyer .....	P. P. Medling .....	Southwestern Baptist.
" .....	J. W. Wilson .....	" "
Franklin .....	William Joseph Robinson .....	Cumberland, '03.
Jackson .....	G. C. Anderson .....	Southwestern Baptist.
" .....	F. J. O'Connor .....	" "
" .....	A. K. Tignett .....	" "
Lebanon .....	Euless Lawrence .....	Cumberland, '06.
Medina .....	F. H. Peebles .....	Southwestern Baptist.
Neeley .....	S. H. Dulin .....	" "
Trenton .....	R. G. Cratton .....	" "
<i>Alabama.</i>		
Anniston .....	Donald Windsor McQueen . . .	Central, '06.
Birmingham .....	Robert Kinnaird Martin .....	Alabama Poly., '04.
Fort Deposit .....	E. L. M. Pruitt .....	Southwestern Baptist.
Talladega .....	Jesse Gary Humphreys .....	Alabama Poly., '06.
" .....	Hugh Frank McElderry .....	" "
Tuscumbia .....	Joseph Eggleston Johnson . . .	Alabama, '05.

<b>PROVINCE ZETA.</b>		
<i>Iowa.</i>		
Red Oak .....	Jonathan C. Houghton .....	Wisconsin.
" .....	Hiram C. Houghton .....	"
<i>Missouri.</i>		
Columbia .....	Leonard Ginter .....	Missouri, '05.
St. Louis .....	William Henry Finnigan .....	Colorado Mines, '04.
" .....	John Klem .....	Washington, '06.
Kansas City .....	Roscoe C. Chambers .....	Kansas, '04.
" .....	Wallace Lee .....	Colorado Mines, '04.
" .....	Roy. S. Filkin .....	Kansas, '05.
" .....	Dwight L. Frost .....	" '06.
" .....	Leo L. Crabbs .....	" "
" .....	Thomas H. Reed .....	" "
<i>Arkansas.</i>		
Little Rock .....	Forney Hutchinson .....	Vanderbilt, '05.
Pine Bluff .....	Henry McCoy Core .....	Central, '06.
" .....	Frederick Cleveland Ronell .....	" "
<i>Nebraska.</i>		
Grand Island .....	Alcinous Hayman .....	Nebraska, '06.
" .....	Edward Quillin .....	" "
Huntington .....	Elmer Robinson .....	" "
Lincoln .....	Wray Lindly .....	" '05.
" .....	Frank Brown .....	" '06.

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
P R O V I N C E Z E T A — C o n t i n u e d .		
Sutton .....	John Bender .....	Nebraska, '05.
Tecumseh .....	Roscoe Grove .....	" " '06.
Waldo .....	Arthur Mielenz .....	" " "
" .....	Clarence Steen .....	" " "
Wisner .....	Erick Lieke .....	" " "
<i>K a n s a s .</i>		
Baldwin .....	Frank O. Kershner .....	Kansas, '04.
Emporia .....	Joseph Plumb .....	" " "
Haviland .....	Eben W. Pyle .....	" " '05.
Kinsley .....	Charles R. Hine .....	" " "
Lawrence .....	Dueze C. Seewin .....	" " "
Leavenworth .....	Joseph O'Neil .....	" " "
Nedosha .....	Joseph F. Kimball .....	" " "
Rosedale .....	Walter W. Filkin .....	" " '01.
Sedan .....	A. Russell Kilgore .....	" " '04.
Topeka .....	George Belt .....	" " '05.
Winfield .....	Franklin E. Jarvis .....	" " '06.
" .....	Chandler P. Robbins .....	" " "
P R O V I N C E E T A .		
<i>C o l o r a d o .</i>		
Aspen .....	Oscar K. Willey .....	Colorado, '06.
Boulder .....	John R. Bailey .....	" " "
Denver .....	Wales S. Collins .....	Colorado Mines, '04.
" .....	Walter Stewart Larsh .....	" " "
" .....	Roy Edward Collom .....	" " " '05.
" .....	Bradley Barlow Metcalf .....	" " "
" .....	Howard Spangler .....	" " "
" .....	Edward McCullough Stewart .....	" " "
" .....	Marshall T. Gowdy .....	Colorado, '06.
" .....	Harry V. Johnson .....	" " "
" .....	Howard Douglas Whitehouse .....	" " "
" .....	F. B. Goudy .....	Stanford.
" .....	W. H. Lanagan .....	" " "
" .....	Dudley D. Sales .....	" " '06
" .....	Arthur J. Pate .....	Denver.
Pueblo .....	Leroy Lewis Middlekamp .....	Colorado Mines.
<i>C a l i f o r n i a .</i>		
Los Angeles .....	H. A. Howard .....	Stanford.
" .....	George E. McIntosh .....	" " "
San Francisco .....	Victor Peltier .....	" " "
" .....	Robert P. Pike .....	" " "
Sacramento .....	Foye Cothrin .....	" " "
<i>N o r t h D a k o t a .</i>		
Hope .....	Ernest Jacobson .....	Wisconsin.
Wilmot .....	Ralph T. Craigo .....	" " "
<i>S o u t h D a k o t a .</i>		
Plankinton .....	Allyn A. Young .....	Wisconsin, P. G.
" .....	Evan E. Young .....	" " '04.

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
P R O V I N C E E T A - C o n t i n u e d .		
	<i>Nevada.</i>	
Reno .....	George D. Lyman .....	Stanford.
P R O V I N C E T H E T A .		
	<i>Louisiana.</i>	
Franklin .....	Linden Everett Sharp.....	Louisiana State, Sp.
" .....	Franklin Pugh Sharp.....	" "
	<i>Mississippi.</i>	
Sardis .....	C. B. Young .....	Southwestern Baptist.
	<i>Texas.</i>	
Atlanta .....	James Lewis Miller.....	Vanderbilt, '05.
Dallas .....	George Knight Taggart.....	Colorado Mines, '03.
Fort Worth .....	Robert McCarth, Jr.....	" " '05.
F O R E I G N .		
Meerut, India .....	Oscar M. Buck .....	Ohio Wesleyan, '06.

## Chapter Letters.

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*Chapter Letters for the May RECORD must be in the hands of the Editor not later than the fifteenth day of April. 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.*

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*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.*

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### PROVINCE ALPHA.

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

OUR delegate returned from the convention at Washington delighted with the work of the convention and the men he became acquainted with there. It was our first National Convention, and we were represented by only two men, but we hope to have at least six at Memphis in 1904.

Our anniversary ball comes this year on Friday evening, February 20, 1903, and it promises to eclipse all previous attempts. It is to be given in the college gymnasium, and is already being looked forward to as the leading social event of the season. Saturday evening, February 21, we have our anniversary banquet at Ban-

gor, and the names of C. W. Stowell and L. W. Millar on the toast-list assure, to all who attend, remarks worth listening to.

It is expected that a bill is to be introduced at this session of the legislature, authorizing the trustees to endorse notes given in payment for chapter-houses. This will be a great help to us, and should the bill go through, next year will almost certainly see us in a chapter-house. There is also a bill before the legislature for an appropriation of \$60,000 for the purpose of building a new mechanical laboratory. The bill has been reported on favorably and everything points to an early passage of the measure.



About forty per cent. of the students here are fraternity men. Steps have been taken towards the organization of two new locals, but as yet no definite announcement has been made. The faculty do all in their power to encourage fraternities, and the new locals will no doubt prosper.

CLIFFORD G. CHASE.

11 February, 1903.

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Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Boston  
University, Boston.

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IT gives us great pleasure to greet the brothers of our various chapters in this the quarterly chapter letter of Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon. Since the beginning of the school year we have not been idle; in fact, we seem only to have taken on added life, and all the brothers are full of enthusiasm.

During January the mid-year exams retarded chapter work to a certain extent, but we have now got back in the traces, and all of us are working harder than ever. On February 19 we held a special initiation at the chapter rooms, 17 Ashburton Place, when five good men were initiated into the mysteries of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon. We were favored in having with us on this occasion our genial E. S. R., Edward Harmon Virgin, accompanied by Dean Taylor, of Ohio Sigma, who is helping the E. S. R. in his work on the catalogue. Brother Virgin told us, without a smile, that the catalogue was to be finished next September. Brother McGuire, also of Ohio Sigma, came up from the Boston University School of Theology, where he is pursuing a course of study. At the banquet which fol-

lowed the initiation, in toasting to the "Brothers of Ohio Sigma," he took a "fall" out of us by reminding us that, while Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon could boast of being the Mother Chapter of Province Alpha, Ohio Sigma was the first chapter to go north of the Mason and Dixon line.

At the present writing we have just finished redrafting and codifying our by-laws to conform to the statute requirements, with a view to becoming incorporated, and by the time this letter is read by the brothers we shall, no doubt, have taken that step. We are now looking forward to the March "Auburndale," which we regard in this province as being a source of great strength to the chapters.

We hope that next year we shall be able to entertain all visiting brothers in the Beta-Upsilon Chapter House.

CHARLES E. LAWRENCE.

25 February, 1903.

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

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ANOTHER Auburndale initiation has added much fun and a good man to Massachusetts Iota-Tau. This joining with other chapters in joint initiations brings the men of the province in closer touch and gives a greater zest to our fraternity work.

In the fall games C. R. Boggs played on the Sophomore football team, and L. F. Goldthwaite ran on the '05 relay team. W. B. and C. R. Boggs and Goldthwaite have taken a prominent part in the indoor meets of the winter.

We now have on our roll the names of twenty-eight men, and although we are on the lookout for one or two more good men from the Freshman class, we consider everything with Iota-Tau as prosperous.

WILLIAM GREEN.

Σ A E House, 363 Newbury St.,  
20 February, 1903.

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**Massachusetts Gamma, Harvard University, Cambridge.**

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SINCE the last letter to THE RECORD from this chapter we have initiated three men, whose names appear elsewhere in this issue; and have pledged two others, whom we expect to initiate before the Spring Auburndale. We are now well settled in our chapter-house, and regard it no longer as our "new house," but as our permanent home.

Besides the delegate, the chapter was represented at Washington by six active members, and a number of alumni. All report a highly successful convention, telling many stories of the good times which they enjoyed at the capital. On February twelfth we gave the first dance of the year at the chapter-house. The evening was very successful, and we are anticipating others with much pleasure. The large number of Sigma Alphas who have visited us this year has been a source of great satisfaction to us. Our register contains the names of many men from many different chapters. We hope that visiting Σ A E's will see that this keeps up.

DAVID ROBERTS, JR.

Σ A E House, 20 Prescott St.,  
15 February, 1903.

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**Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester.**

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FOR the first time in the history of the chapter we have a full house to report. Four new men came into the house immediately after Christmas, and as that made one more than the house was intended to accommodate, we have had to form a waiting list. This already has two names upon it, so that the prospect looks bright for next year.

Tech has a basket-ball team this year for the first time, and our chapter has carried away all the honors in this direction, having the captain and two other men on the first team, and two men on the second team. There is some prospect of a game with Cornell in the near future, and as there are several Sigma Alphas on the Ithaca team we are looking forward to a pleasant visit from them.

Not much has been done so far in a social way this year, but we are going to give a house dance on the twentieth of this month. Several visitors from other chapters are expected, and we hope to make this affair an unprecedented success. On the night after the dance we have our annual alumni night, and are planning to make it as much of a success as it has been in previous years.

When we came back after the mid-year we were much surprised to find that a local had been established during our absence. They do not appear to be very strong as yet, and we are not expecting serious opposition from them.

FREDERIC KEITH HILL.

Σ A E House, Humboldt Ave.,  
10 February, 1903.

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 New York Alpha, Cornell University, Ithaca.
 

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SINCE her last appearance in THE RECORD, New York Alpha has been prospering and enjoying herself. On November 15 formal possession was taken of our new house by means of an alumni smoker, to which Marland, '01, Vorhees, '01, and E. A. Rice, '04, returned to represent the body of our alumni. Although only this small contingent was able to return for the jollification, still enthusiasm and fun were at a premium, and plenty of Sigma Alpha spirit was in evidence. A Dutch supper, gotten up by our steward, added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. The following Friday our first dance in the house proved to be a decided success, and is to be repeated as often as possible.

We take pleasure in chronicling the visit of Barnes of Pennsylvania Theta, who represented Σ A E on the Pennsylvania debating team; of Cowdry, who recently spent a day with us; and of Nelson, '02, who took a week off to come to Ithaca and renew acquaintances. We are also glad to say that Kent, '02, who coached the Alabama A. and M. football eleven this fall, returned about Christmas time and intends to take up the study of law in the university.

The fraternity world has gone on much as usual since our last writing, save that Phi Sigma Kappa has moved into its new house, a large, colonial structure, while Sigma Nu has leased the old Phi Sigma quarters. Alpha Delta Phi's new home is tak-

ing shape. It will be a massive, roomy house, and very striking in architectural design, though not so handsome as some of the other lodges. The meeting-hall connected with it, built of solid masonry save for a skylight at the top, is set quite apart and to the rear of the lodge proper, and is connected with it only by an underground passage.

New York Alpha has in the last few months continued to add a few honors to her roll. Lara has made the *Widow* board and F. L. Ferdon has been elected to the *Era*. Ehrich was recently chosen manager of the Cross Country Club. Harnden has been elected to Chancery and been given the chairmanship of the Law Smoker Committee; and Stow has been elected to Chancery and to Phi Delta Phi.

E. N. FERDON.

Σ A E House,  
6 February, 1903.

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 New York Mu, Columbia University,  
New York.
 

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THE mid-year examinations and the first term are now things of the past, and New York Mu is once more on the home-stretch. This year we have been very fortunate, and there seems to be no reason why our prosperity should not be continued for the rest of the season. Since the opening of college we have initiated five men, and are still on the lookout for more.

Several of our men, besides the delegate, went down to the Washington Convention. Unfortunately, cir-



cumstances prevented us this year from repeating our pleasant visit to Auburndale, which was a great disappointment to us all. Along social lines at home the pleasantest event was the tea which New York Mu gave to her friends on the sixteenth of December. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the committee who had it in charge, and to the mothers of several of the men, it was, in spite of very disagreeable weather, the greatest possible success.

Besides this there has been a smoker at the chapter-house, and another is to come off this month, both given by the New York Alumni Association. These are invariably successes, and are always looked forward to with pleasure. At college  $\Sigma$  A E is at the front. G. G. Green has been unanimously elected football manager for next year. Green was also chosen manager of the Junior ball, which is the social event of the year at Columbia. William F. Gillies has recently been elected to the editorial board of the college paper.

Two of our brothers who were unable to return to college at the beginning of the school year have now returned and have resumed work at the university. These are Brothers Parkin and Brady.

EDWARD D. THURSTON, JR.  
 $\Sigma$  A E House, 354 W. 120th St.,  
 12 February, 1903.

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

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THERE is no news of special interest for the eminent correspondent to report this quarter. However, I take great pleasure in introducing

to the Fraternity at large our two recent initiates, Chapman, '06, and Gardner, '06. The initiation was held in Poughkeepsie in the Masons' Hall on November 18. After the initiatory ceremonies the chapter sat down to an enjoyable banquet at the Morgan House. Coffin, '76, and Treder, '01, were the alumni present.

In the death of the Reverend Brother Bielby, '75, New York Sigma-Phi loses one of her oldest and most loyal alumni.

W. E. HYDE-NEILER.

$\Sigma$  A E House,  
 17 February, 1903.

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**Pennsylvania Omega, Allegheny College, Meadville.**

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THE opening of the winter term at Allegheny witnessed the largest known registration of students in this college. On account of this fact there is some good material, which we are watching carefully.

On February 5 the Allegheny College Glee Club, assisted by Mr. Herbert Witherspoon of New York, gave a concert in the new chapel. The entertainment made a decided hit. We are justly proud of this, as Kearney, of the chapter, is manager, and Taylor is leader; and we had five men singing on the club.

In athletics, basket-ball is the center of interest just now. We have a team of which the whole college is proud. We have defeated Western Reserve, University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State, and other teams of high standing, by decisive scores. Williams, our representative, plays a strong game at forward.

Recently the college was shaken by the warmest political fight in its his-



tory. The Phi Gams, who have been expelled from the Pan-Hellenic Association, joined with the non-frats to form one faction, while the fraternities banded together and formed another. The most important office to be filled was that of football manager, and we carried the day by a very close vote.

We were very glad to receive a visit last term from S. Homer Wood, '91, of Pittsburg. Brother Wood has been a missionary at Singapore. This term we have received visits from W. S. Borland, '00, and F. T. McClure, '99. We earnestly urge all straggling Sigma Alphas to pay us a visit, should they happen our way.

We send our best wishes to the new sister chapters.

F. R. FROST.

Σ A E House, 749 Park Ave.,  
16 February, 1903.

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

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SINCE our last letter the affairs of Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi have been moving along smoothly. We have eighteen active members with four pledges. The internal condition of the chapter has never been better than at present. Harmony and good feeling could be nowhere more marked than here among our men.

Since the holidays we have been favored with visits from Wahley, '00, Devall, '99 Law, Yeager, ex-'02, McCormick, of Tennessee, and Spanagle, one of our pledged men from Pennsylvania Zeta.

Among the important college interests, Sigma-Phi is holding her own. Brother Towers is chief of one of the intersociety debating teams. Boyne

Lininger is short-stop on the baseball team, and Opie is guard on the basketball team. Mason and Duncan are trying for the relay and baseball teams, respectively.

We are making preparations for a house-warming to be held on March 10th. Great are our expectations for the success of this event.

JOSEPH H. JOHNSON.

Σ A E House, 173 W. Louthier St.,  
18 February, 1903.

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

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THE opening of the second semester of the college year finds Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta still in a prosperous condition. The mid-year exams are now over, and study has given place to various forms of amusement.

A great many social events have occurred during the past few months. On November 8 "Maro the Magician" entertained a large audience in the college chapel. Through the kindness of Sieber, of Pennsylvania Delta, a friend of Maro's, we were able to have the latter repeat some of his tricks at the Fraternity house the following evening.

Our Thanksgiving dance was held December 4. It was a complete success. A large number of guests and patronesses were present. Godard furnished the music. The fraternity house was handsomely decorated. During Thanksgiving week we had three of our first floor rooms repaired. This added much to the decorations of the dance. Our main floor has now as cozy an appearance as that of any other fraternity here.

On November 23 a large number

of students accompanied the football team to Carlisle to the annual Dickinson-State game. Eleven of our chapter were among this number. Although the result of the game was in our favor, we wish to say that very seldom has any better college or fraternity spirit been seen than that which existed at this game. We were received by our brothers of Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi with the utmost kindness. All of us hope that an opportunity will soon be given whereby we can show our appreciation of this treatment.

On December 26 F. A. Robison, '97, one of our resident members, was married to Miss Kathryn Lean, of Pittsburg. Several receptions have been held in honor of our brother and his wife. The chapter has been present at all of them. The last of these receptions was given by our landlord, the Rev. C. T. Aikens, of Pine Grove Mills, at his home, February 6. All of us had a very enjoyable time.

Since our last letter Gibbs, '05, and Stout, '05, have dropped by the way-side, and both are now working for the P. R. R. Although their loss was very much felt, we were able to keep our membership at the same number by taking in the two initiates whose names appear elsewhere in this issue.

During December W. M. Williams, '00, and A. M. Hoagland, Pennsylvania  $\Sigma \Phi$ , '03, paid us short visits.

As Founders' Day is not far off we have made arrangements for a card party and social to celebrate the occasion. It is also our intention to give a dance similar to our Thanksgiving dance shortly after the opening of the spring term.

Those of us who attended the Washington Convention will always remember the pleasures and happy events connected with it. What it is to be an  $\Sigma A E$  is never truly known until one of these conventions has been attended. The writer will never forget what joy it was to meet the brothers from other sections of the country and compare experiences with them. Friendships were formed at this convention which will never be broken.

The election of Brothers Levere, Holderness and Harrison affords us great pleasure. We wish them the best of success in their new positions.

In closing we extend the right hand of fellowship to our new sisters, and trust that their prosperity under the banner of the purple and gold will never be dimmed.

BRUCE McCAMANT.

$\Sigma A E$  House, Frazer St.,  
17 February, 1903.

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Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University, Lewisburg.

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PENNSYLVANIA Zeta has been very active since the last issue of THE RECORD, and as a result, we have added two more to our list of pledged men, making in all six new men so far this year.

At our first meeting this term, Browning, our delegate to Washington, gave us a very interesting account of the proceedings of the National Convention, and we would all express our appreciation of the effective work there accomplished.

Many recent improvements to our chapter-house have greatly added to its beauty and comfort. The most highly prized is the addition of a

pool-table, which has already been a source of much enjoyment to us. Prout and Mackey have placed additional literary honors upon us by their election to the staff of the college annual for 1905. Johnson is playing on the Varsity basket-ball team, thus keeping us represented in athletics. Since the beginning of this term we have received visits from the following of our alumni: G. L. Fredenberger, '01, E. A. Humeston, '99, and A. F. Bidelspacher, '01; and from D. J. Yeager, Pennsylvania Sigma-Psi.

Pennsylvania Zeta sends her best wishes and warm greetings to our newly installed chapters.

ELWOOD GILBERT.

Σ A E House,  
14 February, 1903.

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Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg  
College, Gettysburg.

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WE are well satisfied with the fine reports made to us by F. G. Masters who was our representative at the Washington convention, and by Jacobs and Babylon who accompanied him. None of these brothers finds it difficult to hold his audience, even now, when he speaks of the convention.

When we look at our standing as to number compared with the other fraternities here, we feel encouraged; in spite of the fact that we lost three of our brothers this fall. Seiber continued with us until vacation, at which time he took up business; Townsend was obliged to discontinue college on account of his father's illness. He assumed his father's duties during his absence, and expects to be with us again during the spring

term. Lammert was compelled to leave us with a severe attack of typhoid fever. We are glad to say that he is about again, and intends to be with us next year. We have three men pledged and a very good understanding with another; and all of these will be valuable additions to Σ A E.

Of our alumni, Brother Lantz is back with us as a member of the faculty, and Heaterick and Koser are attending the seminary. Brother Deaterich, of Middletown, on his way from his duties there to his home, spends many pleasant hours with us. We cannot speak too highly of the fraternity spirit these men manifest, and we enjoy their presence very much.

We have nothing but prosperity to report. We are well represented in all the college affairs. Masters was recently elected to the business managership of our college literary journal, and Cabaugh was chosen by acclamation as first associate editor of the same magazine. Mincemoyer is playing with the Varsity basket-ball team.

Brother Townsend recently spent a few days with us on his return from the inauguration of Governor Pennypacker, at Harrisburg.

JOSAVER W. GENTZLER.  
12 February, 1903.

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Pennsylvania Theta, University of  
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

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OUR recent chapter roll of thirty-two has been reduced to thirty-one by the loss of Fowler, who, after a two months' illness, was forced to leave college to recuperate. The last few months have been with us a



period of activity in all lines. They have witnessed, beside various class and college functions, our annual chapter reception, to which over seven hundred invitations were issued, and over four hundred guests responded. We have all striven to make our chapter felt in various college circles, and with some little success. Ford, as captain of the '05 track team, gave vent to some spontaneous eloquence in the form of a toast at his class banquet. Rutchmann has been advanced to the post of editor of the *Pennsylvanian*, and the vacant position of assistant editor is now filled by Mendenhall. Barnes was a member of the team that defeated Cornell in debate. Dirlam and Mendenhall are members of the "Mask and Whig" chorus. In athletics, Russell Smith is captain of the Varsity basket-ball team, "Late" Smith is on the Sophomore team,

and Morgan both plays on and manages the Freshmen, with Carpenter as assistant in the latter capacity. Howes is practicing with the Varsity baseball squad, and Lamberton and Carpenter will represent their class on the track. Dirlam asks that a note be made of the fact that he won his numerals last fall in football.

As half of our chapter were at Washington, for part of the convention at least, this has meant a great deal to us as a chapter, and everybody—Freshmen included—seems to take a deep interest in fraternity affairs. We are now preparing for due celebration of Founders' Day, and are about to open our spring smoker activity; which we hope will accomplish several desired ends and place us in a very firm position.

WILLIAM BAXTER FRANCE.

Σ A E House, 3741 Spruce St.,  
15 February, 1903.

## P R O V I N C E   G A M M A .

Virginia Omicron, University of  
Virginia, Charlottesville.

OUR large delegation returned from the never-to-be-forgotten Washington convention a wiser set, in that we had for the first time fully realized what is meant by a National Fraternity, and what a privilege it should be counted to belong to one. The communion of brothers drawn from every part of the land, held together by that bond of love and friendship characteristic of fraternity men, and each striving to tighten this bond in the short time that was allowed for intermingling,—in such a communion it is needless to speak of the

great amount of good that must necessarily result. We are indeed hard to reach and move, if that unbounded enthusiasm failed to stir us to action. It is henceforward the duty of those who were fortunate enough to be present and to feel this enthusiasm to arouse those chapters about us that are too prone to slumber, and in the near future show that the whole may profit by the opportunities of the few.

It has been our good luck since the holidays to welcome back Crawford, who left us in '99, to try his fortune in Texas; and John Martin, who left Virginia last year to enter Vanderbilt, but who has wisely, we think, decided that Virginia is good enough for



him. We have also been strengthened by the affiliation of Yancey, Georgia Psi, who is one of the best workers from that hustling crowd.

Preparations have been made to celebrate Founders' Day by an elaborate banquet at one of the local hotels, details of which will appear in the next RECORD.

KENNETH BRADFORD.

18 February, 1902.

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Virginia Sigma, Washington and Lee  
University, Lexington.

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THE present year finds us in excellent condition after the rushing season. Although only three old men returned to resume work in the university this year, yet their enthusiasm, as shown by the six initiates elsewhere reported, more than made up for any scarcity of numbers, and the present finds the chapter stronger in every way owing to their efforts. Recently we have moved into new quarters, and now have four very pretty and comfortable rooms on the principal street.

We have had with us recently Brothers Edward H. Virgin, Henry Sydnor Harrison and William R. Upshur, of Virginia Omicron. Their presence was a great source of help to us; and it is always a real pleasure to us to entertain Sigma Alphas.

The chapter was represented at the Washington Convention by Brothers Arbuckle, Barrett, Howey and Thomas, who report it to have been a great success in every way.

Virginia Sigma extends its sincere congratulations and well-wishes to the new chapters.

CHARLES C. THOMAS.

17 February, 1903.

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

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IT was with great satisfaction and pleasure that we heard the names of the successful petitioners who received charters from the late National Convention. We feel sure they will make worthy chapters of our great Fraternity, and we take this opportunity of welcoming them among us.

As the advent of spring draws near interest in athletics is astir among us, and candidates for the baseball and track teams are out in full force. We have most of our old players back with us, and confidently expect to turn out a team worthy of our university. At a recent meeting of track enthusiasts it was decided to accept a challenge from Virginia for a meet this spring. Brother Cox has been elected manager, and has a host of aspiring candidates to back him. Meares is assistant manager of our baseball team this season. During the first week in February the Law Class went down to Raleigh to stand the State Board examination for their licenses. Among them were London and Gibson of the chapter. The whole class passed a successful examination, a fact to which the Law Department points with pardonable pride. We were sorry to see London go out from among us to start in his chosen profession, but wish him all success. Gibson is continuing his studies in the Law School, and will take the degree of B.L. in the spring.

Thomas Beale recently stayed over a few days to see us. He is at present in a law office in Greensboro. We are always happy to welcome any passing brother, and especially enjoy seeing our own alumni. Brother

Gordon has been appointed assistant in the French Department, and on account of his increased duties was forced to give up the editorship of the magazine.

MILTON CALDER.

Σ A E House,

17 February, 1903.

North Carolina Theta, Davidson  
College, Davidson.

**N**ORTH CAROLINA THETA returned in full force after pleasant Christmas holidays for the second term's work. In this we have been greatly encouraged and strengthened, by the enthusiastic report brought back from the convention by our representative. Besides our regular delegate, Morse, we were represented at Washington by Brother McCallie, and both of these men brought back rousing reports.

As this season of the year is a quiet and exceptionally busy time with us, we have not been able to make much fraternity history. However, Σ A E is in everything of importance at Davidson. Morse has been elected chief marshal to serve on all public occasions, including the commencement next May. J. W. Currie is vice-monitor of the class of '04. Cornelson has been elected vice-president of the Eumenean Society. E. J. Erwin, '06, is monitor of his class.

Spring athletics have not yet advanced far enough to enable us to make any certain predictions, but we feel sure that North Carolina Theta will hold a prominent position on the diamond, and will acquit herself creditably on Field Day.

C. A. CORNELSON.

13 February, 1903.

South Carolina Gamma, Wofford College, Spartanburg.

**T**HE chapter began the new year weakened by the loss of two of its members, Moore and McLaurin, who have abandoned their academic training here to take a business course at Poughkeepsie. Since our last letter it has been our pleasure to entertain several wandering Sigma Alphas, among them being W. W. Nichols and E. G. Wilson, South Carolina Delta, and McConnell, North Carolina Theta. The chapter always feels the benefit of coming in touch with men from other parts of the Σ A E world.

As the only chapter of the Fraternity in the State, the pleasant duty devolves upon us of introducing Prof. B. F. Sloan, South Carolina Delta, who has been recently elected President of South Carolina University. We are to be represented at the Sophomore Exhibition by W. M. Brabham as marshal. The writer has been elected President of the Preston Literary Society.

Although the weather is still inclement, Captain A. W. Brabham is subjecting the baseball team to a rigorous course of training in the gymnasium, and hopes soon to begin work on the field. We have several men who will, in all probability, make the team.

M. W. SLOAN.

Σ A E House,

11 February, 1903.

Georgia Beta, University of Georgia, Athens.

**G**EOURGIA BETA had the most successful rushing season this year she has ever had. We rushed fifteen men

and lost none. This record is partly due to the good work of the alumni throughout the State, whose aid we appreciate very much. Besides these fifteen initiates we have four affiliates—John Harber, Georgia Psi; Twitty, Georgia Psi; Clayton Jones, Georgia Phi, and Arthur Sullivan, Georgia Phi. A. L. Hull, Jr., '02, returned to take a postgraduate course. This makes, with the fourteen old men who returned at the opening of college, a total membership of thirty-four, the largest chapter we have ever had.

In college honors,  $\Sigma$  A E certainly leads at this university. F. P. McIntyre, M. H. Smith and J. T. Baxter represented us on the football team. Jaques and Walker have their places on the baseball team assured. Boyd is manager of the baseball team. Baxter is captain of the track team and J. L. Hull is manager. We are represented on the *Georgian*, the monthly magazine, and on the *Engineering Annual*. Several of the brothers hold places on the various hop committees. Hugh McIntyre has been elected President of the Georgia Law Debating Society, a new club recently organized by the law students.

Georgia Beta sends to the new chapters her best wishes for much success and long life.

JOSEPH L. HULL.

$\Sigma$  A E House,  
27 January, 1903.

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Georgia Psi, Mercer University,  
Macon.

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GEORGIA PSI has initiated no new members since the time of the publication of the last RECORD. The number of students entering college at the beginning of the second term

is small, and the fraternity material is necessarily limited. However, the chapter is ever on the watch for good men, and, during this period, has been carefully sizing up the men now in college who might be desirable for our Fraternity. Several are under consideration, and may show themselves later as valuable additions to the chapter.

McTyee has resumed his work in the law class, having been absent from college during the past term. His presence with us is appreciated, for he is a strong and energetic Sigma Alpha, and during his absence has been missed by the entire chapter.

Recently we gave an enjoyable reception in the Fraternity hall to our friends. The affair was a complete success, and added much to the popularity of the chapter.

The energies of college life are now centred upon the baseball plans, and the outlook is more encouraging than ever before in the history of the institution. Mercer has a brilliant record in the world of intercollegiate baseball, and positions on the college team carry with them considerable honor. Kilpatrick will be a fixture at short-stop.

R. B. Almond, an old Georgia Psi man, class of 1900, paid the chapter a visit not long since.

Founders' Day will be celebrated by a banquet and appropriate toasts.

C. V. ASBURY.

14 February, 1903.

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Georgia Epsilon, Emory College,  
Oxford.

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THROUGH Georgia Epsilon one more man has joined Sigma Alpha Epsilon since the last issue of



THE RECORD. This, our eleventh initiate for the year, is Frank M. Tucker, of Conyers, Ga. But our good fortune has not been entirely uninterrupted, in that Brothers W. B. Watts, '05, and B. L. Timmons, '06, were not able to return to college after Christmas. But even with the loss of these brothers we are still leading, and our nearest rival has only eighteen men against our twenty-one.

Since our last letter we have greatly enjoyed visits from several of our alumni. R. H. Timmons, '02, and Duncan, '02, paid us a short visit in December, and it was only a few days since that we enjoyed a visit from Foreman, '01, and Timmons, '02. The visit of Foreman and Timmons we appreciate in particular, since, besides its social intent, it was designed to advise and help us in a matter of business which is closely connected with the future of the chapter, and of which we hope soon to report a favorable outcome.

There is at present no athletic activity here; but when the basket-ball and baseball seasons are in, we expect to take such part in these as we have always taken in the past.

L. D. THOMSON.

Σ A E House,  
16 February, 1903.

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Georgia Phi, Georgia School of  
Technology, Atlanta.

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AT this season of the year the correspondent finds it difficult to write a letter as interesting or as full of

fraternity news as at a time earlier in the year. However, we might say that there have really been unusually interesting things happening in Georgia Phi, which will be dealt with at length at some time not far removed.

At present, however, the thoughts and the enthusiasm of the men are centred in our Founders' Day Banquet. The Atlanta Alumni Association has taken a hand in this celebration and the affair will be one in which the older and younger, alumni and active, members of the Fraternity will be brought closer together. We take pleasure in extending a very cordial invitation to join us to such of our brothers as may be in Atlanta at that time, and assure them that they will find a most hearty welcome if they but let us know of their presence in our city.

Much interest is manifested in the track and baseball teams for this year, and although it is too much a matter of speculation to say that any of our men will "make good," we feel that our chances are excellent for being well represented on both teams. The S. I. A. A. meets in Atlanta in the spring, and no doubt there will be many Sigma Alphas contesting for honors on the track.

To the new chapters just admitted into the Fraternity we extend our hearty congratulations, and assure them a most hearty welcome into the bonds of Σ A E.

CHARLES F. STONE.

16 February, 1903.



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

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THE seventeen old men who returned this year were aware that they had, of necessity, some hard work ahead of them. So far their plans have been entirely carried out, and their expectations fully realized. Six men have been initiated and two Freshmen, Wilton S. Hall, of Waverly, New York, and Frederick L. Driggs, of New York City, expect to become Sigma Alphas within a week.

We welcomed Raymond A. Kerr, of Ohio Delta, as an affiliate this semester. Joel W. Todd, of Tennessee Zeta, and John F. Robinson, of Ohio Delta, are in Michigan this year, and frequently make us pleasant calls.

It has been decided to hold the Founders' Day Banquet on March 7, as it is most convenient for the alumni to meet here on that day. The fellows are looking forward to a big time on that day, and expect the largest crowd of old men in years to be on hand.

Sixteen of our men, including Kenneth McLeod, '96, Jim Kennedy, '96, and Clyde Barker, '01, attended Michigan's annual Junior Hop, and our house party which took place the following evening.

JNO. S. CHISHOLM.

Σ A E House, 1408 Washtenaw Ave.,  
13 February, 1903.

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 Michigan Alpha, Adrian College,  
Adrian.
 

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THE period since last we wrote has been a busy yet most pleasant one for Michigan Alpha, and we are

moving along in a free and healthy condition. The college, also, is rapidly regaining its former strength, and undoubtedly we have a bright future before us. The customary festivities have been observed with all due respect and zeal, and social life has been especially pleasant this winter.

As spring approaches we anticipate our prospects with a feeling of satisfaction, for we stand well to have our share in both baseball and tennis honors. Indeed, that generally happy feeling that comes to us just after a period of depression seems to be ours now, and our hope is that it may continue.

We extend our hand of brotherhood to those new chapters just ushered into the Fraternity, and wish them a prosperous future.

S. W. LAMBERT.

16 February, 1903.

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 Ohio Sigma, Mount Union College,  
Alliance.
 

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OHIO SIGMA grows more enthusiastic every day. Five men, Dean Taylor, O. F. Downes, R. H. Cooper, A. W. Taylor and your correspondent, attended the Washington Convention, and the reports they brought back have made the chapter almost to a man declare that they will surely go to Memphis.

The outlook for Mount Union is unusually bright. The standard of scholarship is higher than ever before. Our faculty has been greatly strengthened, and good material is coming into school. Ohio Sigma is in a small college, but she is trying

to rise above even the high standard she has always held. Just now we are working hard to complete our system of records, and in this we are greatly indebted to Dean Taylor, who would rather do fraternity work, it is believed, than eat. We have no building fund as yet, but hope to report soon that one has been started.

Senior class elections are over, with the following Sigma Alphas on the winning ticket: H. K. Yaggi, Class Orator; O. F. Downes, Latin Orator; Charles Sutherin, Class Poet; R. H. Cooper, business manager, and L. M. Hazen, editor, of the year book; and W. F. Ashe, Class Donor.

A few days ago a banquet was tendered to Frank Keeler, '04, who will sail from New York early in March for a three months' tour of Europe. Covers were laid for fifty. Among the alumni present were: Mayor O. U. Walker, '96; J. C. Messick, Ohio Delta; Samuel Kallenbaugh, '90, and L. F. Heacock, '98.

We send greetings to all the chapters, and particularly to those men we met in Washington. We are anxious to take on a wager on Ohio Sigma's sending as many men to Memphis as any chapter an equal distance away. From now on this chapter is in to work as she has never worked before.

W. F. ASHE.

Σ A E House,  
18 February, 1903.

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Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

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**I**N this short and most busy term for the student, fraternity life for the members of Ohio Delta, situated as they are, is almost ideal. We would

not, however, leave the impression that our fraternity enthusiasm is confined to local life. We most heartily welcome our new sister chapters into the fraternal bond; and the glowing report of Brother Peterson, our delegate to the National Convention, has served only to increase our zeal for Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Our life has been occasionally enlivened by visits from some of our alumni. Ray Kerr, '02, dropped in upon us for a few days before taking his leave for Ann Arbor to pursue the study of law. There he will affiliate with the members of Michigan Iota-Beta. Hotchkiss, '02, superintendent of the schools at Mechanicsburg, Ohio, made a flying trip here from Mechanicsburg, and spent a few hours with us. Wildman, '94, a graduate of Chicago University, was with us for a few days. We are glad to congratulate Messick, '02, in his promotion to Dean of the Academic Department of Mt. Union College. Floyd Rittenour, '01, having been recently elected Professor of Science in the Delaware High School, is with us, and has lost none of his old-time fraternity enthusiasm and good-fellowship.

George Short, one of our number who was out of school last term, is, we are glad to say, with us again. But we regret to report that another member was obliged to leave school early in the term on account of sickness. We are gratified to know that Brother Neal is fast recovering health at his home.

Since the last writing some college honors have come to us. Austin is a member of the debating team that will represent this university in de-

bate with Illinois Wesleyan. Brother Wright is president of the Freshman class. The captaincy of next year's football team has fallen to the lot of the writer. Brother Peterson is director of the college quartette.

In line of scholarship, a high standard is being maintained. The fact that the three honor men of the Senior class are, respectively, Brothers May, Walter Davis and Herrick, is indicative of the justice of this claim. To this we might add that we took fourteen of the twenty-seven honor grades won by fraternity men last term.

A recent social innovation has been inaugurated among us. For the past three Saturday evenings we have been giving five o'clock dinner to various townspeople and professors of the university. These have proven to be very enjoyable occasions, and the consensus of opinion is that they ought to be kept up. Beginning with next Saturday evening the chapter will give a series of three dinners of more elaborate nature to the girls of Monnett Hall. We reserve for our next writing the account of these social functions.

HOMER L. KELLER.

Σ A E House,  
18 February, 1903.

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Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati,  
Cincinnati.

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THE fraternity world at the University of Cincinnati is peculiar to itself. Very nearly all the men entering the college live in or near the city and are, therefore, well known to many of the fraternities long before coming to college. In consequence the rushing season is a long, fierce struggle, beginning in early spring

and lasting throughout the fall. But lately a feeling has arisen among the fraternity men that it would be well to do away with this long strife. To encourage this feeling each fraternity has appointed a committee to consider the matter and bring in a recommendation, and we hope in our next letter to be able to point to some definite step towards bettering the present fraternity conditions.

The most important social event in the chapter this year was the annual dance and banquet which we gave on New Year's Eve. We are fortunate in having a strong alumni association to cooperate with us in all our undertakings. The second Saturday in each month they set aside for a joint meeting with the active men to discuss affairs important to the welfare of the chapter.

George H. Kress, the present exchange editor of THE RECORD, drops in on us frequently from Dayton, Ohio, and keeps in close touch with local affairs, even though he has recently been occupied in organizing an alumni association at Dayton.

We were very glad to welcome Brother Stowe, of Cornell, during his visit to Cincinnati with the Cornell Glee Club; and we earnestly desire all Sigma Alphas who may find themselves at any time in or near Cincinnati, to visit us at the chapter-hall, which is located as formerly at the Palace Hotel.

ARTHUR V. WADSWORTH.

13 February, 1903.

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Ohio Theta, Ohio State University,  
Columbus.

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THE three initiates reported elsewhere in this issue make a total of eight for the year, and complete



the list of those to whom bids were extended. We now have twenty-three active members; and as the prospects are that we shall not lose more than five this year, next fall will find us in good shape for rushing.

Another movement was started last evening which if worked up thoroughly will be a great help to us. There are a great many Sigma Alphas in Columbus and throughout central Ohio, who never or rarely get together, and of whom we know but little, for the simple reason that there has never been any organization of them since their removal from the active chapters. Steps were taken last night, at a smoker given in the chapter-house, toward the organization of an alumni association in Columbus. There were ten old men of this chapter present, and it was decided to look up all the Sigma Alphas in this vicinity, and ask them to attend a banquet on Founders' Day, when they would have the opportunity to organize permanently. This movement will greatly strengthen fraternity spirit here among the alumni, and as a direct result cannot fail to act beneficially upon the active chapters. There are now alumni organizations in Cincinnati, Dayton, Alliance, and Cleveland; and with a strong association located here Ohio will be well covered.

Just at present Harry Taylor is seriously ill with typhoid fever. Geo. O. Lebbs, of Kentucky Kappa, entered school after Christmas and affiliated soon after his arrival. C. F. Stone, Georgia Phi, is the only man from the southern chapters who has visited Ohio Theta for some time, and

we hope he will come this way very often.

More men are rooming and boarding in the house at present than ever before in the writer's experience. The house is usually full, but just now there are six boarding here who have to room outside for lack of accommodations. In this way nearly the whole chapter gets together three times a day, and this means much for fraternity spirit and general interest.

We were all glad to see charters granted to the large universities in the west; for they, we believe, especially the State institutions, are bound to become the leading schools of the States in which they are located. Our congratulations and good wishes are extended to the new chapters now being installed.

T. D. CROCKER.

Σ A E House, 1550 Neil Ave.,  
15 February, 1903.

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

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INDIANA ALPHA has climbed back to her old place in the fraternity circles of Franklin College. During the fall term there seemed to be a lack of fraternity spirit in the chapter, but, on the return of Pritchard from Washington, he brought with him certain strong views and ideas which he proceeded to instill into the chapter. With the opening of the winter term we perceived that some good material had entered our college, and we started out upon some of the hardest rushing that the present members of the chapter ever attempted. The result was a foregone conclusion, and we landed two



men (only one of whom, however, we were able to initiate), S. D. Huff, of Rockport, Ind., and Chas. Bogart, of Franklin, Ind. We feel quite elated over this victory, as both are good fraternity material.

We have another honor of which we are very proud. George Ragsdale having resigned his office of vice-president of Province Delta, Harry E. Jordan was appointed by the Council to fill the vacancy. Brother Jordan is a very enthusiastic fraternity man, and contributed an important article to the September *Phi Alpha*. We have hopes that his work for the Fraternity may have further recognition in the future.

We will celebrate Founders' Day with a banquet, which we mean to make the event of the year. There will be about a hundred persons present, even though we shall be deprived of the presence of some of our alumni, who will not be able to be with us on account of the installation of the chapter at Chicago, which comes on that date.

ROY ALEXANDER.

10 February, 1903.

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Indiana Beta, Purdue University,  
Lafayette.

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WITH the coming of the second semester of our college year the real activities of fraternity interest commence. We have much to look forward to, and yet there are days whose arrival we would gladly indefinitely postpone. This may especially be said by ten of our boys, who, though they have worked diligently for the goal, dread the fast approaching day when sad farewells must be exchanged. To us this

means much, as our men will soon be far and wide, and none knows what the future may have in store; or whether all of us shall from time to time come back, and live over once more our happy chapter days at the place which will live longest in our memories. Yet with these days drawing near, many a pleasant task approaches. Seven men have, by long and patient waiting, proved themselves to be of the calibre for which our beloved order is ever watching, and their entrance into brotherhood is awaited by us with the same anticipation as, no doubt, they themselves feel. Here at Purdue the anxious goat is more restricted than the proverbial ground-hog, as he is allowed to interview the Freshman only after April 1st. Possibly the meeting is more appreciated by the latter after so long a service as a spike.

Interfraternity events are numerous during the spring months, and bring with them many pleasant times. The Senior Pan-Hellenic dance has come and gone successfully. Those of the Juniors and Sophomores are soon to come. The interfraternity baseball league is now fast preparing for its series of contests. In this way the different fraternities find healthful exercise, as well as a means of becoming better acquainted, and the games are usually thoroughly enjoyable.

Our chapter is, and has been, enjoying a period of prosperity which it is our aim to continue. Our membership is larger than ever heretofore, and has been increased of late by pledging three more men. Brother H. M. Harris, who graduated last

year, recently returned to school to take a position as assistant instructor in the Mechanical Engineering department. We were unfortunate, however, in losing Traugott and Dunham, both of whom left school to take up engineering work.

Preparations are under way to entertain our friends of the gentler sex at a house party which we shall have during April. This has now become a yearly custom with the chapter, and we mean to make the event this spring one to be remembered forever. Our alumni often take advantage of the occasion to spend several days with us.

Purdue University is in a state of anxious expectation. The school has literally outgrown itself in the last three years, and the overcrowded conditions in class-rooms have been a source of anxiety to the faculty, so that at present we are impatiently awaiting the decision of the legislature, upon a bill appropriating money for new building and a larger endowment. At present Purdue ranks third in the number of her engineering students, being surpassed only by Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Cornell.

Brother Hohn, who has been conspicuous in athletics throughout his course, was suddenly taken down with a severe case of pneumonia, and it was a very anxious crowd of fellows who went daily to the hospital to hear of his condition. We are glad to know, however, that his danger is over at present.

J. W. SKINKLE.

Σ A E House, 1 Thornell St.,  
11 February, 1903.

Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern  
University, Evanston.

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ILLINOIS PSI-OMEGA is in the midst of one of the most prosperous years in her history. Twenty-two men now answer to the roll-call, and two trembling pledges are awaiting the day of initiation. This is the time of year when social life at Northwestern is at its height. Our chapter contributed to the gayety of the season by its annual party, which was held January 24. Our guests included members from every fraternity at the University and several members of the faculty. Among our alumni who came from a distance were Leslie Kincaid of Farmer City and George Keepers of Gardner. Brother Plumb, of Michigan Iota-Beta, was also a welcome guest at this time.

Our chapter is so near Chicago that we are frequently visited by brothers from other cities. Among those who have lately paid us visits was Eminent Supreme Treasurer George D. Kimball. We have often heard Brother Levere speak of him, and we were all extremely glad of this opportunity to meet him. Another pleasure was a visit from an old alumnus, J. Lee Dick, known to fame as "The Kansas Cyclone." A. Z. Horning, one of the charter members of Michigan Iota-Beta, lives with us, and we appreciate his genial and kindly company.

The interest of the chapter has centered above all things else in the doings of the Washington convention. We take genuine pride in the election of Brother William C. Le-

vere as the Eminent Supreme Archon of the Fraternity. It is a great compliment to the chapter, though we feel that this honor comes to him only through his own sterling worth. The installation of the chapter at the University of Wisconsin on February 7 was an event in which we were very much interested. The writer accompanied Eminent Supreme Archon William C. Levere, and David Wallace, Payson Nusbaum and Noah Klove of this chapter, to Madison, and greatly enjoyed the installation.

We regret to chronicle the departure from college of Wallace and Jackson. Wallace comes from a fraternity family. His father was a Beta Theta Pi, and his grandfather was one of the very first members of that order at Oxford. He has numerous relatives in other fraternities; but his cousin, Hugh Wallace, formerly of Indiana Beta, as well as himself, are in the folds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. We have a new addition to our chapter since our last letter in the person of Reuben F. Booth of this city. He is a royal good fellow and we enjoy his companionship.

The chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma here, which failed to return any men at the opening of college, has recently been revived by the initiation of three men.

H. A. ERNEST CHANDLER.

Σ A E House, 502 Davis St.,  
12 February, 1903.

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Illinois Beta, University of Illinois,  
Champaign.

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**T**HE social season is at its height now, and many festivities will take place during the next month

and a half. On account of the number of fraternities and sororities here, they are obliged to double up on dates for their annual parties, so until the first of April there will be at least one annual every Friday night, and sometimes two. Our annual and that of Kappa Sigma occur on the same evening, February 20. We will give ours this year in the new Elks' Auditorium, which has only lately been completed, and is the most perfect in its appointments of all the dancing-halls here. The banquet will be held in the Beardsley Hotel, which is the adjoining building, and is conducted by mine host Hatch, whose reputation for serving "feeds" is unexcelled in these parts. Mrs. Hatch, also, is one of our patronesses. The following evening, February 21, we have our annual stag banquet at the Beardsley. At that time we shall float our scheme for a fund for a permanent residence for this chapter. The value of land is rapidly increasing in the neighborhood of the university, and we wish to secure a lot before all of the available sites are gone.

Semester examinations were safely passed the last week in January, and now we can breathe freely again. No more serious havoc was wrought in our ranks than a few conditions, and these can be easily passed off by a month's study.

Phi Kappa Sigma, which was established here some years ago, and passed away at the time of the anti-fraternity laws, was reestablished in January with a membership of about a dozen men. Phi Delta Theta will not occupy her present house next year, and it is rumored that they will build a new house. At present their



chapter is the largest here, numbering thirty-five active members.

John G. Wilson was our delegate to the installation of Wisconsin Alpha at Madison. Brother Wilson is very enthusiastic over the position the new chapter holds in the university, and has nothing but words of highest praise for the fellows and his entertainment while there.

J. W. DAVIS.

Σ A E House, 201 Green St.,  
17 February, 1903.

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**Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.**

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**W**INTER sports—hockey, handball, basket-ball and bowling—now occupy the attention of the students at Minnesota. Northrop Field, flooded, furnishes a fine place for ice sports. The event of the winter will be the circus, given under the management of the gymnasium directors on February 28th—a real old-fashioned circus, with a two-ringed performance, three hundred performers, side-shows furnished by the literary societies, and a menagerie in which each fraternity is to exhibit an animal.

The restrictions which prohibited the rushing of high school pupils have been abolished, as the result of complications arising last fall. Now anything above the kindergarten may be rushed with impunity.

Omega Psi, the intersorority, has been dissolved at Minnesota. Chi Psi is building a fine house, and it is expected that several of the other fraternities will shortly follow the example.

With this letter Minnesota Alpha greets Minerva for the last time as her youngest disciple, and extends

cordial greetings and good wishes to those who have arisen to take her place.

E. F. HUMPHREY.

Σ A E House, 112 Church St.,  
3 February, 1903.

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**Wisconsin Alpha, University of Wisconsin, Madison.**

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**N**OW that we are full-fledged Sigma Alphas, Wisconsin Alpha rejoices to send her first letter to THE RECORD. Thirty-one of us were initiated on February seventh, and since that time we have pledged one more, Walter McNally, '06, who will probably be coxswain on the Wisconsin '06 crew. Besides the thirty-one initiates, we have four members of Phi Phi Phi who were too far away to be initiated into Σ A E at the date of our installation. These are Dr. O. G. Libby, Professor of History at North Dakota University; E. R. Wolcott, student at the University of Berlin; Dr. A. O. Richtman, Washington, D. C., and Chester Lloyd Jones, instructor in history at the Hillside private school. We have also with us two affiliated members, Darius Scofield Randall, of Michigan Iota-Beta, and Avery Colburn, of Illinois Psi-Omega.

At the recent Junior "Prom" Wisconsin Alpha occupied a very prominent box, and was represented by seventeen men on the floor. Brother Bennett, chairman of the decoration committee, did much to make the "Prom" a success. During "Prom" week we performed our first social duties in Σ A E. Many of the boys had friends on, and besides theaters and driving parties, we gave an informal "rustic" party, where for the first time we danced under the



purple and gold, and sang the praises of  $\Sigma A E$ . The day following the "Prom" a formal 6 o'clock dinner was served in the chapter-house, at which thirty-four covers were laid.

Since our initiation into  $\Sigma A E$ , Brother Bennett has been elected treasurer of the Junior class, and Young has been elected to Phi Delta Phi, A. C. Lerum, guard on the Wisconsin football team for four years and guard on the all western team, was elected president of the W. U. Athletic Association. At the recent Chicago-Wisconsin dual meet, Smith ran second in the two-mile event. Ellis is chairman of the *Badger* board, and Bradford and Paust are chairmen of subcommittees on the same board. Paust plays guard on the W. U. basket-ball team, and is coach and manager of the women's Junior and Senior basket-ball teams. Gilpatrick is coach of the women's Freshman basket-ball team, and is also baritone soloist for the Glee Club. McMahon, Davis and Crawford were elected to represent Wisconsin in the intercollegiate debates with Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan. Davis played the leading part in the Red Domino Dramatic Club play, and is now rehearsing the

part of Iago in Shakespeare's *Othello*, which will be presented by the Edwin Booth Dramatic Club. Gove is leader of the Mandolin Club. Quigley, stroke on the 1903 Freshman crew, is rowing with the Varsity crew. Douglas is president of Tau Beta Pi, the honorary engineering fraternity, and Bradford is president of his class.

As spring comes on our baseball team, which did very good work last year, bids fair to win first place in the interfraternity baseball league. We are looking forward to our first Founders' Day banquet with much enthusiasm and expect a great meeting. Our chapter-house is in the fraternity section of the city. Chi Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Delta Phi, Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta and Phi Kappa Sigma are all within a block of us. We have eighteen men in the house and twenty-five board at our table. We enter  $\Sigma A E$  with great enthusiasm, and our greatest ambition is to keep up the ideals with which we have started, and maintain a leading position at Wisconsin.

WILLIAM LLOYD DAVIS.

$\Sigma A E$  House, 615 Lake St.,  
3 March, 1903.

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## P R O V I N C E   E P S I L O N .

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Kentucky Kappa, Central University,  
Danville.

SINCE our last letter several changes have taken place in our roll. We have lost Tebbs, who is now with Ohio Theta, and Andrews, who migrated South to spend the winter with the brothers at Louisiana State

University. However, we have initiated three good men since the last issue of *THE RECORD*, and are enjoying, in many respects, one of the most successful years we have ever had.

We have recently moved into our new quarters on Main street, and the location is one of the best in the city.

Our sisters cheerfully lent their aid in 'fixing' it up, and we can now boast one of the neatest and most desirable fraternity halls in the University.

In the Intersociety Declamatory contest, Michel was awarded the declaimers' medal. This makes the fourth successive year in which an  $\Sigma A E$  has won this prize. Michel will also represent Central University in the Intercollegiate Declamatory contest to be held in the spring at Lexington, Ky.

McQueen has been elected historian of the Freshman Class, and Cornelison of the Senior Law Class. This gives us historians of the Senior Law Class and of the Senior, Sophomore and Freshman academic classes. As the historian's office is one of the most coveted of the class offices, we feel it quite an honor in holding this post in four different classes. Cornelison has also been elected to represent the law department of Central University on the staff of the *Cardinal and Blue*, the annual.

Our chapter was never in better working order than at present. Last year the finances got into a very bad way, and while we managed not to have any local debts, we could not avoid slipping behind in our obligations to the general Fraternity. This year, however, we started on a new financial policy, and have not only wiped out our debt with the Eminent Supreme Treasurer, but have spent a great deal in fitting up our new hall.

As we do not mean to take in any more men this year, we are now devoting ourselves, in the main, to inter-

nal improvement. Since the majority of the members are new men, they are being made acquainted with the history and workings of the Fraternity by means of quizzes which bear upon the founding and growth of  $\Sigma A E$ . Fraternity subjects are assigned to different brothers, and papers are read once a month, which are instructive and help to make a very pleasant evening. Mock initiations are also held from time to time in order that the new men may become thoroughly acquainted with the ritual. We find this a great advantage, as we will lose several of our old men by graduation, and the general duties of conducting the chapter will fall upon inexperienced shoulders next year.

Kentucky Kappa feels herself very much honored by the fact that J. Rockwell Smith was appointed President of Province Epsilon at the Washington Convention. This is the first honor of its kind that Kappa has received since J. H. Chandler was made Vice-President of the Province six or eight years ago. Rockwell Smith is one of the most enthusiastic fraternity men that ever belonged to Kentucky Kappa, and we feel sure that, out of his love for  $\Sigma A E$ , he will make the Province a very desirable president.

We were glad to learn that the Washington Convention was a success in every way; and are especially glad to welcome the new chapters into the Fraternity, and to extend to them our best wishes for a long and prosperous life.

E. LEE GOWDY.

6 February, 1903.

**Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Russellville.**

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**T**HIS term finds Kentucky Iota in a prosperous condition. Though our number is small, every man has the welfare of the Fraternity at heart, and is anxious to do all in his power to promote her interests.

For some time our Bethel College has had a rather unpromising outlook, but now, owing to some changes made in our college curriculum, there is a good chance for a larger enrollment of students next year, thus giving us a more extensive field for work. This prospect has given our men much enthusiasm and put new life into the Fraternity.

There are now only three fraternities represented here: Sigma Mu, Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. As the Kappa Sigma fraternity had only one man in school this year, it was compelled to send in its charter.

Brother Robert K. Ryland, '92, who has been for several years studying painting in New York, won the Lazarus scholarship last fall.

JOHN W. ROSS, JR.

28 February, 1903.

**Kentucky Epsilon, Kentucky State College, Lexington.**

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**K**ENTUCKY EPSILON sends greetings to her sister chapters and especially to the "new born." Since our last letter we have enlisted into our cause, and desire to present to the Fraternity, R. K. Dudley, F.M. Stone and R. F. Severs. This gives us an active membership of sixteen men, and we always have some four or five alumni with us at our meetings.

Yesterday, February 10, was our third birthday, and our total membership numbers 54. The year has been a good one for us and the fraternities in general at State College; and our chapter has never been in better condition than at the present writing.

On December 17, R. F. Severs, a member of the "E. S." local petitioning for our charter, who had to leave college before the chapter was installed, returned to be initiated. We are glad to have him back with us, and there only remain uninitiated two or three of the "old guard," who had to leave us before the charter was granted, and who have been unable to return. In athletics we have been very successful this year. We had three men on the football team, Grady, Spanton and McGee, and will have two or three on the baseball team, with Grady as Captain.

The Kappa Alpha chapter here recently initiated an assistant professor, and the Kappa Sigma the Commandant of the college, neither of whom is, in any sense of the word, a student.

C. M. Jett, '02, made us a pleasant visit of several days last month. We have also had a number of visits from our Kentucky Kappa and Ohio Epsilon brothers. These visits were very welcome to us, especially in view of the fact that the chapters are so close together and have so much in common. Founders' Day is being looked forward to with much interest, as a great many of our alumni, and the whole of Kentucky Kappa will unite with us in a joint celebration.

Spanton, our representative at Washington, gave us a good account of the work done and the enthusi-



asm manifested at the sessions of the Convention; and we feel that the course and policy of our Fraternity will be well guarded, and its success assured for two more years at least, under the direction of the efficient officers now in charge.

LUCIEN A. BUCK.

12 February, 1903.

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

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**A** MOVEMENT now on foot here is of interest as affecting the future of our chapter. It is the plan inaugurated by the Presbyterians of Georgia, which contemplates the consolidation of this institution and the Columbia Theological Seminary of South Carolina. The new university is to be located at Atlanta and, according to the plan, would start with an endowment of nearly a million dollars. It is the purpose of the promoters to make the institution a sort of "Southern Princeton." The matter is being vigorously pushed by the Georgians, but it is impossible now to forecast the result.

Our chapter affairs are progressing pleasantly. We shall have to postpone the celebration of Founders' Day, as we shall be in the midst of term exams on March 9. Pickering and Lyon are distinguishing themselves as basket-ball players; and Pickering will also be on the Varsity baseball nine. Runyon won a place of honor on the annual declamatory contest. Booth, who is a Senior in the Divinity School, has been recently ordained to the full work of the ministry.

GEORGE D. BOOTH.

17 February, 1903.

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

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**M**ANY elections have taken place since our last letter, and  $\Sigma A E$  has come out with flying colors. I shall only enumerate a few of the more important offices which have fallen to our lot: Business manager of the 1903 baseball team, captain 1903 football team, President of the Sophomore Class, President of the Senior Law Class, President of the Philomathean Society, Judge of the Moot Court, (one of the most enviable offices in the gift of the Law Department), and, finally two men on the board of our annual, the *Phoenix*.

A local has recently been formed in the university, now numbering about fifteen men, which intends to petition Beta Theta Pi for a renewal of the charter which was withdrawn several years ago. There seems to be some doubt as to whether it will be granted them or not; but we feel that such a healthy rival would be very welcome.

There has been a good deal going on during the past month or so in the fraternity world here. As has been told before, there is a strong "barb" organization in the Theological Department, composed largely of men who have never been able to join a fraternity, and are therefore, to drop into the vernacular, a trifle "sore." This anti-fraternity movement has been growing for some time, indirectly the outcome of the fact that the Dean of the department belongs to a fraternity whose rules do not prohibit the initiation of honorary members. During the month of January this action on the part of



the "Skull-diggers," as they are called here, came to a crisis. They organized more strongly, held a meeting and drew up a petition, closely resembling a demand, to the effect that the faculty should do away with fraternities from the Theological Department, and entirely prohibit the initiation of men from this department. They even deputized a man to enter the Law Department for the avowed purpose of pushing this anti-fraternity movement, and the same was done in the Literary Department.

When presented to the faculty it was killed dead, so dead, indeed, that it would be impossible for them to carry it before the General Assembly, which they hoped to be able to do, and where they would have had several eminent fraternity haters to advocate their measure. It is believed that the petition was designed and written by one outside the school, who recently severed connection with it, and whose sole effort seems now toward damaging the university. Peace reigns at present and we hope will long remain unbroken.

In this connection a Pan-Hellenic council was formed, composed of the members of the different fraternities represented here, and a similar petition adopted toward the same end which the "barbs" were striving for. This was submitted to the faculty in order that if the matter ever came up again, and the "barbs" should claim the honor of having ousted the fraternities from this department, there would be something to show in behalf of the fraternity men. This inter-Greek mingling

has proven beneficial already and will no doubt become a fixture in the hereafter.

We have been strengthened and delighted at the reappearance of Brother Pinkerton, who comes here to enter the Law Class. We were pleased to have Dozier of Georgia Epsilon with us just after the Christmas holidays. Brother Dozier is a most enthusiastic fraternity man, and left us many fine thoughts and plans which we hope to be able to make use of.

Bryan, our convention delegate, returned chock-full of enthusiasm, and gave us a glowing and minute account of his stay in the Capital City, and of the pleasure he had in meeting so many Sigma Alphas at one time. We intend to go in a body to Memphis in 1904.

AVERY GRANNIS.

11 February, 1903.

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Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville.

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WHILE Tennessee Nu may not have come forward with an unusually long list of initiates in the last number of THE RECORD, still we are able to show some results of persistent effort. The initiates reported elsewhere in this issue prove that our rushing season ends only with the final consumption of all the desirable material.

This chapter was very much pleased to learn last December that the next national convention was to be held in Memphis. Tennessee Nu expects to send to this convention not merely a delegate but a delegation—an intention which in its conception and execution ought to be common to at

least every chapter in Tennessee and Kentucky.

Through the recent election of Marvin E. Holderness to the position of Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon, we feel that we are indirectly the partakers of one of the highest honors which the Fraternity can bestow. Brother Holderness was for four years one of the most enthusiastic members of this chapter, and it is no more than right that Tennessee Nu should modestly claim that she has had a share in making him what he is.

The present is a period of interregnum here with reference to athletics. Football is past for this session and baseball practice has not yet begun. We have, however, several promising candidates in baseball, and are practically sure of one or two places on the Varsity nine. We also have three or four representatives on the Vanderbilt Glee Club, which is soon to make a tour of Tennessee, Alabama and Florida. We now have a total active enrollment of twenty-two men grouped as follows: This year's initiates, 5; this year's affiliates, 2; returned members, 15. One affiliate and one old member have withdrawn from the university since our last writing.

On the evening of December 19, just prior to the Christmas holidays, Mrs. F. G. Fite, a neighbor of ours and a very charming woman, entertained the chapter with a dance at her beautiful residence on Terrace Place. This was an event that will long be remembered by those who had a share in it. In addition, we have enjoyed two or three informal dances in the chapter-house.

From the middle of January till the

first of February our regular meetings were suspended on account of the intermediate examinations; but our first meeting in February was one of the most rousing, lively and interesting we have had this year, and was indicative of the fact that the fellows have entered upon the second term with a vim and a spirit of enthusiasm that are going to have a telling effect.

GEORGE R. GORDON.

Σ A E House, 2008 Terrace Place,  
10 February, 1903.

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Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

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SINCE the Washington Convention the chapter has taken on some genuine "Lever" enthusiasm. One of the results of the enthusiasm is a german which we shall give on March the eleventh. It has been the custom in the past to celebrate Founders' Day with a chapter banquet, but this year we departed from this rule and gave something which our friends and alumni could enjoy with us. I believe we shall succeed in reinteresting a large number of our alumni in the chapter, and are hopeful that as one of the good results the Knoxville Alumni Association will be fully reorganized.

Our baseball outlook is good, and we are very happy to see that Brother C. P. Smith has several games arranged with other colleges in which we have chapters. We expect to be represented on the team by at least two men besides the manager. A number of other managerships have lately been given to members of the chapter. I. H. Allen is manager of the university annual, *The Volunteer*;

your correspondent is assistant manager of the same publication; and M. P. Jarnagin is assistant manager of the 1903 football team. We have also the managers of the Senior and Freshman basket-ball teams.

CLIFFORD J. FULLER.

Σ A E House,  
1501 W. Cumberland Avenue,  
16 February, 1903.

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

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SEWANEE is unique in assigning the winter months, December 15th to March 20th, for the long vacation. Consequently ten of us will reassemble soon with the avowed purpose of achieving great results. During the rushing season last year we were unable to entertain with our wanted hospitality because of the chaos incident to construction of an addition to our chapter-house. Now that this is done with, we are anxious to secure space in a later issue of THE RECORD for a description and illustration of our new home. A recent hastily-taken photograph was deemed unworthy of offering to the Fraternity.

The records of this chapter are gaining in accuracy and interest, and we feel that in our new chronicler we have a good man and a conscientious worker.

To the new council we extend a fraternal greeting, and pledge ourselves to support them by doing our duty in that spirit which, two decades ago, made proud the name of Tennessee Omega.

DWIGHT CAMERON.

Σ A E House,  
17 February, 1903.

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**Tennessee Eta, Southwestern Baptist University, Jackson.**

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WE regret very much that Tennessee Eta has failed to get a chapter letter in the last issues of THE RECORD, but we would not have our sister chapters infer from this that we have degenerated into an inactive chapter. The nine men who returned last fall put forth all their energy to make this the best year in the history of the chapter.

In athletics Σ A E will be well represented, as three of last year's varsity players returned to college in the autumn—Williams, third base, G. Sanders, short-stop, and J. Sanders, first base. Fonville is president of the Senior class and Sanders manager of the baseball team. Fonville also took the Calliopean Society medal last June, and Reese the Eaton medal.

In the past we have experienced some difficulty in securing a meeting-place, and were forced to meet in whatever place was most convenient; but at last we are glad to say we have succeeded in securing and furnishing permanent quarters, and have an abode which we can call our own.

The chapter consists of eighteen enthusiastic members, all of whom believe that this is destined to be a year long to be remembered in the history of the chapter.

EMMETT P. WILLIFORD.

Σ A E Rooms,  
21 February, 1903.

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**Alabama Mu, University of Alabama, University.**

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ALABAMA MU has continued prosperity to report to the Fraternity and the condition of the chapter



is very favorable. After our return from the Christmas holidays we found only one new man whom we thought worthy to wear the pin of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and it is with pleasure that we introduce to the Fraternity Joseph Eggleston Johnson, of Tuscumbia, Ala. Johnson is a brother of A. S. Johnson, Alabama Alpha-Mu.

It is the chapter's misfortune to have lost J. H. Mitchell, who recently decided to sever his connection with the university and enter the insurance business in Oklahoma. If Brother Mitchell enters into his new work with as much zeal and enthusiasm as characterized his conduct in his relations with the chapter, we have no hesitation in predicting for him a successful future.

Some two weeks ago the Tulane chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma installed a chapter of this fraternity in the University of Alabama. This newcomer into Greek life here is most heartily welcomed, and its entrance swells the number of fraternities here represented to nine. Sixty per cent. of the students enrolled in the Academic and Law Departments are fraternity men.

About the middle of January Mu entertained its friends of the University and Tuscaloosa with a german in Elks Hall. Dancing continued until a late hour. This affair was a most signal success and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Our chapter now contains seventeen members. We will lose nine men by graduation, but as several graduates will return, we are confident that the chapter will maintain

a high standard in the fraternity life of the university.

It is with pleasure that "Mother Mu" extends greetings to the newest of her offspring who have been so recently received into the sacred bonds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and wishes them long life and great prosperity.

J. O. MIDDLETON.

16 February, 1903.

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Alabama Iota, Southern University,  
Greensboro.

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SINCE our last letter Cryer has been compelled to return home on account of sickness. Of those entering school at the beginning of the second term, we have pledged one man, A. D. Stollemaerck, which brings us back to our original number.

Although the chapter is now comparatively small, yet  $\Sigma A E$  holds her full share of the honors of the institution. Dunlap won the distinction of representing the Southern University in the State Oratorical Association, which is to meet at the State capital in April. Besides this he has been elected Commencement Orator by the Belles-lettres Society. Many smaller honors have been conferred upon others of the chapter during the year.

Much interest at present is centred upon the baseball team, which we expect to be one of the best that we have had in some years. Dunlap, president of the Athletic Association, is captain of the team and Welch is manager. Iota is almost sure of being represented by three of the best players on the team.

J. D. CHAPPELLE.

11 February, 1903.



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

SINCE the Christmas holidays Alpha-Mu has initiated four men. Several did not return after the holidays, but we still have eighteen splendid fellows. We are glad to state that Alpha-Mu is taking a prominent part in all college activities. In the corps of cadets we have two lieutenants, three sergeants and a corporal. G. B. Hill is captain of the Senior class football team, and A. H. Newman and Z. P. Smith are two of the strongest men on the Junior class team. Out of the four class german clubs we will have three leaders. On account of his unusual qualifications and popularity, F. H. Troutman was appointed business manager of our college annual.

Z. B. Smith, our convention dele-

gate, came back from the Washington Convention infused with renewed energy. From all accounts he seems to have spent a most enjoyable time. It has not only benefited him, but his increased enthusiasm and valuable information has been a benefit to the entire chapter. Elliott, 1901, is in Washington preparing himself for entrance into the U. S. Army. Elliott was one of our most valuable men, and his absence from among us is greatly missed.

We were most delightfully entertained on the evening of February 14th by an informal spread in our chapter hall. Unless we meet with some unexpected misfortune we are sure to hold a position of considerable prominence in college this year.

I. KIMBELL.

16 February, 1903.

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PROVINCE ZETA.

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**Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri, Columbia.**

FOR Missouri Alpha the year thus far has been very successful. We were discouraged last September, as all the fraternity men here were, by the lack of suitable material in the incoming classes. However, we have managed to pick out four men in all who are well up to our standard. Some of the other chapters here were apparently compelled by the scarcity of good men to reduce their requirements for initiates; but since our number of Seniors is small, we could not have been forced to lower ours because of the prospect of a meager chapter-roll next year. Several men are still in view whom we are now engaged in investigating.

The chapter has been unfortunate in losing several members since the beginning of the present scholastic year. Morrow and Forrester have both accepted business openings in Kansas City, leaving gaps which we find hard to fill. Their departure reduced our number to sixteen.

The fraternity situation has been changing here at Columbia very materially during the past year or so. The largest and most influential of the other chapters have been declining to a marked extent, while the weaker ones have correspondingly increased. Kappa Alpha has shown remarkable activity during the last six or eight months. Sigma Nu, who has a chapter here, is seemingly trying to strengthen her position in Missouri. A chapter of this organi-

zation was installed late in January at the Missouri School of Mines, Rolla, Missouri.- This school, though located in a different town, is one of the departments of the University of Missouri, under the same president and board of Curators.  $\Sigma N$  is the first national fraternity to enter the field at Rolla, and has the unique position of having two distinct chapters in what is legally the same institution.

Missouri Alpha is much pleased at the action of the National Convention in granting a charter to Kansas University. Zeta Province is now rounded out in really full proportions. With strong chapters at Washington University, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri,  $\Sigma A E$  should never have cause to fear for her supremacy in the Middle West.

H. W. PRENTIS, JR.

$\Sigma A E$  House,  
16 February, 1903.

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Missouri Beta, Washington University,  
St. Louis.

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It is with great pleasure that Missouri Beta takes this opportunity of introducing our new brother, John Klem, to the Fraternity at large. With him in the fold our chapter now has thirteen active members. We have been singularly unfortunate this year, since, although we have initiated seven men, we have lost four, who decided to discontinue their studies and have left the university. Their loss is especially hard to bear at present, since the expense of maintaining the chapter hall has been larger than usual this year, and we needed their cooperation.

We expect to move from our pres-

ent quarters in the near future, and trust that our new hall will be an improvement on the old one, which was unsatisfactory in some respects. The university is now in a neighborhood where it is extremely difficult to obtain good accommodations for a chapter, and all of the fraternities have had their troubles in this respect.

Kappa Sigma installed a chapter here this fall. There was no local formed and their coming was a surprise. There were only eight charter members. Sigma Nu will probably enter before long, as several of their men are making efforts to get a chapter started. There is also an impression that Sigma Chi intends chartering a local here. The attention of the fraternities has been called to Washington University because of our coming removal to the new buildings. After this long-deferred event the growth of the institution will be rapid, and the field for fraternity work will be greatly enlarged.

The second quarterly smoker of the St. Louis Alumni Association was given in the early part of December, and although the attendance was smaller than at the first one, the enthusiasm shown was, if anything, greater. The alumni decided to do all in their power to aid the local chapter to erect a chapter-house as soon as possible.

We are very sorry to report the serious illness of Herbert DeWolf, who is at his home in this city. He was one of our most active members last year, and intended to return next fall had not trouble with his eyes prevented.

We have lately been visited by Bulkeley of Colorado Zeta and Kaesar

of Illinois Beta, besides a number of resident alumni, and have enjoyed the visits very much. We should be glad to have any Sigma Alphas who chance to be in town call on us at one of our Saturday night meetings.

GEORGE BARNES.

8 February, 1903.

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Nebraska Lambda-Pi, University of  
Nebraska, Lincoln.

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NEBRASKA LAMBDA-PI greets the new chapters recently installed, Kansas, Wisconsin, Chicago and Colorado School of Mines, and extends to them a brotherly grasp. We are more than pleased at seeing Σ A E thus strengthened in the west.

Owing to a missent letter the last RECORD did not contain our chapter news, a mishap which we very much regret. We have recently initiated ten men into the mysteries of the Fraternity, and have two pledges who will buck the goat within a few weeks. Our new house, which is but half a block from the university, has aided us materially in our work; eighteen men live in the house, six of whom are Freshmen. Meals are served in the house, and this, besides its great convenience, has proved very profitable.

An organization called the Pan-Hellenic Congress has been formed here comprising all the fraternities in the university. Two men are chosen by each fraternity to represent them at the biweekly meetings. This congress has met with great success so far, as it tends strongly to promote good feeling and fellowship.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon entertained

some eighty members of the different fraternities at a smoker in December. At a whist tournament held at the Delta Upsilon house, teams representing Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Phi (Law), Phi Gamma Delta and Alpha Theta Chi (Local) were defeated by Phi Delta Theta, Delta Upsilon and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Greenwald, Appelget, Shidler and Clapp represented us. An interfraternity baseball and bowling league has also been formed. We take no active part in bowling, but expect to place a good nine in the field.

In football Nebraska has made a phenomenal record, scoring 176 points without having her goal line once crossed. Bender, next year's captain, expects as good a team for the season of 1903. The outlook for baseball is good. We will have three old players on the Varsity—Townsend, captain, Bender and De Putron; and two Freshmen, Gore and Steen, are thought to have excellent chances. At the last meeting of the Athletic Board Eager was elected assistant manager of the nine.

Within the past week we were visited by Brothers Powell and Little. The former is from Indiana Alpha, and is employed by the Swift Packing Co. at Omaha. Little hails from Virginia Omicron, and holds a government position in the Department of the Interior.

During the year we have also been visited by the following of our alumni: Harmon, Hawton, Minor, Sawyer, Lyle, Austenberg, Killian, Dufrene and Cawgile. In our new chapter-house we are well able to accommodate as many Sigma Alphas



as should happen to stroll in our direction.

OSCAR E. VEIT.

Σ A E House, 1228 R St.,  
31 January, 1903.

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Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas,  
Lawrence.

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ON Saturday afternoon, February 14, 1903—Saint Valentine's Day—our local fraternity, Zeta-Tau, was taken into the ranks of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. We are all very sure that good Saint Valentine never bestowed a token that was more acceptable, and that he never made mortals more happy than when he bid us enter through the gates of purple and gold which lead into the realms of the Fraternity. So happy are we over being real Sigma Alphas, and so grateful are we to those who so kindly helped us on to accomplishing this end, that it would be impossible for us to express our gratitude in a letter so circumscribed as this must be. We wish, from the very bottom of our hearts, that every Sigma Alpha in all the land had been here with us to-day that we might have taken him by the hand and given him the grip that is now ours. Nowhere in the world of Σ A E is there a happier lot of boys than there is this day in Kansas.

Our installation took place in a down-town hall, and Brother William C. Levere officiated. How proud we are to-day that our E. S. A. was with us! The charter members of Kansas Alpha will never forget his thrilling words. He created in our breasts a spirit of fraternalism we had never known. We realized, as never before, what it actually meant to be

a Sigma Alpha. Brothers H. A. E. Chandler, George H. Bunting, J. Lee Dick, E. B. Woodruff and John L. McConnell were present and assisted him in the initiation.

In the evening we Σ A E's held a banquet at our chapter-house. It was surely a very happy occasion. Brother E. B. Woodruff, of Kansas City, proved himself a most delightful toast-master. Toasts were responded to by Brothers Chandler, Bunting, Dick, Frost, Reed, and our own peerless William C. Levere. We sincerely wish that the whole Fraternity had been with us, and could have heard the inspiring words of our E. S. A. We wish that they had all been here to join at the close of his speech in the good old Σ A E songs, and help make our chapter-house resound with the triumphant ring of *Phi Alpha Alicazee*.

It is not necessary to spend any time in going over our past history, as we believe that that has become fairly well known through our petition. A few words concerning our present condition, however, and our prospects for the future may not be superfluous.

Kansas Alpha stands to-day, with her sixteen active members, able to compete successfully with any fraternity at the University of Kansas. Last week we pledged Plumb and Belt. These men are upper-classmen and generally regarded as being exceptionally strong men. They have been bid by every fraternity in town, with one exception, and have refused them all. We went after them, and although we had hard work for over a month, we got there. We are represented in every active student en-



terprise. Socially we stand, we believe, very high. We are strongly represented in the dramatic school by Frost, who very recently scored a great success in "A Night Off." And certainly we shall always strive to merit the confidence Sigma Alpha Epsilon has placed in us. We have a fine university, situated in a progressive State, and we are not ashamed of our start.

Asspring draws near our athletes are becoming ambitious. We shall have men on the track and baseball teams. We are going to make a strong try for the inter-fraternity baseball championship. Next fall two of our men will go out for the football team.

It seems out of place to write about ourselves in this letter. We feel here in Kansas as though we should offer nothing but thanks to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Telegrams of congratulation and good cheer have been coming in from our brothers in all parts of the United States. We wish to thank those of our brothers who gave us such priceless aid in obtaining our charter, from the very depths of our innermost souls. Kansas Alpha sends her love to every chapter and to every brother in  $\Sigma A E$ .

ROSCOE C. CHAMBERS.

$\Sigma A E$  House, 728 Ohio St.,  
15 February, 1903.

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

### Colorado Chi, University of Colorado, Boulder.

COLORADO CHI is at present in a very prosperous condition, all of our men having survived their mid-year examinations; and we shall, barring unforeseen accidents, continue the year with at least our present membership of nineteen.

We feel that the delegates at the Washington Convention made a wise decision in granting the petition of the erstwhile Lofters, now Colorado Lambda, and that the Fraternity will never regret this move. We especially will feel the strength that this new chapter will give to  $\Sigma A E$  in this part of the world, and from now on the State of Colorado can be regarded as being one of  $\Sigma A E$ 's veritable strongholds. The entire chapter accepted the invitation of the Denver Alumni Association, to assist them in

the installation of our new Colorado chapter on January 30.

At present we are taking active steps towards building a house of our own, and while we may not have it by next fall, there is little doubt that before the close of the following year it will be ours.

ARTHUR R. MORRISON.

$\Sigma A E$  House, 1121 Thirteenth St.,  
16 February, 1903.

### Colorado Zeta, Denver University, University Park.

DENVER UNIVERSITY and her many supporters have great cause for rejoicing, inasmuch as the entire debt of the university, which amounted to \$200,000, has finally been totally subscribed. Another great point was gained when the Supreme Court of the State of Colorado recently declared that all property of the

university shall be exempt from taxation for all time to come. These two things clearly show that our university is prospering greatly, and that her prospects for immense advances in the future are very bright. We believe that the prosperity of our Alma Mater also assures, in some measure at least, the prosperity of our chapter, and for this reason, among many others, we rejoice in the prospects of success which Sigma Alpha Epsilon has at this great university of the "Queen City of the Plains."

Colorado Zeta, which was seventeen strong at the writing of our last letter, now numbers sixteen men; for with the gain of one brother, Pate, we have also lost two. Wayne C. Williams, entering late in the first term, afterwards took up editorial work on the *Rocky Mountain News*, and is now exchange editor on this paper. Floyd E. Stewart left us, also, a short time ago. There is a possibility, at least, of adding one or two to our number in the near future.

We manage to come in for our share of honors, and may here mention two or three of the more important ones. Bayliss is editor-in-chief of the College Annual; Swan is president of the local Oratorical Association; Green is on the Students' Social League; Warwick is the only undergraduate fraternity man on the Board of Control of Athletics; Poundstone is vice-president of the State Oratorical Association.

January 30 was a red-letter day with all Sigma Alphas in Colorado. On that date, thirteen new men were initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon,

and by that act Colorado Lambda became a reality. We are immensely proud of our young chapter and cordially welcome her into our noble brotherhood. The three sides of the triangle are now complete in Colorado. The afternoon of the thirtieth was spent in the initiation service, ritualistic and "otherwise." In the evening sixty brothers sat down to a handsome banquet, with President Palmer of the School of Mines as guest of honor. The toast list is printed in another place. It was a magnificent occasion.

HAROLD S. VAUGHN.

12 February, 1903.

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

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**A**LTHOUGH the physical evidences of the warmth of our reception into  $\Sigma A E$  have almost faded away, the spiritual impression is indelible. Our adoption—the initiation, the banquet and the royal good-fellowship of it all—will always be with us, a memory of untarnishable brightness. We have now held our second meeting as a chapter of  $\Sigma A E$ , and have felt keenly the warm invigorating blood of the National Fraternity strongly flowing through this new-born member.

We are most fortunate in that Brother H. S. Thayer, of Colorado Chi, who is taking a postgraduate course here, has affiliated with us; and we have, besides the pleasure of his presence, the benefit of his experience.

By the end of the year we hope to have initiated our alumni James Fay Montrose, Arthur H. Collbray and John V. Richards, as well as Harry

W. Lohman, who is now at the mining school at Rolla, Missouri. We realize the importance of a house and are confident that next year will find us provided with one.

With the coöperation and support of our near neighbors, the Denver Alumni, Colorado Chi and Colorado Zeta, the approbation and great assistance of President Palmer, and by no means least, the encouragement by mail and wire of our brothers in various parts of the country, we could not be given a better start; and it shall be our earnest endeavor always to live up to the principles of Σ A E.

We hope no Sigma Alph will ever pass through this part of the country without pulling our latch-string, and allowing us the pleasure of making his acquaintance.

BARLOW METCALF.

16 February, 1903.

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California Alpha, Stanford University, Palo Alto.

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WE began the academic year with fourteen old men, and the rushing season of the first semester closed with the first seven of the initiates named elsewhere; the other two of the nine were taken in during the early part of this semester. Conservatively, we may say that they are the best set of neophytes taken in this year by any fraternity here at Stanford. Of these new men, Lanagan and Lyman both made the Glee Club; and Lanagan also made the Mandolin Club. Sales and Howard made their class baseball team, Sales being chosen captain. He also is looked upon as a probable Varsity pitcher this spring. McIntosh would have been quarter-back on his class team

last fall had he not been restrained by our intercollegiate agreement which debars athletes in special standing. Goudy is one of the members of the track team.

Of the honors held by the old men there is much of which we may be proud. We have two men in Phi Delta Phi, the legal fraternity; one Varsity football man and one Varsity baseball man. Two of us are members of the Press Club and of the English Club. We have one member each on the respective editorial boards of the 1904 Annual, the *Sequoia*, the *Chaparral* and the *Daily Palo Alto*. One man is a member of the Training House Corporation; two are members of the Euphronia Debating Society; and two are members of the Moot Court of Abbott's Inn. Two men have been appointed on committees for Senior week. One of our men is leader of the mandolin club; and two accompanied the musical clubs on their recent trip through British Columbia and the Northwest.

Blake was married in December to Miss Maria Teresa Hartnell, James F. Lanagan, '00, acting as best man. During the same month John D. Spreckels, Jr., was married by Archbishop Riordan to Miss Edith Huntington, R. Emerson Warfield acting as best man. In January Fred W. Bancroft was married to Miss Ethel Shoobert. Brother Bancroft has been attending Johns Hopkins this year and had come west to attend the funeral of his father, in Denver, and came on to the coast and took Mrs. Bancroft back to Baltimore with him. I had almost forgotten to record that Alfred B. Spaulding, one of the founders of this chapter, was married during the latter part of last



year to Miss Mary Polhemus, sister to John Polhemus, also of this chapter.

One of the events of the year here at Stanford was the dedication on the 25th of January of the Memorial Church upon which Mrs. Stanford has lavished every expression of art which money could buy. It may interest the Fraternity to know that on the same day the three-months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Burt Gildersleeve was christened in that building. It was the first sacrament administered in the new church. There were present, besides the parents (and the baby), Brother and Mrs. William Horton Blake; Brother and Mrs. James F. Lanagan; Brother Cyrus L. Merriam, and Brother Dudley D. Sales. Brother Albert M. Austin and Florence Peabody Austin of Llano, Mexico, through their proxies, acted as godfather and godmother, respectively.

I think that Stanford is coming to be more and more a fraternity college; that is, the men of the college who do things are fraternity men. This year has seen the growth of fraternities more than ever before, particularly in a tendency of hanging together; I know of few colleges where the spirit of comradeship is so splendidly carried out as it is with us. All the fraternities but one have their houses built upon the campus; that exception is Phi Kappa Psi, which will be with the rest very shortly. A new house for  $\Delta K E$  is almost finished, and Kappa Sigma will move into its very fine quarters on the 15th of February. These boys are of remarkably fine organization and standing for the very short time that they have been organized.

We feel that our chapter here is safely established; but those who come after us must not fail to keep to the tenets laid down by the old men. We must keep out of private alliances with any other fraternity or organization; we must never forget that after all we are no more than men, and that all men of the college have rights which we must recognize. With these thoughts in mind we shall be able to keep the even tenor of the chapter which has been so characteristic of it in the last eleven years. If we may always, as a chapter, have the able counsellings of men like Beedy, Lanagan and Downing, we need have nothing to fear. Perhaps the only thing which might cause us to fear at all is to see, as we have seen here, a firmly established fraternity, strong in its undergraduates and alumni, almost go out of existence in the short space of two years. So eternal vigilance must be our watchword lest we approach a similar fate.

To the old and the new chapters California Alpha sends greetings.

J. BURT GILDERSLEEVE.

$\Sigma A E$  House, Salvatierra Row,  
10 February, 1903.

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**California Beta, University of  
California, Berkeley.**

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CALIFORNIA BETA starts the new year with many new resolutions and with a determination to work harder for  $\Sigma A E$  than ever before. We are small, it is true, in numbers, but I consider the spirit finer now than it has ever been since the present Sophomore class has entered college. Some of our officers have been somewhat lax in sending reports, let-



ters, etc., but California Beta has turned over a new leaf and intends to be more prompt in such matters from this day forward.

We now have six Sophomores left out of the nine who started the year, and they are all representative men. Of the four Freshmen initiated last August, one has taken out a leave of absence. We have two good men pledged and are now camping on the trail of four or five others. We are trying to get at least seven new men before the opening of college next semester. Every man has the right spirit and is working hard, and it will only be a question of time before the chapter reaches its high-water mark.

All of our recently graduated men

are making fine records. A. C. Nahl is in Llano, Mexico, developing mines. He was an assistant in mining here last year, and is undoubtedly the best man this college has turned out in that line for years. V. C. Osmond is now assistant in the geological department and helps us wonderfully by his presence and by his mature judgment. T. B. Caldwell, '02, is civil engineer at the big Burns Mines in Mexico, and is doing well. R. W. Ritchie, '02, is on the city staff of the *Call*, one of San Francisco's largest dailies, and we expect great things from him in that line. J. A. Reid, who was assistant last year in the geological department, is in the employ of Mr. Butters, the big mining man, and is considered one of Mr. Butters's best men.

B. K. STROUD.

Σ A E House,  
22 January, 1903.

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## P R O V I N C E   T H E T A .

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### Louisiana Epsilon, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

SINCE our last letter we have lost a valuable man in Foster, a recent initiate. While at home during the Christmas holidays he received and accepted an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy, and did not return to college. It is with much regret that we have to report the loss of Foster, as he was one of our most promising initiates, and would surely have added much to the prestige of this chapter.

Recently we have enjoyed visits from Brother Gibson, an alumnus of Tennessee Omega, who is now traveling auditor of the Texas and Pacific Railway, and from Brother Funke, Nebraska Lambda-Pi, who is touring the South for the benefit of his health. Any Sigma Alph who comes to Baton Rouge will give our boys real pleasure by looking them up.

From present indications it seems that Louisiana State is going to be just as enthusiastic over baseball as she was over football last season.

There is now being played a schedule of class games, which is intended to bring out all latent talent whereby the best can be selected for the Varsity. Brother Borland who coached our peerless 1902 football team will be with us in the same capacity during the baseball season, and this promises well for a winning team.

By next fall this university will be one of the best equipped institutions in the South, for at this writing there are under construction four buildings—a library, an electric plant, a new physics laboratory, and a mechanical workshop. Not only is the university growing in equipment, but it also shows a steady and substantial growth both in number and character of the men, the result of which is that all fraternities which are represented at this college have strong and energetic chapters.

To each of our newly installed chapters Louisiana Epsilon extends her most cordial greetings, and wishes them long and prosperous careers.

W. BURCH LEE.

11 February, 1903.

Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, Tulane University, New Orleans.

THE most important event for Sigma Alpha since our last letter was the Washington Convention. After our representatives returned home they were forced to give a detailed account of the convention to every  $\Sigma A E$  they met. The Convention picture arrived a few days later and was the center of attraction for the next two or three days. At present we are trying to arrange for the holding of a Province convention in Baton Rouge some time this spring.

This session Tulane is in a peculiar position as to her athletic life. She has been suspended, unjustly we think, from the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association for one year. The result is that the prospects for a Varsity baseball team are very bad, as Tulane, by her suspension, is prohibited from having any athletic relations with any institution which is a member of the association. If a team is formed, however,  $\Sigma A E$  will have at least three men on it, for we are unusually well represented on the class teams.

As to other recent college honors, Dart, '03, has been selected as Grand Marshal for the Academic Department for the Founders' Day celebration; Thomson, '03, is class marshal; and Leake, '04, is captain of the Junior class baseball team, and assistant business manager of the annual *Jambalaye*.

The chapter has a plan on foot by which it hopes to double the size of its present quarters. We propose to utilize the added space by installing such additional furniture as a billiard and pool table, a piano, etc. These improvements will make our hall very large and very attractive.

We have three men pledged for next year and have our eyes on two others.

Chi Phi (medical) has recently established a chapter at the Medical Department. The charter members were representatives of  $A T \Omega$ ,  $K A$ , and  $\Sigma A E$ . F. W. HART.

11 February, 1903.

Mississippi Gamma, University of Mississippi, University.

THE two old members who returned to college this session have fared well, and have recently taken into Sigma Alpha Epsilon five very desirable men. The chapter at the beginning of this scholastic year was placed in a very difficult position, but by hard work we have come through in good shape and are now in a prosperous condition.

Fraternities are in a disagreeable position just at present, however, on account of a rule passed by the Board of Trustees of the University, forbidding any fraternity from having its room off the campus. We are compelled to hold our meetings in an out-of-the-way room of one of the dormitories, as that is the only place available. But it is not Mississippi Gamma's intention to remain without a permanent domicile much longer. She has already a lot and a plan on foot to erect a neat little home. We have started out with the determination to obtain it, and are not going to fail. Although we have not many men at present, there is a good prospect for us next year, of which we will not fail to take advantage. E. GAINES HIGHTOWER.

13 February, 1903.

Texas Rho, University of Texas, Austin.

TEXAS RHO has been unfortunate enough to lose two men since its last letter to THE RECORD. Cowart failed to return after the Christmas holidays, and Connor, only a week ago, was obliged to leave college because of poor health. Swenson and Connor are on the editorial board of our college annual, the *Cactus*, and Parnell is chairman of the Floor Committee of the final ball. Brother Fulmore, a resident alumnus, has a position with the State Department. J. F. McCLENDON.

$\Sigma A E$  House, 2010 University Ave.,  
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