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THE NEW SUPREME COUNCIL.

Elected at the Washington Convention, December, 1902.

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## The New Supreme Council.

By *Elmer B. Sanford*,  
Michigan Iota-Beta, '03,

and *O. L. Hall*,  
Illinois Psi-Omega, '01.

NOTE.—Of the following series of little biographies, the sketch of E. S. A. William C. Levere was contributed by Mr. Hall; the other four were prepared by Mr. Sanford.

WILLIAM C. LEVERE,  
Eminent Supreme Archon.

SEVERAL years ago, during one of those terrific storms which so often spelled disaster for the old lake vessels, an aged boat stuck her nose on a reef on the west coast of Lake Michigan some three or four miles north of Evanston, Ill. The next morning the Chicago papers, which exploit the news from this region, told in a few words a vague story of a boat in distress. One afternoon paper displayed the story in seven columns of its first pages. The following day another story was published. This second story told of the work of a daring and unrelenting student reporter who furnished the "beat" to the paper.

That reporter was William C. Levere, and Brother Levere has been doing that sort of thing ever since the wreck of the old boat. He has scored "beats" in many lines of work. He has never been "scooped," and his works will speak for themselves. Any idle comment of mine would not show half so effectively his capacity for deal-

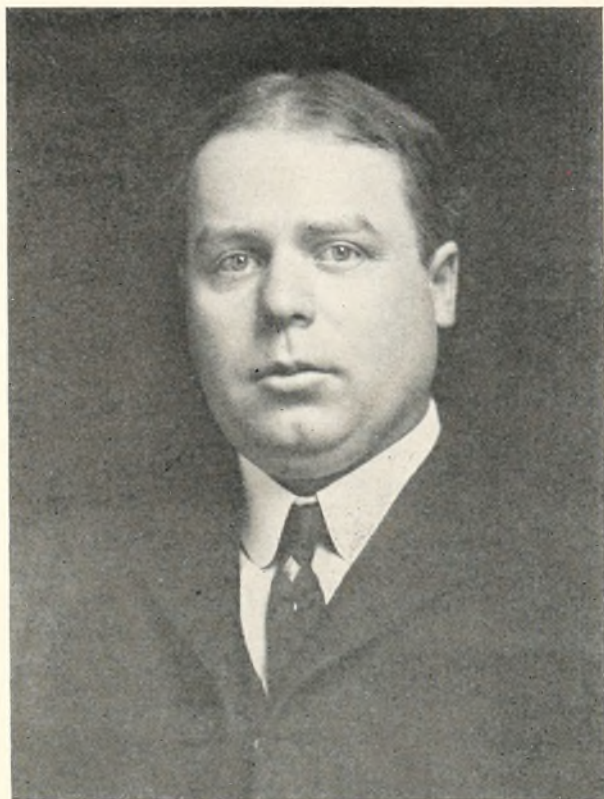
ing justly, wisely and well, with the wide-spread interests we have given into his keeping.

Our present Archon is a New Englander, a fact which is a guarantee that there will be no ebbing in him of the sentiment that makes a fraternity the most that it can be. By adoption he is a Chicagoan. The traditional energy of this Western city has a prominent place in his make-up, and accounts largely for the things he has accomplished. Brother Levere came to Evanston in his early youth. His principal asset at that time was a consuming ambition to do something better than any one else could not it. A part of this ambition was a glowing enthusiasm for a something in which there is plenty of sentiment. The blood of his revolutionary ancestors was his spur to work. When Brother Levere reached Chicago what the young man wanted more than all else at that time was an education. He lived about the vine-covered halls of Northwestern University, dreaming, planning.

When he finally became a student at the institution, he had nothing but a wealth of determination. He went to work—doing things. He made friends easily. He set his hopes high. He wanted to be something and somebody. He read, he studied, he ran to the lectures, he became the bon-vivant of students, he became a raconteur about town, he came to know the millionaires and the laborers, or, rather, they all came to know him. He had been in college but a few days when a messenger of good tidings came out of the South singing the praises of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The Southern melody fell sweetly upon the student's ear, and when the Illinois Psi-Omega chapter was founded Levere's name appeared in the charter roll.

It was fortunate for Illinois Psi-Omega, and for the Fraternity, that his name thus came on our scroll. From that day he has been the mainstay of the chapter. In times of its prosperity, and in less fortunate times, it has always been Levere who has driven it on to greater achievements, or tided it over the shoals. He has watched the going and the coming of its members; he has held its head above the waters on occasion; and again has kept it from running wild in its enthusiasm. Always, from the very first, when a question of policy has come up for decision, when a student has been rushed, when anything at all had to be done, the question has invariably been: "What does Levere think of it?" And it is not hard to understand why he has remained the bar of final appeal throughout the history of the chapter. It matters not how patriotic the others may have been, it





WILLIAM C. LEVERE,  
Eminent Supra e Archon.



matters not how enthusiastic, how hardworking, how generous with their time; Levere has been the example for them all.

As a worker for the national Fraternity our new Supreme Archon is well known. He has been at many conventions, and was an accredited delegate to the conventions at Nashville, Boston and Washington. He went as a delegate, also, to the province conventions at Evanston, Columbus and Champaign. These six years have been filled with incessant work for the good of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; and he had already become a worker long before he attended his first convention.

Brother Levere has established six chapters, most of them during our new era of expansion. He aided in the installation of Illinois Beta at Champaign. He installed the young chapters at the University of Minnesota, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Chicago, and the University of Kansas, and last of all he started on its way our baby chapter in the South. He has initiated more men into Sigma Alpha Epsilon than any other person in its history. He has ushered more than 100 young men into the fold since January 1, a record which, it is perhaps safe to say, has not been equalled by any member of our Fraternity, and perhaps of any other.

"Billy" Levere is a busy man aside from his fraternity duties. He has a long and creditable record of achievements in Evanston, and is perhaps the best known person in the city. With its political, its literary and its social life his name has long been prominently connected. No sooner had he finished his college career than he was elected police judge. His incumbency of that office was attended with such a fair administration of justice that, immediately upon the expiration of his tenure, he was elected to the office of city treasurer of Evanston, a post which he held until the election in April of the present year. His political career has been remarkably successful, and he has been elected by majorities many times greater than those of any of the other party candidates.

It was as a newspaper reporter that Brother Levere first came prominently to the attention of Evanstonians. He served for two years as a member of the staff of the Chicago *Evening Post*, where he made a record that is still frequently and proudly referred to by his former employers. The experience which he gained while working as a newspaper writer fitted him for work of more serious and more permanent nature, and he has not been slow to take advantage of his training. When, shortly after the United States acquired by the for-

tunes of war the Philippine archipelago, there arose here, there and yonder, a horde of anti-imperialists, so-called, who condemned the nation for its avowed intention of retaining the new possessions, Levere was one of the first to publish a sterling defense of the government's position. In a book entitled "Imperial America," he convincingly defended the policy of the administration and won for himself the commendation of the country's greatest statesmen.

Not long after "Imperial America" was published, there appeared from his pen another volume entitled "Twixt Greek and Barb," which is a story now deemed a fraternity classic. It met with unusual success. The young author's next work was in the dramatic field. His first play was called "Sharper than a Serpent's Tooth." During its production throughout the "provinces" in the course of the last year, it has met with a great reception wherever it has been produced. Soon after the staging of this play, Brother Levere began writing a three-act musical comedy, "Trig," which was successfully presented by students of Northwestern University. About this time he also published the Sigma Alpha Epsilon song-book. He is himself the author of one of the favorite fraternity songs.

For two years Brother Levere has been editor of the *Evanston Index*, a weekly newspaper of more than ordinary literary merit. He was for two years editor of the *Phi Alpha*, and was for a time associate editor of *THE RECORD*. His latest literary work, an anthology of Evanston verse, was published this spring. Its enthusiastic reception by a large following of literary folk has justified his wisdom in this venture, which was at first regarded dubiously by the critics.

This enumeration of Mr. Levere's achievements, however brief and inadequate, will serve to show that the Eminent Supreme Archon of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is a man of great capacity for work, of high purposes, of unflinching energy and enthusiasm. He is a man who works directly for the good of everything he has at heart, never losing sight of the practical side of his affairs, nor sacrificing the inherent good in things for any trifling or momentary advantage. His wise administration of affairs in the past, his clear and deep understanding of the needs of our order, and his constant devotion to high purposes, bespeak an earnest and prosperous era for Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

MARVIN EARLY HOLDERNESS,

Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon.

No longer is the office of Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon of our Fraternity a mere post of honor. The Boston Convention took a wise step in changing the *Phi Alpha* back to its original form, and with equal wisdom decided that the Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon should be its editor. The success of this publication depends wholly upon the personality of its editor; and if we can accept the past as any guarantee for the future, Marvin E. Holderness will not fail to issue a good publication.

Brother Holderness is one of the younger generation of hustlers who have been bred up to the doctrine of work. Beginning with the day he was initiated into the Fraternity back in '98, he felt it his duty to serve her; and he has served her well. He filled his chapter with his enthusiasm and fraternal spirit, and by persistent effort increased his chapter roll from five to thirty members. Nor was this all. It was through his energy that they now possess a handsome chapter-house, which stands as a lasting monument to his efforts. In his chapter he held every office, except that of treasurer. His experience gave him a thorough knowledge of the Fraternity, and made him very valuable to Tennessee Nu and to his province.

His university career was equally brilliant. In his Freshman year he was elected class secretary and class historian; in his Junior year, class president; in his Senior year, manager of the University baseball team, and the student representative on the *Vanderbilt University Quarterly*. This magazine is published by the faculty, who elect one representative from among the students. He was also associate editor of the *Courier*, and the editor of the *Cornet*; and at the same time he reported for the *Nashville American*.

With all these duties his love for the Fraternity grew. With increasing responsibilities he possessed a reserve force equal to every task. It was all to him a labor of love. Last year he was elected to the office of Province President. In this capacity he performed the most laborious work he had ever done, without complaint, and in Washington the Fraternity showed that his work had been watched with approval, and he was made our Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon.

Brother Holderness is now Principal of the Little Rock Confer-

ence Training School, at Fordyce, Arkansas. Here he is showing that same energy which he displayed while in college. He is a splendid example of the "Ideal Fraternity Man," who figures so largely on our toast-lists.

**GEORGE D. KIMBALL,**

Eminent Supreme Treasurer.

George D. Kimball needs no introduction to the Fraternity, for his name has been prominently before us since the date of his initiation. He entered Denver University in the fall of '91, and soon became interested in the effort to establish there a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. His enthusiasm, backed by sound sense, made him a leader, and when Colorado Zeta was installed on December 18, 1891, the name of George D. Kimball headed the list of charter members. This was the beginning of his career in our Fraternity, and it is pleasing to note that he is still laboring for us faithfully and honorably.

Three times he was elected President of Province Eta. The duties of this office gave him an acquaintance with fraternity work that made him conspicuous at the St. Louis Convention. Again at Nashville he distinguished himself by the interest he displayed in all matters connected with the Fraternity, and was chosen Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon. At the Boston Convention he was elected Eminent Supreme Treasurer, and at Washington he was chosen by acclamation to continue the office he had for two years so honorably filled. Brother Kimball is a business man in every sense of the word, and employs strictly business methods in handling the funds of the Fraternity.

It is gratifying to know that Brother Kimball has risen to prominence in other circles than our own. He is well known in Denver and has the honor of being the Eminent Commander of Colorado Commandery No. 1, Knights Templars.

**EDWIN HARMON VIRGIN,**

Eminent Supreme Recorder.

Our Eminent Supreme Recorder discovered America in the month of July, 1876, and the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in September, 1897. It was Massachusetts Gamma, at Harvard University, who was fortunate enough to initiate Edward Harmon

Virgin. In his senior year his record won for him the post of Archon of the chapter. "Eddie" Virgin's ideas soon prevailed in the Harvard chapter, which now thanks him for a large membership, for its present freedom from debt, and for being one of the leading chapters in Alpha Province.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in the spring of '99. After graduation he spent a year at the New York State Library School, studying library science and general statistical work, and in the fall of 1900 he entered the Harvard College Library as assistant librarian, a position which he still holds. His duties here are mostly in a classification of current additions, and in handling foreign works. His specialty is Turkish history and the history of mediæval Europe.

When Howard P. Nash resigned the office of Eminent Supreme Recorder, the Council, under its powers by the Rules and Regulations, chose Brother Virgin to fill the vacancy. The wisdom of this step has been amply attested.

"Eddie" Virgin's library training had made him pre-eminently the best man for this important post in the reach of the Fraternity. The new Recorder soon received from the old several large dry-goods boxes full of unclassified letters, pamphlets and documents. These were stored away, and have been patiently sorted over and arranged into a presentable form. The immensity of this task is hard to imagine, and was an entire surprise to Brother Virgin. Our Recorder has done his duty faithfully, and the Fraternity realizes that the task of editing a catalogue now must be a slow and laborious one. To obtain the latest and most reliable data about some ten thousand men, and to classify some thousands of letters and papers, is not the work of a minute. Thanks to the last convention, our Recorder now has a salaried assistant, and the catalogue is promised for the latter part of 1903.

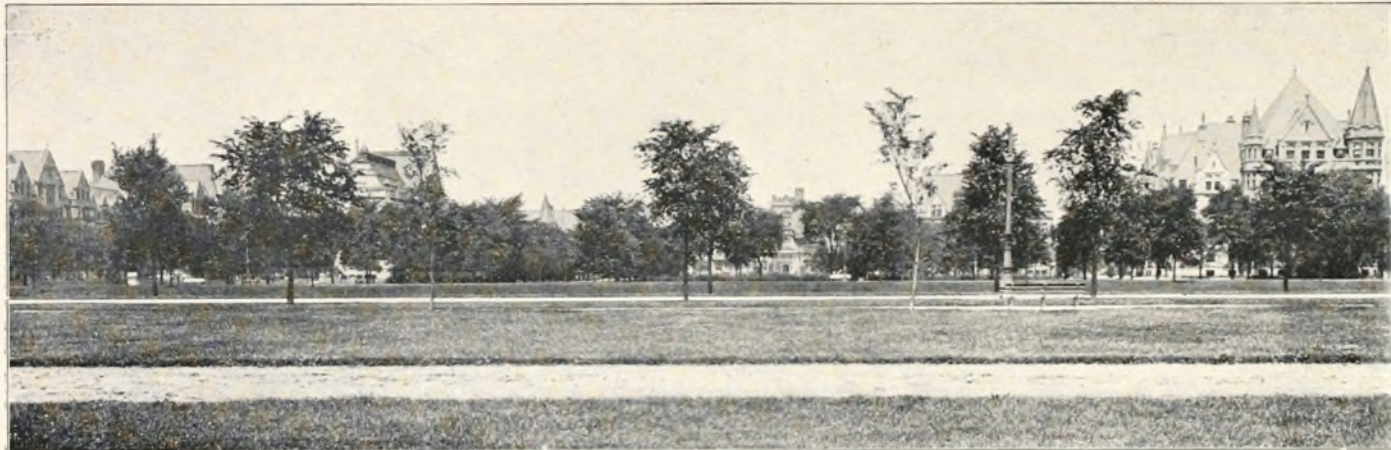
Brother Virgin's knowledge of the Fraternity is diverse, adequate, and entirely at the disposal of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Any point of doubt in matters of the Fraternity history, usage, etc., may be readily cleared up by a communication to him, whom, since Washington, we must learn to call our "Queen." His services to the Fraternity will cause his name to be remembered; and there is a general feeling among us that the catalogue could not well be in better hands.

**HENRY SYDNOR HARRISON,**Editor of **THE RECORD.**

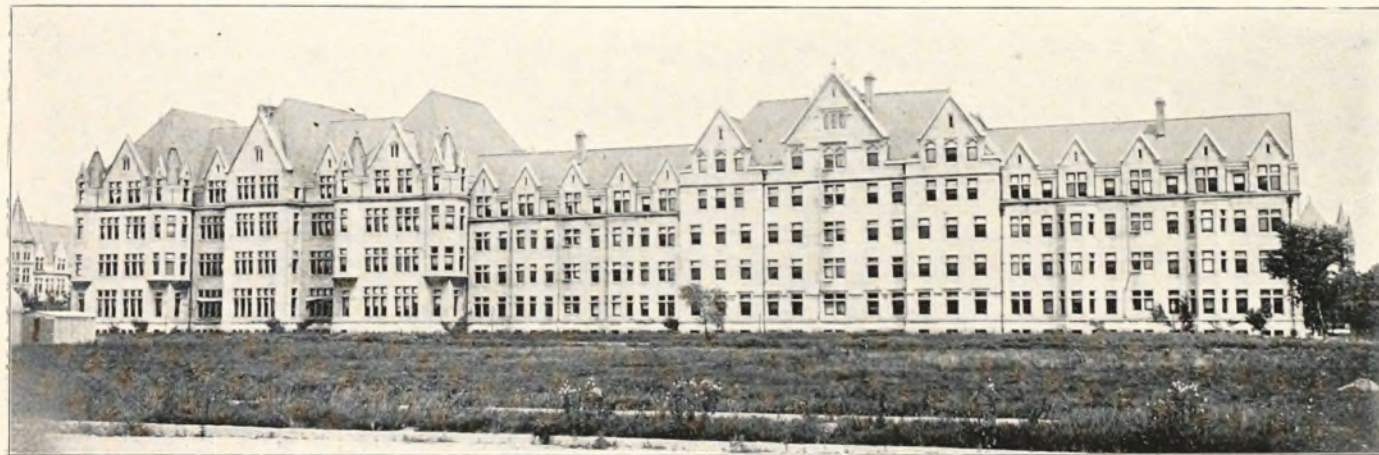
One of the best ways to impress the stability and qualities of our Fraternity upon the outside world is in the publication of a good journal. The responsibilities of an editor of a fraternity publication are numerous and important. When Dr. Edward Mel-lus resigned the office as editor in December, 1901, Champe S. Andrews accepted, under pressure, the appointment to this position, with the understanding that he should be allowed an assistant. This was readily granted, and Brother Andrews chose for his assistant, Henry Sydnor Harrison, of Brooklyn, who is to-day our young editor.

Brother Harrison comes from the Sunny South. He was born in Sewanee of the good old State of Tennessee, on February 12, 1880. As a little sketch of Brother Harrison's life appeared in a recent issue of **THE RECORD**, upon his introduction as assistant editor, it is perhaps unnecessary to repeat this here. Suffice it to say that he entered Columbia from the Brooklyn Latin School in 1896, graduated with the class of 1900, and has since busied himself in teaching school. He became a member of New York Mu in December 1897, and was first archon and later treasurer, during the younger and less prosperous days of the chapter. In the Province Convention of 1898, he was chosen Vice-President of Province Beta. Since graduation from college he has done some little literary work. At present Brother Harrison has charge of the Brooklyn Latin School, and with these duties he has assumed the editorship of our **RECORD**. How well do I remember at the Washington Convention with what eagerness the arrival of Champe S. Andrews and Henry Sydnor Harrison was awaited. Of course it was a great disappointment to us all to learn that Brother Andrews was not to be present; but during the reading of the **RECORD** report by his assistant, the interest was such that one could have heard a pin drop. Every word was absorbed and listened to with the greatest attention; and the report was adopted even without a discussion. When nominations for editor of **THE RECORD** became in order, it was the common decision that the choice should fall to Henry Sydnor Harrison. Brother Andrews had more than once been heard to ex-claim, that in Harrison he had found a jewel; and when Watson B.





SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF QUADRANGLE AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.



SOUTHWEST BOUNDARY OF QUADRANGLE AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

This Quadrangle comprises four city squares.



Selvage nominated Harrison for Champe Andrews' old position, he presented the Fraternity, indeed, with a valuable jewel.\*

Brother Harrison is a true friend. He has the qualities that wear. He is a hard worker and is quite frank in expressing his ideas. He not only believes in work himself, but he believes in inculcating the doctrine of work upon others. Like Sir Christopher Wren, who built St. Paul's Cathedral, he needs no other monument than his work. It is a truism that actions speak louder than words; and to prove that the convention has chosen a very capable editor, I need only refer you to the first issue of *THE RECORD* under his editorship. It is something of which we are all proud.

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\*Our blue pencil long hung tremblingly over these lines: they have made us blush a good deal.

## The University of Chicago.

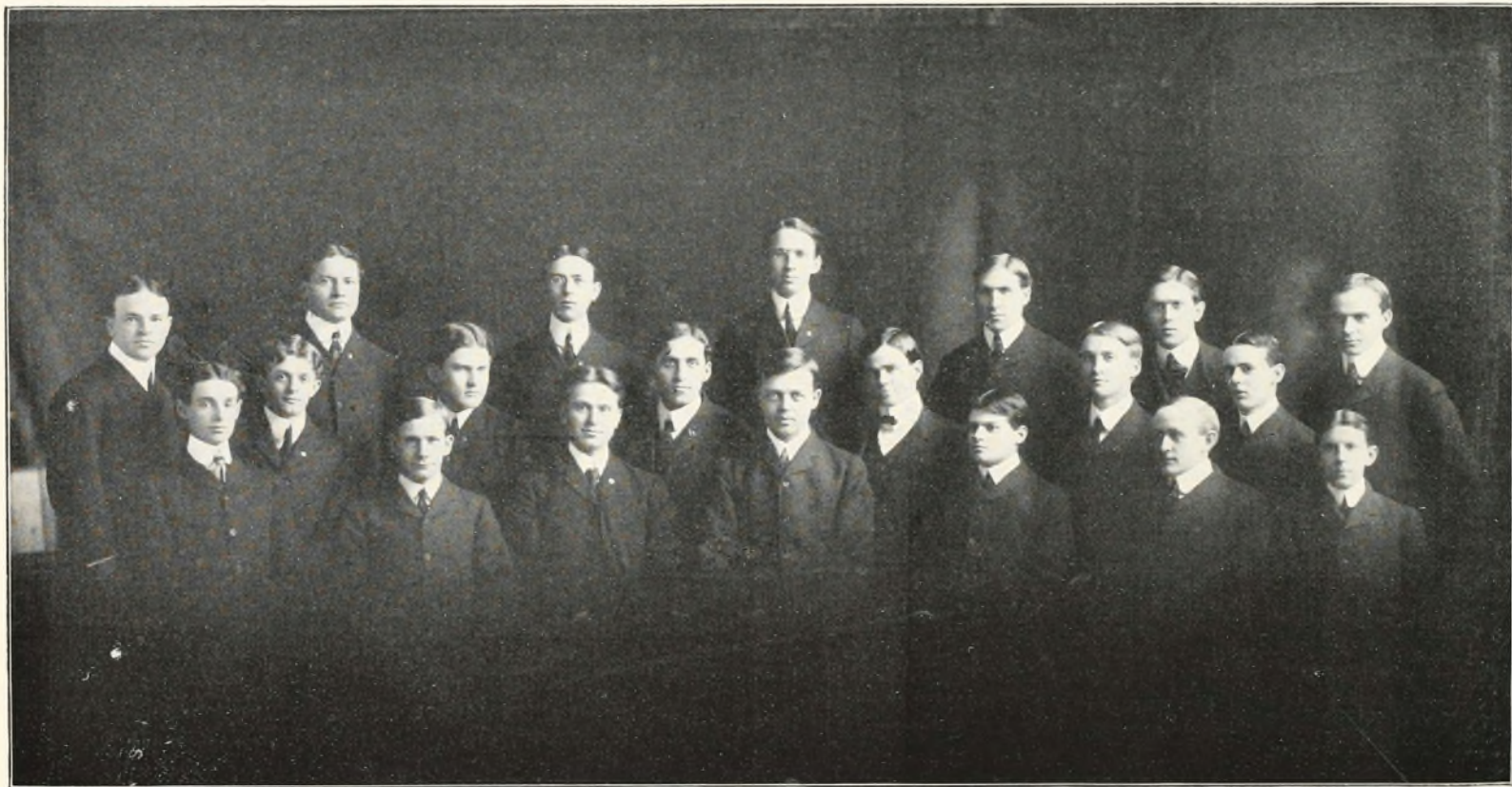
By *Ralph Merriam,*

Illinois Theta, 1903.

THE first University of Chicago succumbed to financial reverses in 1886. Within a few months thereafter Mr. John D. Rockefeller took into consideration the founding of a new institution of learning. Through the efforts of Mr. Rockefeller, Professor William Rainey Harper, Rev. F. T. Gates, Rev. T. W. Goodspeed, and others, the new University of Chicago was brought into existence, and Prof. Harper was elected President in 1890. Thanks to the munificence of Mr. Rockefeller and other public-spirited men and women, it has been possible to make the University to-day one of the leading educational institutions in the country.

The grounds of the University of Chicago include over fifteen city blocks. Ten of these front on the Midway Plaisance, between Washington and Jackson parks, about eight miles from the City Hall of Chicago, but within a half-hour's ride from the business centre. The location combines all the advantages of a quiet college community and a great city. Six millions of dollars are invested in grounds, buildings and equipments. The buildings, twenty-six in number, are, with four exceptions, of blue Bedford stone with red-tile roofs. The Observatory is located at Williams Bay on Lake Geneva, in Wisconsin, and the University College has quarters in the business centre. The rest of the departments are located on the main quadrangles. The total assets of the University exceed fifteen millions of dollars.

The University consists of the following twelve colleges and schools: the College of Arts, the College of Literature, the College of Science, the College of Commerce and Administration, the University College, the School of Education, the School of Medicine, the School of Law, the English Theological Seminary, the Graduate Divinity School, the Ogden Graduate School of Science, the Graduate School of Arts and Literature. For purposes of instruction the



ILLINOIS THETA: OUR NEW CHAPTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.  
Installed from the chartered local, Gamma Rho, on Founders' Day, March 9, 1903.



University is organized into departments. Thirty-one departments are included within the faculties of Arts, Literature and Science alone. The usual departments of instruction are provided in the Divinity School, the Law School, the School of Medicine and the School of Education. The staff of teachers includes three hundred and fifty persons, the annual outlay for instruction being over four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

The growth of the University during the ten years of its history is well illustrated by the rapid increase in the number of students. The total number of students for the first year, 1892-93, was 702, in 1898-99, it was 2959; in 1899-1900, it was 3182; in 1900-01, it was 3520; in 1901-02, it was 4550; for the year 1902-03 the enrollment will reach a total of more than five thousand. These students represent every State in the Union and many foreign countries.

Space will not allow a minute description of all the various schools. The Law School of the University was opened October 1, 1902. The standards of the school are such that a student must be practically a college graduate before he can enter. The faculty of the Law School is composed entirely of regular professors, practicing lawyers being called in only for occasional lectures. The new Law building will be one of the best equipped in the country. The corner-stone was auspiciously laid by President Roosevelt, April 2, 1903, who was the guest of the University at that time, and received at its hands the honorary degree of LL.D. One of the attractive features of this Law School is that the student may spend a part of his college course in the study of law, thus at the same time receiving the bachelor's degree, and shortening his law course one year.

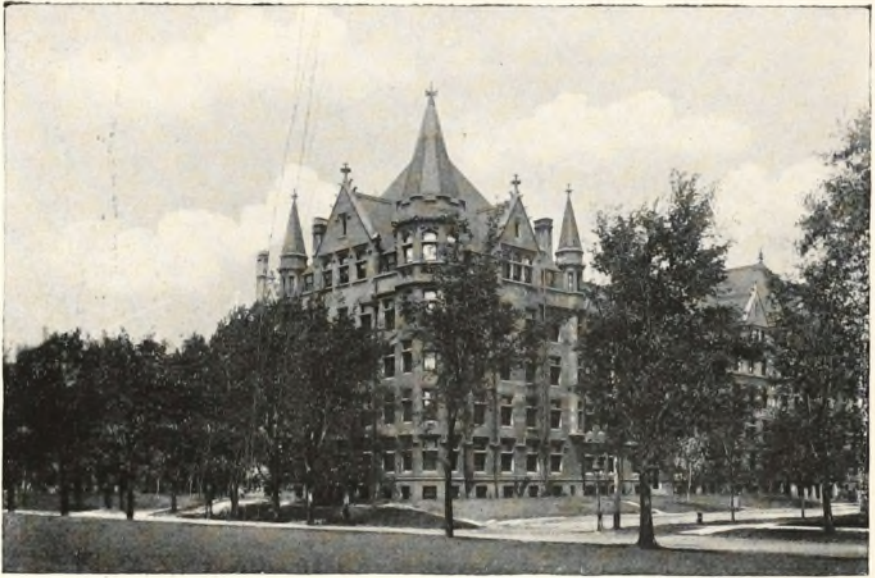
The work of the Medical School is done in co-operation with the Rush Medical College. The student may elect, for the last two years of his course for the bachelor's degree, work in the sciences fundamental to medicine, which covers the work of the first two years of the medical curriculum. Thus the bachelor's degree and the degree of Doctor of Medicine may be secured in from six years to six years and a half. The combined facilities of Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago, the latter alone having in its faculty such men as Loeb, Barker and Stewart, make the opportunities for medical work unexcelled.

One of the most unique features of the University is the School of Education, which makes it possible to offer a course of instruction from the Kindergarten to the Graduate school. Largely through

the munificence of Mrs. Emmons Blaine, who donated the sum of one million dollars for this use, the school has a splendid group of buildings for its work. Founded by an educator of such prominence as the late Col. Francis W. Parker, and at present administered by one of the foremost apostles of the new education, Prof. John Dewey, the future greatness of this school is assured. Another unusual feature of the University is what is known as its "quarter system." The University year is divided into four quarters of about equal length, the Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring, beginning June 17, October 1, January and April 1, respectively. The student may thus complete a course of study in any one subject in three months. The summer quarter is in many respects the most attractive of the entire year. The climate of Chicago in summer is delightful, the excessive heat elsewhere prevailing from time to time being modified by the favoring breeze from Lake Michigan. There are twenty-five hundred students in residence each summer.

There are nine dormitories in the quadrangles, of which four are for women. The dormitory system is fast bringing the students into close touch with one another, and developing very rapidly a healthy and vigorous college spirit. Another thing which promises greatly to enrich college life is the new Men's Commons and Club House, which is to serve as a sort of social headquarters and common meeting place for all University men. Evidence of the real strength of the University spirit may be seen in the healthy vigor of the various student activities. The students support a daily paper, the *Daily Maroon*, and by their own contributions maintain a literary magazine, the *Monthly Maroon*. The men's glee, mandolin and banjo clubs, the women's glee club, and the University Military Band afford opportunities for those who have talent for music. The Young Men's Christian Association and the Women Students' Christian League are active and influential, the former having entire control of Snell Hall, one of the men's dormitories. In addition to Phi Beta Kappa, the following fraternities have chapters at the University: Delta Kappa Epsilon, founded in 1893; Phi Kappa Psi, 1894; Beta Theta Pi, 1894; Alpha Delta Phi, 1896; Sigma Chi, 1897; Phi Delta Theta, 1897; Psi Upsilon, 1897; Delta Tau Delta, 1897; Chi Psi, 1898; Delta Upsilon, 1901; Phi Gamma Delta, 1902; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1903. There are in addition professional fraternities in the Medical and Law Schools. In athletics, the University of Chicago is in the forefront. The new \$200,000 Gymnasium is nearing com-





WOMEN'S DORMITORIES.



MEN'S COMMONS AND CLUB ROOMS.



pletion, and the athletic field is admittedly one of the best to be found among the colleges.

The people of Chicago have come to recognize the University as their own. Building after building erected by the munificence of prominent and influential citizens of Chicago testify the interest which the best men of the city have in the institution. And it is well known that when Chicago puts herself behind an undertaking nothing will be left undone which can be achieved through money, brains and energy. We may not venture to set the limits to what the University, with only a decade behind it, is to accomplish in the years that lie in the future.

## The Installation of Illinois Theta.

By *Edward Wheeler Carr,*

New York Alpha.

ON March 9, last, the installation of Illinois Theta of the University of Chicago was celebrated by a banquet given under the auspices of the Chicago Alumni Association, commemorating at once the anniversary of our birth as an order, and the foundation of a chapter to which we all look to take a prominent rank in S. A. E. Some slight *resume* of the history of this chapter may not, therefore, be amiss in an account of the ceremonies attending its installation.

The phenomenal growth and the ever increasing importance of the University of Chicago among American universities could not fail to attract the attention of S. A. E. The first work toward establishing a local in this place was done by George Ragsdale, of Indiana Alpha, who, during the three years of his attendance at Chicago, kept the interests of S. A. E. ever in mind, and who, before he left in the spring of 1902, had gathered together a company of men with the idea of eventually forming a chapter.

In the spring of 1902, C. L. Sheldon, president of Province Delta, visited Chicago University, and by his work further aided in bringing the little nucleus of men together, and in setting them at work toward a definite end. In the following fall J. Z. Rowe, of Pennsylvania Zeta, appeared on the scene. Brother Rowe persuades himself that his main purpose in life is to study for the ministry. To those of us who have met him only in fraternity circles it would seem that he is possessed of but one fixed idea, and that is to hustle for S. A. E. And so according to his nature, Brother Rowe hustled. He talked S. A. E., he ate and slept S. A. E. He enlisted the hearty cooperation of the Chicago Alumni Association. He formed the men who were thinking of S. A. E. at Chicago into the regularly organized local Gamma Rho. He collared our E. S. A., William C. Levere, and got him to visit the local. Brother Levere suggested that four things must be done before petitioning for a charter: The men must rent





INSTALLATION BANQUET OF ILLINOIS THETA AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,  
At the Auditorium. Chicago, 9 March, 1905.

and furnish a house; they must increase their membership by the addition of good S. A. E. material; they must publish a creditable petition; and they must send a hustling delegation to the National Convention.

Time flies; and nowhere quicker than in the Windy City. Before we of the Chicago Alumni Association could realize it, these things were done; and Brothers Rowe and Pearson were at Washington, fighting against odds for a charter. How they won is now history.

The Chicago Alumni Association determined to combine their annual Founders' Day celebration and the installation of Illinois Theta, and to show its proteges a royal S. A. E. time, which should make the lion roar until Minerva would have to hold her helmet on—a good time whose echoes, as Marie Corelli would say, "should go thundering down the ages till man shall be no more." It is the purpose of this historian to tell how the lion roared—to call your attention, as it were, to the rumblings of these thunderous echoes; and to let his readers judge whether they are merely stage thunder, or are really the well-known S. A. E. brand, with lightning attachment.

Acting on the principle that the best is none too good for S. A. E., the installation ceremonies were held in the Green Room of the Auditorium Hotel, on March 9, 1903, at 4 o'clock. The officiating brothers were William C. Levere, E. S. A.; John W. Baird, Illinois Psi-Omega, E. D. A.; Henry L. Bunting, Tennessee Zeta, E. R.; George Darmer, Illinois Beta, E. W.; D. E. W. Wenstrand, Illinois Psi-Omega, E. H.; Charles F. Stone, Georgia Phi, E. C. The initiates are reported in full on another page.

These neophytes had been prepared on the preceding Friday evening for their introduction to S. A. E. by being taken over the rough and stony road by the Sigmas of Gamma Rho, ably assisted by some enthusiastic members of the Chicago Alumni Association. If the reports of the neophytes are to be credited, this preparation exceeded their wildest expectations.

About sixty brothers from all over the country were present at the installation, and the neophytes were made into loyal brothers in a most satisfactory manner. Brother Levere's duties as E. S. A. were materially assisted by the use of a large model of the pin, jewelled with small incandescent lamps. The banquet was set for eight o'clock, and at about half-past seven, those brothers assembled in the reception rooms of the Auditorium were roused by a sound which is bound to be heard on many an ath-

letic field in the future—the unique “go” yell of Chicago University, given by twenty happy new members of Illinois Theta. This was the signal for an answering shout from the Northwestern delegation, for Cornell’s short, snappy slogan, for Michigan’s war-cry, and for a succession of the cheers of universities from east to west, followed by the Sigma Alph yell that binds us all together.

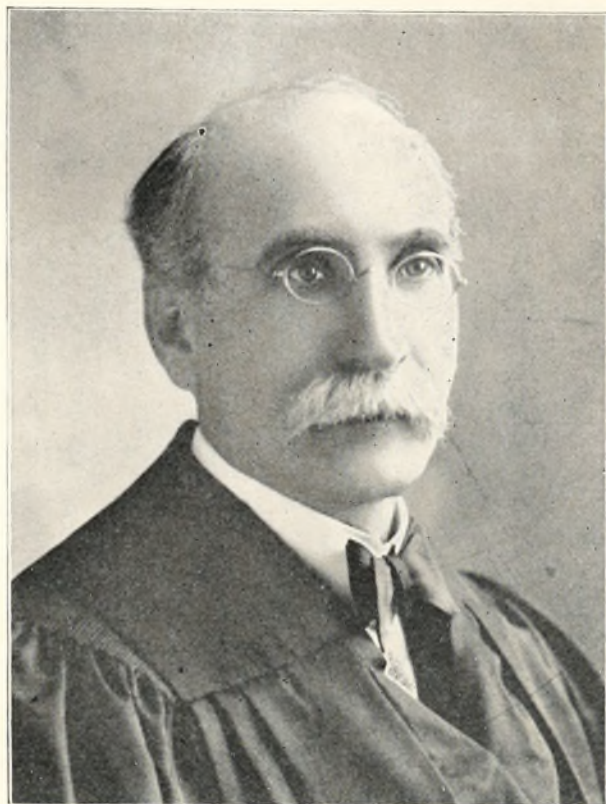
We of the banquet committee were lamentably deficient in culinary knowledge; only one of our members was at all deeply versed in the gastronomic art; and his knowledge, it developed, was limited to the story concerning the famous old woman who went out into the garden to pick some cabbage leaves to make an apple pie. Consequently the menu had been left to the Auditorium chef. However, it seemed to satisfy; and when a hundred loyal, enthusiastic men were seated at the flower-decked table in the banquet hall, each with his boutonniere of S. A. E. violets, the sight was one to remember.

Enthusiasm was in the air, and when the orchestra played “Dixie” our Southern brothers broke loose, and Brother Harry Bunting, “the only,” was moved to render his justly famous selection “A Good Old Southern Rebel.” The toast-master, J. M. Dickinson, who is now counsel for the United States before the Alaskan Boundary Commission, was an ideal master of ceremonies. Brother Dickinson was initiated in 1867 at Tennessee Nu, and his remarks on the early days of S. A. E. were listened to with great interest.

We heard of “S. A. E. Character” from Morton Culver Hartzell. Brother Harry Bunting, our S. A. E. imperialist, told of the experiences “When We Came Up from Dixie Land,” and of his part in that invasion. Ralph Merriam inculcated again the principles of Phi Alpha in “The Dawn of a New Day”; and Brother Rowe, the hustler of Illinois Theta, gave an insight into the strenuousness of S. A. E. life, in “S. A. E. and Work.” B. M. Hunter spoke on “The New South.” He was followed by Brother Henry A. Jones, of our new Wisconsin chapter, who responded to the toast “Out of the Mouths of Babes.” However, Brother Jones is no babe, and his address was most interesting.

The evening closed, as was most fitting, with a toast by the E. S. A. on “Where Waves the Purple and the Gold,” and the purple and the gold did wave most enthusiastically at the close of an evening such as Chicago Sigma Alphas had not seen before. But Chicago Sigma Alphas will see such an one again, and the enthusiasm stirred in each





HON. CHARLES B. HOWRY, MISSISSIPPI GAMMA, '67,  
Judge in the U. S. Court of Claims



man who attended this last Founders' Day Banquet is the best guarantee that Illinois Theta will live up to the brightest hopes of its founders; and that the Chicago Alumni Association is to be more and more a living force in our world.

Our founders cannot be better honored than by such a glorious demonstration that the principles they stood for still live.

## Hon. Charles B. Howry,

Past Eminent Supreme Archon.

By C. D. Taylor,

Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, '96.

IT was Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes who said, that "*other things being equal*, in most relations of life, I prefer a man of family." In writing of the subject of this sketch we too have felt that preference. The family tree producing the scion whose deeds it is our pleasant task to set forth—for deeds are ever the truest indications of character—developed under Southern skies the characteristics of the Southland; but having a revolutionary origin, it was first of all truly American. The maternal grandfather of Charles Bowen Howry was Charles Bowen, of Pendleton District, South Carolina, who, according to Draper's History of the Battle of King's Mountain, was a son of one of the three Bowens in that battle. Charles Bowen married a South Carolina lady, and emigrated to the Chickasaw section of Northern Mississippi, before the Indians had finally abandoned that country. He was one of the first settlers, patented over five thousand acres of land, and, in those trying days, having proved himself worthy of honor and respect, died in the confidence of all who knew him. Judge James M. Howry, son of the foregoing, was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, but left there in early life. He was educated in Tennessee and afterwards removed to Mississippi, where he attained wealth and distinction as a lawyer and nisi prius judge. He was one of the founders of the University of Mississippi, within sight of which institution Brother Charles B. Howry was born, May 14, 1844.

Charles Bowen Howry had scarcely exchanged the *toga praetexta* for the *toga virilis*, and begun his literary training when the tocsin of war sounded, calling him to the standard of his people. He enlisted in Walthall's 29th Mississippi regiment, and was in the battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, New Hope Church, Peachtree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro and Franklin,

receiving a wound while storming the works at the latter place. He had sufficiently recovered to rejoin his command and was on his way thither, when the news of Lee's surrender reached him; but his conspicuous gallantry had already won for him, while yet a minor, a captain's commission, and had marked him as a youth not unworthy of his ancestry.

At the close of the war Brother Howry resumed his literary career, studying law under our distinguished frater, the lamented L. Q. C. Lamar; and received the degree of LL.B from Mississippi University in 1867, the same institution conferring upon him the degree of LL.D. in 1896. Dates signify little, deeds much. Between these two dates is to be recorded the deeds of a high-principled and distinguished career. The subject of his first public oration is the keynote of his career—"An Inflexible Purpose the Great *Sine Qua Non*." Small wonder that a youth of such birth and early training should select such a subject; the wonder is that he has succeeded in exemplifying it in his life. All students build castles, few occupy them; but here is a man who has made his castle his daily dwelling-place.

As a young practitioner Brother Howry secured an active practice almost immediately, and attracted such attention by the character of his work that three years after graduation Governor Alcorn tendered him the office of State's Attorney for his district. This office was then worth \$7,000 a year, but this youth of twenty-six declined the offer, because he had an "inflexible purpose" from which a few thousand a year could not tempt him. In 1874 he removed to St. Louis, where his success soon won him an extensive practice, the court records of that city showing great professional activity for a stranger. In 72d Missouri Reports appears a remarkable case which he brought to a successful issue upon the doctrine of equitable mortgages. In 1874 his health, never robust, failed, compelling his return to his native town, Oxford, Mississippi. Upon his return he largely engaged in commercial practice in the federal courts of the State. In 1880 he was elected to the State legislature, and was re-elected two years later. He served upon the Judiciary Committee, and was Chairman of the Committee on State Universities. In 1882 he was appointed a trustee of the University of Mississippi and served in that capacity fourteen years. For four years (1885-9) he was United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi, maintaining all the time a large private practice in commercial law and in the chancery courts. He was frequently called upon to serve as a special chancellor but

steadily declined office that would take him out of his chosen profession, thus manifesting in middle life the same inflexible purpose that characterized his youth. Then gold could not tempt him; and now the laurel wreath of fame cannot cause him to swerve. Though never a partisan nor intolerant of those who differed with him politically, Mr. Howry has always been ardent in his convictions of public policy; so much so that, in 1890, he was defeated for nomination to Congress largely upon the ground that he did not believe in the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. Yet with all this independence of thought, for seven years (1890-7) he represented his native State upon the Democratic National Committee. In 1893 he was appointed Assistant Attorney-General and served as such until four years later, when he was appointed judge of the United States Court of Claims. How great is this honor and what testimony it presents to our brother's ability may be judged from the nature and work of this court.

The United States Court of Claims is conceded to be next in importance to the United States Supreme Court; and, indeed, in the variety of cases adjudicated, the amounts involved, and the scope of decisions rendered, no court in the United States can be more important. This court has jurisdiction of the French spoliation claims, war claims from the South, depredation claims from the West, and all cases involving treaties, besides many cases specially referred by Congress. It determines all controversies arising from contracts for battleships, jetties, river and harbor improvements, patents and all other work in which the Government is a necessary party; and is the only court in the United States having jurisdiction of suits against the Government, where the amount exceeds ten thousand dollars; in cases of less amount its jurisdiction being concurrent with the Circuit Court. It is the judicial department of Congress to determine the law and facts with respect to a miscellaneous class of business, which the committees of Congress cannot afford to determine before the legal questions and liability of the Government are judicially decided.

Upon a court of such dignity and responsibility, our brother, the Honorable Judge Howry, now sits. His indefatigable labor, clear judgment, devotion to his profession, and adherence to conviction, have thus been recognized and rewarded. An inflexible purpose has won him success.

As the haze of distance settles over their college days, men are wont to recall them only in revery as the pleasant dreams of boyhood. Not so with Brother Howry. Ever and anon, at times when his life

has been busiest and his thoughts most engrossed, has he drowned the din of public service in the shouts of youth; and happily taken his place once more among the young men of the Fraternity. As a youth kneeling before the altar of Minerva he had a vision of perfect manhood, intellectual, social and moral, as developed under the teachings of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and ever since has striven to embody those ideas in himself; not forgetting his duty and privilege in strengthening the organization which has blessed him, that in future days it may help others.

When Mississippi Gamma was organized in May, 1866, the name of Charles B. Howry appears among the charter members, and when the chapter languished and died, it was he who, with one other, revived it, and became one of its staunchest alumni members. He has always manifested the keenest interest in his local chapter, but has not confined himself to that. In 1868 he was elected Eminent Supreme Archon of the Fraternity, and through subsequent years displayed such unabated zeal, that in 1898 the Fraternity honored herself and him by electing him Past Eminent Supreme Archon. When the Washington Alumni Association was organized a year ago, Judge Howry was one of the moving spirits and naturally became its President. His interest in its affairs and those of the general Fraternity has been so pronounced that the last convention elected him a second time to the highest office of honor in the gift of the Fraternity.

And so it is meet that the name of Charles Bowen Howry, as it occupies the first place upon our Fraternity Directory, should indicate that all whose names follow,—the Supreme Council, the Editorial Staff, the Province and Chapters and all others—are pursuing the same inflexible purpose, to make of our Fraternity and of ourselves the very best. So shall we perfect our organization and embody within ourselves the teachings of our order, until, going through the world always at our best, we shall show what Sigma Alpha Epsilon is by what she has done for us.

And if the teachings of his life shall inspire any to greater activity or higher endeavor, we are sure that the subject of this sketch will be no less gratified than the humble chronicler of his deeds.

## Two Convention Speeches.



AT the recent convention the delegates were, in a sense, the guests of the Washington Alumni Association, and as such they had the extreme pleasure of listening to a very felicitous address of welcome from the lips of our distinguished brother, Hon. Charles B. Howry, Mississippi Gamma, '67. Brother Howry's interest in the men of the Fraternity and in the convention was unaffected; and it was through his kind thoughtfulness that the visiting delegation was enabled to meet President Roosevelt on the day before Christmas. Judge Howry, who was United States District Attorney from 1886-'90, is now associated with the Court of Claims, and is a resident of the capital. At an enthusiastic meeting held in the New Willard hotel on the 14th of June last, Judge Howry was elected President of the newly organized Washington Alumni Association, and it was in this capacity that he greeted the convention and made the following remarks:

**BROTHER C. B. HOWRY:** *Brother Eminent Supreme Archon and Gentlemen of the Convention:*

I am commissioned by my brethren of the resident alumni to extend to you a welcome to the national capital. That I am the medium of this official duty affords me pleasure no less for those I represent, than for the personal gratification it gives me to meet and convey to you our best wishes for your success as delegates, and for your happiness and prosperity as individuals.

This is not the time nor the place for me to engage your attention with a formal address. Even if it were, I could not, in the midst of exacting duties and some indisposition, venture to do so with very much of profit to you. I will not, therefore, undertake anything more than the extension of a genuine welcome, and a few observations pertinent to your assembling as the representatives of a Fraternity which, for more than thirty years, has had the homage and devotion of my heart.

You meet under different auspices and circumstances from those which surrounded me, at the annual convention which first met at Nashville in my



college days. Called to preside over the deliberations of that body by the kind suffrages of my too partial brethren, I saw then the representatives of less than one dozen chapters. They came not from all over the country, in the strength of a full and rounded-out body of Greeks. Our numbers were not great and our chapters not extended beyond the confines of a section, to any appreciable extent. But, permit me to say, we made up in devotion what we lacked in numbers, and to-day we see the result. In the young blood before me now sit the representatives of nearly sixty chapters. They come from every quarter—the north and east, the south and west. Harvard and Columbia and Cornell, Ohio State, Illinois State, and Leland Stanford, with many others, meet and lock arms with the representatives of the State Universities of Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, and other States.

Child of storm, the Fraternity has attained remarkable vigor and growth. This is typical of the country in which we live, and the supremacy this country of ours has attained. With the country's growth, its expanding government and institutions, our Fraternity has kept pace, until now we are recognized everywhere in the Pan-Hellenic world as one of the Greeks worthy to come in competition with those of whom it may be said—

“When Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug of war.”

Mere words cannot measure our pleasure at your coming. We know what you are here for, and are ready to coöperate. It is to plant the standards yet a little higher, place the guns yet a little further, and urge the principles of the order more earnestly than ever.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon means sound scholarship, good-fellowship and friendship; good conduct and pure morals; to make the best of opportunities; and, last but not least, to produce the most excellent quality of citizenship, and create the highest type of citizens. [Applause.]

I need not dwell upon the necessity for you to live up to these standards. That goes without saying. If we would live and flourish we must live up to these standards. Without an adherence to these propositions we shall perish, and should succumb to others who shall more nearly keep them in view.

Your presence at the National Capital ought to be an inspiration to you for a higher patriotism, if possible. Down the Potomac, whose broad waters are before us, we can almost see the glittering spire above Mount Vernon and the tomb of Washington. All around you are historic spots suggestive of the long train of public men and statesmen who have made our country great, glorious and free. If it was true of the citizen of ancient Greece that man is not born to his family alone, but to his country, still more ought this statement of the great Athenian be applied to you as citizens of the United States. We live in a country where everything is calculated to exalt the dignity of man, and nothing to depress it. In all our history, from Washington to Roosevelt, no single President has ever done anything to lower the dignity of our country. [Applause.] Let us hope that, if it took six centu-

ries of time for our English forefathers to carve out their liberties, with such a glorious past as we have had the future promises even greater and better and higher results.

Gentlemen, I trust your deliberations will be marked with harmony and success. We are ready to cooperate with you in anything we may be able to do for your comfort and pleasure; and trust that when you go hence, the recollection of this convention shall be something for each one of you to cherish in after-life as a pleasant memory of your fraternity days. [Applause.]

Eminent Supreme Archon Rev. G. Hendree Harrison briefly thanked Brother Howry, in the name of the Fraternity, for the cordial welcome which he had conveyed to the assembled delegates from the Washington Alumni Association, and called upon William C. Levere, then Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon, for a formal response in behalf of the convention. Brother Levere said:

To our honorable brother, Judge Howry, and to the members of the Washington Alumni Association I wish to express our most cordial appreciation of the kindly greeting which we have just received. Washington is a city in which it is very appropriate that our Fraternity should gather. It is here that some of the greatest historic incidents in connection with the life of our Fraternity have taken place. It is here that we saw constituted the old Washington City Rho, which, during the terrible war of 1861-65, was the only chapter of our Fraternity that survived, and when the waves of bitter feeling commenced to subside, it was Washington City Rho alone that came up holding aloft the royal banner of Purple and Gold. For that reason Washington must ever be a delightful Mecca to a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Forty years ago my father was in this city, and some of your fathers were approaching it. They gave him a welcome. They carried guns over their shoulders, and as he went out to greet them, they shot at him. [Laughter.] I am glad that that brother, or that father of a brother, was so poor a marksman, or I might not be here to-day to receive the welcome which has been given us. As I say, we are delighted to come here for the historic interest that Washington has for members of this Fraternity. It was in this city that that honorable statesman of the North and Sigma Alpha, William McKiuley, took by the hand that equally honorable statesman of the South, William L. Wilson, and said: "Come over to the window, so that the light may shine on your face. Let me think of the days when we were in Congress, you on one side and I on the other, and then let us forget all that and all our differences, and only remember to-day that we are members of a common fraternity." [Applause.]

I hope that some day when our Fraternity erects a spacious hall of fame,

we shall have there a picture of William L. Wilson presenting that diamond-shaped pin to William McKinley,—one of them the representative of one section of the country and of the ideas peculiar to that section; the other the representative of another section and perhaps of ideas somewhat different; yet both of them united beneath the combined folds of the Stars and Stripes and the Purple and Gold. [Applause.]

If you will excuse me for being personal, I will say that I am grateful to this Fraternity for what it has done for me, and for the privilege which I had of hearing from the lips of William McKinley, just after he had pinned upon his breast the badge of our Fraternity, these words, "I am proud to wear it." [Applause] We may be sure that if William McKinley were alive to-day he would have joined with Judge Howry in the sessions of this convention, for he never failed on any occasion to place himself in a position where he could honor this Fraternity. On the very day that he was shot, yes, within an hour of the time when he was shot, as he was passing through the Administration Building of the Exposition at Buffalo, he saw upon the breast of one of our brothers from New York Alpha the pin of our Fraternity; and, pushing towards him he took him by the hand, and for nearly half an hour talked with him about the Fraternity we love so well—a proof of William McKinley's loyalty and devotion to the principles of the order which he loved and which we love.

We know that all over this broad land to-day, from where the golden sunrise comes up from the sea to where it sets in purple glory in the west, it will shine upon the sign and badge and symbol of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. North and South there are hearts that are wrapped up in this Convention, and there are thoughts that are turned toward Washington as if to read what we are doing. And so I say to you, my brothers of this Convention—

Here 's to the old Sig Alph, to the young Sig Alph,  
To the Sig Alph yet to be,  
To those unborn, to those that are dead,  
To the whole Fraternity.  
For we 're on the track and we won't get off,  
Till the old world's burnt for its sin!  
Then we 'll go to heaven and start up again,  
And rake the best angels in. [Loud applause.]

## Columbia University and New York Mu.

By *James J. McKenna, Jr.*,

New York Mu, 1900.

THE history of Columbia University is so accessible to any one interested in the matter that to dwell on it at length here would be futile; but an account of the development of the present institution contains much that is of importance in the history of New York Mu. The chapter was born during the period when Columbia was in the throes of changing from the college on Forty-ninth Street to the university on Morningside Heights; and its growth and present strength are, in part, due to this great opportunity to enter, if not a green field, yet a place where conditions were changing so rapidly that a newcomer might readily gain a foothold on ground that was also unfamiliar to others.

Columbia College was founded as King's College in 1754, and grew up with the city of New York. From the beginning she exerted a good social influence, which does not mean that the Junior Ball of 1755 was the premier function of the season, although we trust it was creditable; but that she succeeded in turning out a group of cultivated gentlemen who add no little brilliance to the literary, political and social life of the town. The early classes seem to have done their share in furtherance of this object. In a word, the college became part of the city, and followed the lead in the matter of expansion, and when the town began to stretch away from the neighborhood of the battery, the authorities packed off from the neighborhood of Old Trinity up to the wild region now familiar to New Yorkers as Murray St. and West Broadway. Even there, the years brought it about that the buzzing life of a great city cut into and disturbed the target practice of the young idea; and the faculty, in its yearning for seclusion, moved to the old site in Forty-ninth Street, covering any future moves by saying that this was a temporary home, and insuring themselves against a charge of poor judgment in not moving more all at once. The moving system we see here developed may seem unimportant to the casual observer, but it had its effect on Columbia in



NEW YORK MU.  
Our Chapter at Columbia University.



preventing the setting of any hallowed halo of time around sundry elms, or chapel steps, or anything really known and loved by older classes. It also resulted in keeping Columbia so closely associated with the insidious commercial atmosphere that to-day we hear, in connection with this university, whispers of a "get-educated-quick scheme" in the guise of a rapid fire, machine-made, two-year college course. We wish to warn the reader that such items are frequently food for conversation and letters to the press.

Columbia continued to graduate the best men in New York; and while in Forty-ninth Street developed from a college into the makings of a university, by branching into the schools of science and law, and some time later by taking in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. The cramped quarters afforded by a city block seem to have had a less depressing effect on some branches of student life than one would think, and Columbia took a place in athletics which she has held with varying success ever since. She has never been able to repeat the performance of the 1879 crew which won at Henley; but as she is not peculiar among American colleges in that regard, she takes pride even in her inability. The Columbia family waited fifteen or twenty years for something like that fine victory to happen again, but in vain. So again the authorities saw that something must be done, and once more they decided to move. In 1897 the old site was abandoned for the new one on Morningside Heights, far enough from the busy section of the city to give seclusion, and in a neighborhood so new that the college had at last a chance to give a scholastic atmosphere to the district. The new buildings were erected on a plot of four large blocks with room enough on all sides to expand according to the needs of the university. Several wealthy families contributed funds for the building of handsome structures to replace the dingy halls of old; and President Low hurried ahead of Andrew Carnegie with a library building so fine that every one agreed that the Pittsburg bibliophile could not beat it if he would. The building stands to-day in the centre of the campus. Everything was hustled into place with marvelous haste. To-day trees are growing where the Freshman Class of 1901 saw mortar-boards which were not at all like the scholastic conception (being really artisan in nature) and non-union mechanics toiling unmolested side by side with extra-paid union heroes. The beauty of Columbia seems to belie the short time it took to build it.

With these external and material changes the development of student life kept fair pace. In the old days Columbia was, in the matter

of social life among the men, perhaps the most peculiar college in the country. A great majority lived in their own homes in the city, and had their chief interests apart from their college activities and in other circles. A great many came in every day from Long Island, Jersey and Connecticut, because they found the prospect of boarding in the neighborhood of college exceedingly unpromising. The thought of a college education by smoking-car commutation is terrible; though when we consider that it may have helped to strengthen the hold of whist, and another game or two, on the Columbia man's heart, the practice must not be judged without merit. While it is not fair to assume that snobbery necessarily played its part, still, since campus life was practically an absent factor, there was certainly lacking a really broad college spirit, and in its place we used to be conscious of a disposition to regard tradition as aristocratic and fathers' footsteps as the only path. This tendency developed a marked type of Columbia man, but, of course, not what we would find in an out-of-town college as a typical "college crowd." The fraternity life was what one would look for under such circumstances. Several chapters of long established reputation held the field—social, athletic, political—and any chapter of more recent birth was under a severe handicap, not, however, through dearth of material. There was little open rushing such as we see elsewhere, and at Columbia to-day; and the fraternities never came into the gaze of the world. But all saw that the renaissance of the college must do away with this individuality to some extent; and at that time S. A. E. occurred to the minds of a number of men who had formed a local with a definite purpose of applying for a charter. In the spring of 1895 New York Mu was installed with sixteen initiates, six of them being star Freshmen. At the same time New York Sigma-Phi became a chapter of S. A. E., the occasion, all told, being memorable.

Immediately after installation the chapter took rooms on Forty-second Street, and proceeded to make history. Within six months ten more men were initiated, and all went merry as a marriage bell. New York Mu held the Province Convention the following year, and landed several offices in return for her hospitality, and also because her men were worthy of their hire. In April, 1897, she was received by Brother William McKinley in the parlors of the Windsor Hotel. It was at this time that the chapter began to build a body of tradition that in spite of its recent growth is full of humor and pathos and





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sometimes nigh to tragedy; with a great preponderance of the first only because the members always preferred that view. Using every opportunity that made for the good of the chapter, they believed themselves worthy of the right to make jokes out of failures and the conspiracies of fate. The first few years until the graduation of '98 were glorious. Everybody loved everybody else; everybody shone in his own way in college; everybody thought how free is life and the maintenance of a chapter, until something occurred. It was not all due, we must ever remember in appresiation of the work of the founders, to what we have lately been taught to term race-suicide, for the men initiated about this time were careless enough to leave college; and while their work outside was no doubt beneficial to a vast body of their fellow men, a struggling band in Columbia needed their presence sorely. The days and nights of a fraternity man were in those days not what they had been, or what they have come to be. For a Harlem flat such as the chapter could afford was a poor home; and the maintenance of interest seemed to require the extra ginger of a large roll. But the intangible something that hovers over a fraternity association gave a roseate tinge to the future which made disappointments and difficulties appear indeed small obstacles, and for two years the chapter lived on its reputation and its hopes. With a roll in the fall of '98 of four large names, the whole chapter returned to college. The alumni stood ready to back the efforts of the undergraduates, but the latter, it seems, exhausted their strength in directions dictated by inexperience.

It was at this opportune time that four affiliates appeared, men who happily chanced to be of some experience in fraternity matters, and of a zealous nature. A better home was chosen at what seemed then a ridiculously enormous rent, but the splurge happened to help in the case of two particularly desirable, well-nigh necessary, men. After that the chapter spent its time chiefly in moving the furniture from house to house, or, for the sake of accuracy, from rooms to rooms; and the duty of the men became to hunt up the rooms and attend the meetings. This was not the ideal life, combining, as it did, a close association with janitors, moving-van men, and owners of apartments who were objectionably grasping in expecting payments on the rent. The chapter had poor credit and paid as it went; and it went quite frequently. A wit of the present front-parlor age facetiously terms this the "period of migration." Temporal affairs were at a low ebb, but the interest never flagged, inferior material

was carefully avoided, and the reputation of the Fraternity considered above all. From this point of view the chapter was entirely successful, for nothing in the least discreditable was ever attached to it, individually or collectively; but the great mistake of the period was a conservatism due to modesty in offering to men of excellent type an opportunity to share a lot less attractive on its face than that offered by many other fraternities. Had this point been realized at the time the regeneration would have come a year sooner.

The fall of 1900 brought to Columbia a number of affiliates, and to the chapter an accumulation of spirit and a reformation of ideas. The first initiation enlisted the aid of three new men, who became at once inspired with enthusiasm. The old, old question of rooms was met very successfully, and a number of the brothers made their home in the rooms finally selected, and started the dining-room attachment, which proved a great advantage in entertaining Freshmen. Within a short time more men were taken in, and the future assured so far as is ever possible. Rooms became too small for a chapter large enough to support a house, and the following fall, 1901, saw the chapter so fixed, with nine men from a roll of twenty-one living in the house. The development was rapid but smooth, and since that time New York Mu has done her best work, never falling below the standard set in numbers and men. S. A. E. is represented on the campus by some men who are foremost in college affairs, and practically every man in the chapter is active outside of his routine work; but what is of more importance they are all worthy of the honors that come to them, and a credit to the Fraternity. The chapter stands to-day as close to the front as its youth will allow, and it is only the consciousness of a worthlessly prejudiced opinion that restrains further statements as to its position. To be the leading fraternity in Columbia, understanding the full import of that title, is a long task for S. A. E., but there is no tradition to prevent her from numbering only the best men to be had by anybody; and this course followed for some years will eventually crown the efforts of her sons. It is to be hoped that an idea of too much localism is not conveyed by the ambition to be the leading chapter of the Fraternity for all time. For brevity's sake, let it be known that such is the aim at Columbia, and he who suspects the existence here of a local pride that approaches narrowness, had best visit the men as Sigma Alphas and have his suspicions shattered by his reception.

This sketch of New York Mu has contained no names, the Frater-



BARNARD COLLEGE.  
The Woman's Department of Columbia University.



A VIEW OF THE CAMPUS  
At Columbia University.



nity knowing who were the founders and mainstays of the chapter, and the honor that attaches to their names; but it would be an injustice to omit a tribute to James Chapman, of Northwestern, and George Gordon Green, of Cincinnati. The stay of Chapman in Columbia was very short, but its briefness only accentuates the degree of vigor he instilled, and the wealth of experience and spirit he put at the disposal of the returning men in 1901. Green's work has continued, fortunately, for several years, and the results are worthy of far more than comment. The reward of both must lie in the satisfaction of seeing an eminently successful chapter of their Fraternity successful, in great part, through their endeavors and unselfish devotion.

## Founders' Day at Cincinnati.



“**A** YARD or two of invitation,” as Champe S. Andrews called it in his letter of regrets, sent out in the latter part of February to Cincinnati Sigma Alphas and S. A. E. chapters generally, announced the annual Founders' Day banquet of the Ohio Epsilon Chapter and the Cincinnati Alumni Association of S. A. E. This took place on Saturday evening, March 7, at the Grand Hotel, and, thanks to the untiring labors of the banquet committee, it was in every particular a pronounced success.

Forty-five Sigma Alphas gathered around the festal board, over which Victor Heintz, President of the Cincinnati Alumni Association, presided. There were men from Massachusetts on the east, and Nebraska on the west, and from several States in between. Among the Chapters represented, besides Ohio Epsilon, were Massachusetts Iota-Tau, Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Ohio Delta, Indiana Alpha, Kentucky Chi, and Nebraska Lambda-Pi. There were letters of regret from many Sigmas who would gladly have come had they found it possible.

After a very excellent menu had been disposed of, came the speeches, the toast-list being as follows:

- “What  $\Sigma$  A E Has to Offer”.....Arthur Wadsworth.
- “THE  $\Sigma$  A E RECORD”.....George H. Kress.
- “Balled Up”.....Eustace H. Ball.
- “The Sig Alpha Abroad”.....Ernest H. Haughton.
- “A Toast (?)”.....C. Stanley Smith.
- “A Retrospect”.....Banks Wildman.
- “Fraternity”.....Henry C. Wright.

These were interspersed with fraternity songs, which finally concluded with the well-known “Good-night, Brothers.”

To some who were present, the banquet brought up recollections of former days even more vividly than such occasions usually do; for just eight years ago, in the very same banquet hall, was held the convention and banquet of the Ohio State Association of S. A. E., of which George Kress was then President. In this connection it may not be inappropriate to note the suggestion made by Brother Kress in



the course of his toast, to the effect that, with Alumni Associations at Cincinnati and Cleveland, a Southern Ohio Association with headquarters at Dayton, Central Ohio with headquarters at Columbus, and Northern Ohio with headquarters at Alliance, we may fully revive the State organization; and, thus cementing our alumni more closely, make Ohio even more thoroughly than now a banner State of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Ohio Epsilon, '98.

ALBRECHT F. LEUE.

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## Virginia Omicron vs. Champe S. Andrews.

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ONCE again, as the late lamented W. Shakespeare would have it, is the engineer hoist with his own petard. Champe S. Andrews, a rising young barrister not altogether unknown to the readers of these columns, is in danger of having a suit for heavy damages on his hands. At least, the records show that he is petitioning in his own name for the excuse of the court for failure to comply with a legal summons which he confesses to have been duly served upon him. We do not know whether our phraseology is here quite accurate, but our intentions are of the best.

The following papers from the archives lay bare the whole story:

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

VIRGINIA OMICRON.

*To all to whom these presents shall come:*

You are hereby summoned to appear before a loyal band of Sig Alphas, to wit: The Virginia Omicron chapter aforesaid, at the time and place herein below indicated, and with it then and there around the banquet board assembled to celebrate the founding of our Fraternity.

Herein fail not upon penalties not at this time to be disclosed.

By authority of the chapter.

WM. P. UPSHUR,

J. P. MCCALLIE,

T. FRANK WATKINS,

Committee on Banquet.

Time, March 9, 1903, 9:30 P.M.

Place, Cleremont Hotel, Charlottesville, Va.

To which Brother Andrews responds:

IN THE COURT OF GOOD INTENTIONS :

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON, VIRGINIA OMICRON,

*vs.*

CHAMPE S. ANDREWS.

Petition.

Champe S. Andrews, the petitioner herein, respectfully shows to the court :

First. That he now is, and for more than thirteen years past has been, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and that for four years of that period he was Eminent Supreme Treasurer of the Fraternity, and for one year editor of THE RECORD.

Second. That while he held the offices aforesaid, he and Virginia Omicron were constantly in dispute over amounts of money due and the absence of chapter letters from the pages of THE RECORD, though the petitioner herein respectfully insists that these divers disputes did at no time cause him to show any disrespect to Virginia Omicron, although he admits that his temper was sorely tried.

Third. That on the 6th day of March, 1903, your petitioner was served with a summons to appear before a loyal band of Sig Alphas, to wit: The Virginia Omicron aforesaid, on the 9th day of March, 1903, at Charlottesville, Va., then and there to devour petitioner's share of the banquet board, and that notice was given that heavy penalties would be imposed in case said summons was disobeyed.

Fourth. That your petitioner believes this conduct on the part of Virginia Omicron is an effort to heap coals of fire on his head, and to avenge itself upon your petitioner for his conduct during his terms of office as Eminent Supreme Treasurer and editor of THE RECORD, as more fully appears above.

Fifth. Your petitioner further shows to the court that he is very fond of banquet boards, and very much afraid of penalties imposed because of an absence therefrom. That he resides over six hundred (600) miles away from said banquet board, and that Virginia Omicron aforesaid knew it to be impossible for him to walk over six hundred (600) miles of cross-ties before March 9, and that the peremptory summons to do so is an attempt to intimidate and hold him up to ridicule.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that he may be excused for his non-appearance at the eating of said banquet board, and that a permanent injunction be granted to him restraining Virginia Omicron aforesaid from sending any more such tantalizing invitations, or from causing his mouth to water for a banquet board in any way whatever, and for such other and general relief as may be proper in the premises, and your petitioner will ever pray, etc. Very respectfully submitted,

CHAMPE S. ANDREWS.

New York, March 6, 1903.

It will be noted that Brother Andrews declares it to have been impossible for him to walk 600 miles in three days. Why? This would involve the low rate of but 200 miles per day, or ten miles per hour, which would still leave four hours out of the twenty-four for repairs, the taking of nourishment, and for exercise. We hold that no adequate evidence is advanced in support of this petitioner's statement; and were we the court, we should feel compelled to award our decision to the plaintiff.

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## The College Club in New York.



A FEATURE of modern club life in New York City is the growth and increasing importance of the College and Fraternity Club. Twenty years ago the idea of such organizations was flouted as impossible, but the event has proved not only their possibility, but the real need for them. The University Club, because of its exclusiveness and the cost of membership in it, has not fully met the requirements of young college men of ordinary means, who are in search of congenial companionship with men of similar training and education. The Harvard Club, perhaps the prototype of the college club, has thrived on the basis of low dues and an inexpensive table d'hote, which, at any early stage of its history, resulted in making the club a favorite lounging-place for the younger graduates. This in turn offered certain attractions to the men whose undergraduate days were of the more remote past. The Harvard Club now has a very large membership, and occupies a handsome house on Forty-fourth street, which it contemplates enlarging sufficiently to give a new entrance on Forty-fifth street.

The history of other college clubs in New York has been about the same. In 1897 the Yale Alumni Association, chock-full of enthusiasm, secured seven hundred charter members, and triumphantly installed the Yale Club, in a rented house in West Twenty-sixth street. Following the example of its predecessor in establishing low dues for the younger graduates and supplying a cheap but reliable

table d'hote, the club grew rapidly, and a year ago moved into a commodious eleven-story building in West Forty-fourth street. Besides the usual rooms for club purposes, seven floors are occupied by bachelor apartments, where many members have their permanent quarters. The Princeton Club leases the big double Dodge house at Park avenue and Thirty-fourth street, which has recently been remodeled into an effective club-house according to the collegians' ideas. Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania maintain club-rooms on Forty-fourth street, but neither has a sufficiently large membership to warrant the lease of a permanent home. The Columbia Club, the youngest of all the college clubs, occupies a cozy house at 41 West Thirty-sixth street, and has prospered in the face of many obvious disadvantages.

By all odds, the best of the purely fraternity clubs is the St. Anthony's Club of Delta Psi, which maintains, at 72 West Thirty-fourth street, one of the prettiest of the smaller club-houses in the city. It numbers many wealthy and well-known men upon its rolls. The largest of the fraternity clubs, as of the fraternities, is that of Delta Kappa Epsilon, the enrollment of which is not far from the one-thousand mark. Alpha Delta Phi is prospering in an attractive home at 35 West Thirty-third street. Psi Upsilon is, so far as is known, the only fraternity club which, after once getting into a house, was obliged to take a step backward. The Psi U. Club now has rooms in the Manhattan Hotel, and, by virtue of a special arrangement, its members are permitted to use the restaurant of the Transportation Club, which occupies adjacent quarters.

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## A Line from the Far West.

WE print herewith an interesting letter from one of the old Adrian College "grads," who does not appear to be particularly afflicted with that epidemic alumni complaint, "lack of interest."

RED LODGE, MONT., April 29, 1903.

My Dear Brother Harrison :—

Though far from my old college town, Adrian, Mich., I have not by any means lost one iota of my love for Sigma Alpha Epsilon. It is therefore with pleasure that I enclose postal money order for one dollar to pay my subscription to THE RECORD.

I am able to do this through the courtesy of Brother Lambert, one of the hustlers of Michigan Alpha. I have been out of touch with THE RECORD for three years now, and did not know the address of the office. Otherwise I would have had it before this.

I do not want to get far away from "the boys of S. A. E." Some of the best and dearest memories of my life cluster around the little chapter hall, and my heart time and again goes out to "the old boys," scattered far and wide to-day.

I read the other day in the Adrian College *World* that the Sigma Alphas of Pittsburg gather each week for a dinner together, and I envied every one of them. I could fancy I saw "Papa" Munden, Marsh Cowl, Walter Burt and some of the other boys of Michigan Alpha in the old days there in company, and I wished so much that I could annihilate distance and be with them. Do you know, the saddest thing about the happy college frat days are that they cannot last all through life. The experience of those days comes to us while our hearts are tender, and we enter into the work with that enthusiasm which is the rarest thing in life.

I wish you would express for me, through THE RECORD, a greeting to the brothers far and near; especially to those I met at the St. Louis convention, where I was one of the "also rans" in the race for the editorship of THE RECORD, and also to the members of Michigan Alpha, here, there and everywhere. I wish the boys would write to me.

With anticipation of soon seeing THE RECORD again, and with the kindest of fraternal regards, I remain,

Yours in Bonds of S. A. E.,

J. A. METCALF,


City Editor of *The Red Lodge Picket*.

P. S.—I was in Brooklyn just a few weeks ago. I wish I had known of you then.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

We realize that an apology for tardiness has long since become obsolete in fraternity journalism, but all the same we are going to offer one. It has been one of our hobbies to publish THE RECORD promptly on the day set for publication; and in view of our insistence upon this point in our relations with the correspondents, we are somewhat mortified to appear a little remiss in this respect. An added cause of chagrin is that the March issue was a week behind schedule time in leaving our printing-offices. The fact is, we must declare in self-defense, that in neither case was this delay attributable to the negligence of the editor, or of the printer, or indeed of any one connected officially with THE RECORD. Two months ago, when the work on the March number should have been far along toward completion, the new RECORD type, made especially for printing our magazine, had just arrived, very late, from the foundry; and the bulk of the work on that issue was yet to be done. In the case of this issue, the delay promises to be even more serious. An obstinate compositors' strike is on in full swing in Atlanta, and work on THE RECORD is, and has long been, at a standstill. At this writing (May 2nd) although large batches of copy have been for weeks in the hands of our printers, we have as yet had not one single page of proof. Usually, at a date so close to that set for publication, the editor's work is practically over. Just now, we can only say that our readers may expect the May RECORD when they see it; and as our printing staff is being recruited slowly, with new and "green" men, we cannot answer for the typography and workmanship in the present issue.

This little incident affords the student of our social fabric one more example of the blessings conferred upon a suffering humanity by our system of "organized labor."



Chicago does not do things by halves. When it takes hold of an idea and begins to put it into execution, you know that something is

happening. Things begin to hum. This is a characteristic of that metropolis of the West. If the people out there determine to do something in the grain line, they do it in a million-bushel way. If it is pig-packing that takes their fancy, their enormous demand endangers the permanence of the species. A half century ago, deciding to have a fire, they got up one that has made all later conflagrations look like the weary effort of a damp match. Even in book-learning, it is just the same. When Chicagoans make up their minds to become educated, they want to become *very* educated, and they want to do it quick. Ten years ago they decided that it would be nice to have a college of their own on the premises. To-day they are in possession of one of the very largest in the world. It has not the body of tradition of an Oxford, perhaps, or even of a Harvard; but it has bound up in it something just as durable, just as valuable, just as forceful. We mean the spirit of America. For if Chicago is anything at all, it is, truly and typically, American. And we know what this means of progress, of growth, of marvelous development. And so we hope that our young chapter in this American city, which we now cordially welcome into the Fraternity, will catch and hold fast to what is best in the temper of Chicago, and, in like fashion, thrive and be strong.



In the changing conditions of fraternity life, the possession of a chapter-house has somewhat suddenly ceased to be a luxury for the few. It has rapidly come to be one of the gauges, as well as one of the chief guaranties, of the permanence and stability of the chapter, and, in a larger sense, of the fraternity. To-day it is, perhaps, the great *sine qua non*. As Mr. William Raimond Baird, of the *Beta Theta Pi*, wrote not long ago, the time is soon coming "when the charter of a chapter will hang by a very precarious thread unless it is twined around a building." It seems safe to say, that within a very few years, the fraternity which finds itself without a complete housed chapter roll, *will* find itself, on the other hand, quite out of the running. Indications point to rapid growth along this line.

In our own case, there is ample room here for development, and immediate development. Of our sixty-three active chapters, thirty-seven occupy houses. Since the last

issue of THE RECORD, one chapter, Colorado Lambda, has moved into a house; and the chartered local, Gamma Rho, already in possession of a house, has been newly installed as Illinois Theta. This is all very well so far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. In Province Epsilon, for instance, where only three chapters out of twelve occupy houses, we might reasonably look for an early advance. A better proportion prevails in Province Theta, where, out of four chapters, two are installed in houses. In Gamma, with four houses out of nine chapters, the percentage is again below the half-way mark. The remaining provinces show a preponderance in favor of the chapters having houses. In Alpha, Zeta and Eta, respectively, three chapters out of five occupy houses; in Delta, nine out of twelve; while in Beta, only one chapter from a roll of nine, is not provided with a house. The standard of Province Beta is not too high for all.

Several chapters, we know, have plans well in hand for entering a house at an early date. We hope that these, and others, will not defer the matter. In the general aspect of things, this seems to be an eminently suitable time—far more suitable, for example, than would be five years from now; and it is not such a difficult feat, after all. Almost any chapter with the will to do it, can accomplish it, though the start may be an humble one. Once squarely there, it is comparatively easy to stay. The start's the thing. It is a significant thing that few chapters, having once got into a house, have been obliged to return to humbler quarters. The chapters to-day without houses are those who have never thought themselves able to make the start.



Chapter officers are hereby given formal reminder that their remittances, in payment of the so-called "Record tax" established by the forty-second national convention, are now due and payable. This act, it will be remembered, imposes upon each chapter a per capita assessment of one dollar for every member who is to graduate at the next commencement; in return for which the several graduates are to be entered as subscribers to THE RECORD and *Phi Alpha* for the one year following. The purpose of this act is, of course, to get the young alumnus into the habit of subscribing for the fraternity journals. If he finds at the expiration of his subscription, that these period-



cals are not worth their price to him, he is perfectly free to discontinue them; and there is an end to the matter. It will be the part of the editors to make him feel that he cannot very well afford to get along without them. Failing to do this, they will, at least, not be able to complain very reasonably of lack of support among the alumni.

In regard to the individual collection of this fund, each chapter is at liberty to determine its own course. The money may be subscribed directly by the Seniors themselves, which would seem to be the natural course; or it may be drawn from the chapter treasury. In any case, however, the chapter is directly responsible to the Fraternity for its payment. Chapters which have not already fulfilled this obligation are begged to give the matter their immediate attention. Nothing will be accomplished by delay save an infinite addition to the perplexities of editorial duties; and the matter is one so far-reaching in its possibilities for admirable development, that it should intrinsically commend itself to every earnest and faithful chapter. By the time this issue is in the hands of our readers blank forms for returns will long since have been distributed among the chapters; and an immediate and general response will, we trust, already have resulted.



In making "points" for the estimation of the strength of a fraternity, it has come to be the fashion to lay a stress that is absurdly disproportionate upon the number of its inactive chapters. According to the modern reckoning, a dead chapter is

**The Two Kinds of Dead Chapters.** regarded as a significant comment upon the wisdom or stability of the fraternity that fathered it, and ten dead chapters, or twenty, or thirty, make the matter ten, or twenty, or thirty times as bad. A natural result of this point of view is that fraternities avoid making additions to their dead list as they would the plague. This, we submit, is altogether wrong and altogether foolish.

As we understand the use of the term, a chapter may be "dead" for one of several reasons; and there is no necessary implication that it has, from simple lack of the vital spark, merely flickered and gone out. It may be that the college which supported it has so dwindled away that it has ceased to attract men of proper calibre and in suffi-

cient quantity, or has actually been compelled to close its doors; either of which events carries no deeper reproach to the fraternity than is conveyed by a possible lack of judgment in entering an institution whose future is not definitely assured. Only the same slight measure of reproach is attendant upon the early expiration of a chapter too hastily rushed in before the laying of adequate foundations, which is the condition antecedent to the surrender of many a charter. Indeed, we think there is but one sort of "death" that is really in the nature of a discredit to the fraternity which must mourn it; and that is the passing away of an old chapter in an institution so firmly established that other fraternities there find it possible to live and prosper.

For these reasons we think it a mistake indiscriminately to lump together into one somewhat opprobrious category all the chapters in a fraternity which, once active, have for one reason or another ceased to be active, and to grade the strength of the fraternity inversely in proportion to these; and, personally understanding and sympathizing with the needs and exigencies of our own history, we are not greatly disturbed by the fact that the dead list of this Fraternity is, possibly with one exception, the biggest in existence. We think it a foolish and short-sighted wisdom that notes with painstaking punctilio the "dead" chapter, and takes no note of the chapter that ought to be dead. Some years ago Mr. Barrie wrote his little satire, "Better Dead," of which the plot, if we remember rightly, centred about a philanthropic society whose chosen mission was the killing off of men who were not fit to be alive. There is a better working principle in this little thought than one can find beneath an inordinate dread of an addition to a dead list. And so, in pondering upon this matter of dead chapters, and in reckoning relative strength upon this basis, it is well to remember that these are of two kinds—dead chapters and better dead chapters. If one's choice, in any given case, must fall between the two, we are not sure that it should inevitably be awarded to the second.

Chapter letters for the September RECORD must be in the hands of the Editor not later than August 15. The regular notice to this

effect will be found in the present issue, as usual, at the head of the chapter letters; but, because of the intervention of the summer vacation, and the consequent tendency on the part of our correspondents to relaxation and forgetfulness, we wish in the present case to emphasize this point particularly. We think it would be quite as well for the September letters to be sent in immediately at the close of the college year, when activity in the chapters is practically at a standstill until the autumn, and recent happenings are still fresh in the correspondent's mind. Items of interest, if any arise, could be added at a later date, and there would be less chance of allowing the matter to be overlooked. However this point may be decided in the individual chapters, it is quite necessary that the time-limit should be borne in mind; and that, in case of a recent change of officers, it must be distinctly determined who is to be responsible for the letter. It not infrequently happens that chapters go unrepresented in the first number of the college year because of a misunderstanding as to whether the letter is to come from the old correspondent or the new. In a few weeks, when the men are scattered for the summer, it will be difficult, perhaps, to settle this point. It should be settled now. We should be glad to learn from whom this next letter is to be expected; and at what address we may reach him during the summer months.

# 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 February first:

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

February.—*The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma; The Alpha Tau Omega Palm; The Eleusis of Chi Omega; The Beta Theta Pi; The Desmos of Delta Sigma Delta; The Trident of Delta Delta Delta; The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi; The Phi Gamma Delta.*

March.—*The Delta Upsilon Quarterly; The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi; The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta; The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega; The Shield and Diamond of Pi Kappa Alpha; The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta; The Phi Gamma Delta.*

April.—*The Phi Gamma Delta; The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi; The Anchora of Delta Gamma.*



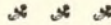
It is generally conceded, we believe, that Mr. Wm. Raimond Baird, author of the well-known "American College Fraternities," is the

best informed man in America, and therefore in the world, on the college fraternity system. One of his recent editorials in *The Beta Theta Pi*, on "Alumni Chapters," we found especially interesting.

There should be more alumni chapters established. Their organization may be of the slimmest character and their meetings infrequent, irregular and informal, but the mere fact that there is such an organization creates a solidarity of local sentiment which is valuable, and forms a beginning of better things. It affords opportunities to make desirable acquaintances, to extend business and professional relationship, and to benefit the fraternity and the brothers in many ways. Don't be afraid. Start a chapter if you only have five men. Then see to it that the next five desirable boys who go to college from your locality become Betas, and there will be more of you then.

And in regard to "Chapter Houses," Mr. Baird writes:

Some of the chapters say that they can not buy a chapter-house because the expense is too great, considering the number of their alumni and their comparative poverty. Inquiry not infrequently reveals the fact that the chapter is thinking of securing a \$10,000 house in a \$5,000 town. To do this is a great mistake. It does a chapter no good to have a house much superior to its neighbors. It leads to extravagance—to foolish attempts at social gaieties beyond the power of the chapter—to an increase in the numerical strength of the chapter merely for the increased revenue, and, in general, in the establishment of inharmonious relations between the chapter and the college. It is far better to secure a \$4,000 house, and afterwards sell it or replace it by a better one, than to make a great splurge about a more costly structure, and find that you have a white elephant to take care of.



*The Trident of Delta Delta Delta* prints a toast in verse, given at a recent initiation banquet of the University of Cincinnati chapter. It is entitled "To Tri-Delta Men (with apologies to you and Kipling)." Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are honored with special stanzas. We clip from this so much as concerns ourselves.

Σ A E

Men there are, and a lion they'd tame,  
   Even for us they'd die.  
 Again and again our girls they claim,  
 But our frat itself is not to blame,  
 For some of our girls withstand their claim,  
   Even as you and I.  
 O, the toil men lost, and the spoil men lost,  
   And the wonderful things they planned

Were reaped by our girls who knew the whys,  
 Although they thought we'd never know why,  
 Our girls *they* understand.

Then drink this toast to the men we roast,  
 So take your cup in hand,  
 And drink this toast to the men loved most,  
 Frat-men throughout the land.



*The Delta Upsilon Quarterly* for March contains a very able discussion of the "Extension Question," as applied to Delta Upsilon. As it is an issue that confronts every fraternity, with strong partisans for and against, we quote portions of it:

Is the extension question a microbe or a bugaboo? Does it bring to Delta Upsilon the seeds of deterioration and decay, or is it only a spectral shape that need feel only the keen thrust of common sense to vanish and trouble the fraternity's mind no more?

I suppose there is no problem that comes more persistently and obtrusively before the average live fraternity than does this one of adding new chapters to the roll. Certainly there is none that has taken more time at the annual conventions. This is as true of Delta Upsilon as it is of the fraternities whose lists of chapters are almost twice the length of ours. It is entirely natural that this should be so. Growth, either internal or external, stands for progress. To remain absolutely stationary comports with neither the good reputation nor correct ideals of man or fraternity. . . .

Why should Delta Upsilon extend? First, for the preservation of our democracy. We shall be benefited by the addition of chapters in that it will keep us from self-adulation. It will hold at bay that evil spirit that says: "We are the chosen fraternity, sole guardians of the truth. All outside of us is nothing and nobody." No Lick telescope is needed to discover that it is the small fraternity, the ultra-conservative, which grants a charter once in five or ten years, that makes itself obnoxious to every fair-minded man by offenses born of this spirit. A few of these fraternities, indeed, rear their little structures upon distinctions of class and material possessions that have no license to exist under the academic elm. They are "tony" and "exclusive"; heaven save the mark!

Delta Upsilon should extend, in the second place, for the sake of influence. If we have any faith in our principles; if we believe that the fraternity can benefit all who takes its pledge, it is not for us to circumscribe the extent of that influence. We can not afford to erect any barriers that a future generation will stumble over in entering the non-Delta Upsilon World. Instead of that, we should be glad to have another banner raised in the fraternity's name, if we see to it that those who hold the banner are worthy. Only let our choosing be careful and deliberate, and we may not stop until

every high-grade (let the word be emphasized) institution in the land has its center of Delta Upsilon influence. That is not the work of a few, or even a score of years. We shall set no time-limit for such growth. We shall only resolve that we will be an influence in the American college world, and that we will extend that influence because we know it to be good. The future can take care of itself if we face it in such a spirit. There is a well-worn and accredited tradition that one of our Eastern rivals once decided in convention NEVER to grant a charter beyond the Mississippi River. The "never" lasted about ten years, I believe. The narrow and arbitrary bounds which the fraternity set were fairly shattered by the rising—and still rising—tide from the West. Their notion of educational primacy as a sectional matter was not only false and doomed to destruction—it was almost impudent. . . .

Delta Upsilon should extend for the sake of strength. Bulk, to be sure, never will, of itself make a fraternity strong and great. Not all of the 57 varieties of extension will avail to lift a fraternity steadily from its old level; but the sort of extension that has reason and judgment and skillful planning behind it will do that, and more.

Where shall Delta Upsilon extend? It is manifest at the outset that the East has few opportunities left for us. . . . Let us turn to the West. . . . It is worth considering whether the South does not hold out a definite promise for us. Its long starved colleges and universities are slowly being helped back to vigorous life by Northern generosity and Southern ambition. They are reflecting already the rechristened activities of the people, brought back into the Union by force, but now here by choice and eager to share in the nation's onward movement.



The following paragraphs taken from an article that appeared in the March *Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta* under the caption "Don't Be a Cad," we commend to the consideration of our active members. We are of the opinion, of course, that fraternity chapters usually contain the largest proportion of good men attending a college, but the belief that fraternities *always contain all the good men in a college* we gave up years ago. Here are some paragraphs from this article:

One of the greatest dangers that threaten the newly made fraternity man is that if he is not normal in his vision of things, he is apt to get his head turned. He is liable to look upon himself as a superior sort of being just because he can wear a jeweled badge; and to look upon the barb as one worth about a little less than thirty cents. . . .

If I went to a strange college and wanted to know, not which was the richest or swellest, but the very best fraternity there, I'd talk with a dozen or so non-fraternity men. I'd soon learn that the — fraternity was made up

of a lot of dudes; that the — fraternity was made up of men so stuck up that they imagined the sun rose and set with them; but that the — fraternity boys, why, they are all good fellows, trumps one and all. What would this mean? Simply that the members of this last chapter were the unselfish, normal Greek-letter men of the college; the men who exemplified the teachings of their fraternity in their every-day college life and in their associations with their fellow-students at large. By reason of this unselfishness, of this genuinely practical Christianity, such a chapter is bound to thrive and to succeed and send forth into the world men who are in very truth men.

I never thought to write so seriously. It really isn't my nature. But somehow a college memory came back to me of a sad and wistful-eyed boy who for some reason or other never got a frat bid, and I remember how years afterward he told how he had suffered because most of the fraternity men had been as strangers to him. A lot of good men never get into a Greek-letter society. Remember that, and don't make the mistake of ignoring them. Don't be a cad.



A regular feature of *The Trident of Delta Delta Delta* is a column conducted by "The Fraternalist," in which questions are put and answered, and "heart to heart" talks given on fraternity topics. A Freshman Tri Delta asked this Oracle of Delta Delta Delta, whether it was proper to wear a man's fraternity badge, and got this answer:

Now most anyone who pretends to be anything in a girl's fraternity could give this a decisive "yes" or "no," and there the matter would drop, but somehow I fail to grasp the situation in a comprehensive or general sense, so the best I can do is to say what I should do in such and such a case.

Personally, then, two or three things would determine my decision as to wearing or not wearing such a pin, in the event, of course, that I was so inclined. To some extent the pin, and to a greater extent its owner, would influence me. I might wear a rather unsatisfactory pin, provided the owner thereof was eminently satisfactory; and, on the other hand, I might wear a particularly attractive pin, with little thought of the accompanying owner; or some such uncertain thing as the tip of a hat or the set of a tie might unsettle all previous decisions; so, altogether, I fear I am not at all competent to offer advice on such a question.

Seriously, though, I would say this much regarding this very universal custom of girls wearing men's pins: Its fitness depends altogether on the standards and customs of the college locality. In many instances a girl wears a man's pin as a sort of fad. Of course, most of her friends will be in that particular fraternity and she can be counted on to say a good word for it during rushing, etc., but more than this is not implied or thought of. On the other hand, I have heard of localities where varying degrees of significance attach to the practice. So, I would say to a girl, consult yourself,



and in a measure, the customs of the college you attend, when you decide to wear or not wear a man's pin.



Even though the following "fallacies," clipped from *The Delta of Sigma Nu*, be not sins of which you, the reader, are guilty, they ought, nevertheless, to be of some interest:

*Freshman fallacy*: "Fraternity men are the people, the only people, and the whole people, and our particular fraternity is the capstone of the system."

*Sophomore fallacy*: "Our chapter has more difficulties to contend with than any other in college. The others have lower dues, no differences of opinion, and an easy time, while we have to hustle to make our chapter succeed." (We remark, in passing, that the last clause of this statement is not, by itself, a fallacy, but strictly true.)

*Junior fallacy*: "This year is the best our chapter ever had. We have made the chapter far superior to what our predecessors left it. We regret, however, that, unlike the alumni of all the other fraternities in this college, our alumni give us no support and care nothing for us."

*Senior fallacy*: "It is really too bad. We have just got this chapter into good shape, and know how to run it properly, and now we are called away. These mere boys we leave behind us are not competent to run the chapter right. They need old members to guide them."



It used to be the popular thing with a certain type of man to make little of and decry the value of a college education in relation to success in the world's work. We think this view is now growing obsolete; and that more and more men are coming to believe that what is called the "higher education" is likely to be an important asset to the young man just entering life. An interesting contribution to this latter view has been made by Dr. W. W. Smith, who has examined the records of 7,852 men and women of "more than local note," published in the well-known *Who's Who in America*, with a view to ascertaining what effect education of the various grades has had on success in life. We are indebted for the following statement of Dr. Smith's conclusions, to a reprint in the *Central News*, the weekly paper of Central University, of which Brother Rockwell Smith, Kentucky Kappa, is editor.

According to the best estimate we can make from the latest census re-

turns there are in the U. S. 40,782,007 persons over twenty-one years old. These are divided educationally about as follows : Class 1. Without school training, 4,682,498. Class 2. With only common school training. 32,862,951. Class 3. With common and high school training, 2,165,357. Class 4. With college or higher education added, 1,071,201.

Now the question is, how many of the eight thousand distinguished citizens of the United States on the Who's Who list came from each of these classes ?

The 4,682,498 of class 1 furnished 31.

The 32,862,951 of class 2 furnished 808.

The 2,165,357 of class 3 furnished 1,245.

The 1,071,201 of class 4 furnished 5,768.

It thus appears: (3) That a high school training will increase the chance of the common school boy twenty-three times, giving him eighty-seven times the chance of the uneducated. (4) That a college education increases the chance of the high school boy nine times, giving him two hundred and nineteen times the chance of the common school boy and more than eight hundred times the chance of the untrained. It is a surprising fact that of 7,852 "notables" thus gathered, 4,810 proved to be full graduates of colleges.

From the nature of the case it can not be claimed that these figures are exact, but they are based upon the most reliable government statistics and the necessary estimates have been made with care. It is doubtless true that other circumstances contributed to the success of these college trained men, but after all reasonable allowances are made the figures still force the conclusion that the more school training the child has the greater his chances of distinction will be.—By W. W. SMITH, A. M., LL. D.

The "Endowment Fund" of Sigma Chi corresponds somewhat to the "Surplus Fund" of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and has been instituted for similar purposes. The March *Sigma Chi Quarterly* discusses the subject somewhat at length, and for those who are interested in the growth of our own fund, we clip the following:

The assets to the credit of the Endowment Fund are as follows :

Cash on hand . . . . .	\$ 3,963 51
Loans to active chapters . . . . .	5,800 00
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Cash and loans . . . . .	9,753 51
Endowment notes, face value . . . . .	4,535 00
Old plan alumni notes, face value . . . . .	345 00
New plan alumni notes, face value . . . . .	3,900 00
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Total . . . . .	\$18,543 51

Many of these alumni notes, of course, will not be due until some time

in the future, and it would be too much to expect that all of the past due notes on hand will be paid eventually; but making every allowance for misfortune and death, it seems clear that the expectation of the originator and builder of Sigma Chi's endowment system, of \$25,000 for endowment, is not far short of realization.

This article is intended to be a plain recital of facts. These facts, however, form a record of substantial Fraternity loyalty which must arouse the pride and enthusiasm of every Sigma Chi. Let our pride be of the sort which looks forward to larger success, and our enthusiasm the kind that strenuously assists in its accomplishment. Our Endowment Fund motto is, "Every chapter in its own home." It is the privilege as well as the duty of every Sigma Chi, active and alumni, to assist in transforming the significance of that motto from purpose to achievement.

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## Gleanings.



**PHI DELTA THETA.**—The Illinois chapter of Phi Delta Theta, at Champaign, has bought a fine corner lot in the heart of the fraternity district, and will build this summer. Eighteen of the sixty-five chapters of Phi Delta Theta own houses.

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**BETA THETA PI.**—Of the sixty-five active chapters of Beta Theta Pi, fifteen own houses, and thirty-one rent them.

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**DELTA KAPPA EPSILON.**—The University of Chicago Dekes have bought a handsome new house on Faculty Row. The Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter at Columbia has just purchased a large home on West 113th street, between Broadway and Riverside Drive.

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**SIGMA NU.**—Sigma Nu is building the biggest chapter-house at the University of Illinois, Champaign. It will have accommodations for twenty-six men.

This fraternity has recently revived its chapter at Tulane, making a total of fifteen fraternities at this university.

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**PHI KAPPA PSI.**—Of the forty active chapters of Phi Kappa Psi, thirty occupy houses. Ten of these houses are owned by the chap-

ters occupying them. The total membership of this fraternity is now 9,087.

It is said that Phi Kappa Psi will put in a chapter at the University of Illinois next autumn.

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ALPHA DELTA PHI.—Last February Alpha Delta Phi was burned out at Chicago. The chapter is now comfortably settled in new quarters.

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According to the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, the total membership of Delta Kappa Epsilon was, on January 1, 1903, 16,850. A writer in the February *Phi Gamma Delta* states that the membership of Delta Kappa Epsilon is "now" 14,169. Presumably, this latter estimate does not include deceased members, for we can not believe that the Delta have the facility of multiplying with such amazing rapidity. However this may be, it seems certain that Delta Kappa Epsilon has a clear lead of some thousands over her nearest rival in point of numbers, Beta Theta Pi, whose total is now 12,727 (12,827); though Delta Kappa Epsilon is five years the younger of the two, and has had, all told, but fifty-one (or fifty-two) chapters on her roll to eighty-eight for Beta Theta Pi. Phi Delta Theta (1848) is four years younger than Delta Kappa Epsilon (1844), has had some forty more chapters, and has a membership of some 12,000. Separated from these by some 2,000, six other fraternities, Sigma Alpha Epsilon among them, follow each other closely. In the Delta Upsilon list the total membership of S. A. E. is placed at 9,000. We believe that this is considerably short of the true number, but have not the figures by us to sustain the point. In point of proportion of inactive chapters, Psi Upsilon leads with the fine record of only one death out of a total roll of twenty-three. Within the past five years Kappa Sigma has either established or revived eighteen chapters, and Phi Gamma Delta fifteen. During the same period, three of the conservative old Eastern fraternities have added no chapter to their rolls.

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The most important event in the local fraternity world is the recent granting of a charter by Sigma Alpha Epsilon to a local known as Tri Phi. The charter was granted at the late S. A. E. convention at Washington, and the applicants will be initiated on the 16th of January. The Tri Phi chapter contains some very strong men—well known in university affairs.—*Wisconsin correspondent in the Φ Δ Θ Scroll.*

David Earl Mitchell, the new president of the Cumberland University, is only twenty-six years of age and was elected to the presidency of his Alma Mater on the day of his graduation. This is certainly a unique distinction and probably without a parallel. He is a Sigma Alpha Epsilon.—*The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.*

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Kappa Sigma was reestablished here during the fall with seven members, two failing to return after Christmas. Sigma Alpha Epsilon is leading in numbers this year, having a membership of 29. Delta Kappa Epsilon is the only fraternity living in a house. Alpha Tau Omega has a lodge, but the members room in the college.—*North Carolina correspondent in the Φ Δ Θ Scroll.*

This last clipping in regard to fraternity conditions at the University of North Carolina gives, we think, a somewhat misleading impression. It would seem to imply that apart from Delta Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega, no other fraternity had any affiliations with a chapter-house. In point of fact, both Sigma Nu and Zeta Psi own very attractive houses, more desirable, perhaps, than either of the two first named. Kappa Alpha has just acquired a small hall, and S. A. E. has, of course, owned her present house for years. Some interesting comments on fraternity life at Chapel Hill will be found in the chapter letter in this issue.

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In fraternity circles at Purdue, there seems to be a good deal "doing." The correspondent to the *Scroll* writes:

Following the organization of the Bagatelle Club, which is petitioning Beta Theta Pi, as announced in our letter to the February *Scroll*, comes the news that Delta Tau Delta will grant a charter to a body of applicants here. Another organization has rented a house and is applying to Delta Kappa Epsilon. The Beta organization has received discouraging reports from the fraternity, owing to the opposition of some of the Indiana chapters and the lukewarmness of some of the officials of the fraternity. They will not give up, however, but will rent a house next year and continue their efforts. They are being assisted by Dr. Stanley Coulter, head of the department of science of the university, an enthusiastic Beta who has been trying for several years to get his fraternity to look this way. Among the Delta Tau Delta petitioners are Delta Tau undergraduates from Minnesota, Butler and Iowa, and they claim the charter has already been allowed and that they are only awaiting an opportune time to announce it formally. The Delta Kappa Epsilon prospectives are in a house, but they consist almost entirely of seniors, and they do not appear to have any active support from the Deke members of the faculty. All organizations of this kind are kept semi-*sub rosa* owing to the ancient antagonism of the university authorities, which the

famous supreme court decision of 1883 seems only partially to have subdued. The fraternities here, seven in number, while recognizing the fact that, with over twelve hundred men from which to draw membership, there is room for more fraternities, feel that the precipitous rush which characterizes the endeavor to secure charters, if successful, will tend to cheapen the fraternity man in his own estimation and in the eyes of the non-fraternity man. For her part, Indiana Theta *would welcome rivals of national calibre in place of some of the mushroom fraternities now here.*

The italics in the closing sentence are our own. The fraternities now represented at Purdue are, we believe, Sigma Chi (1875); Kappa Sigma (1885); Sigma Nu (1892); Phi Delta Theta (1893); Sigma Alpha Epsilon (1893); Phi Kappa Psi (1901); Phi Gamma Delta (1902). We wonder which of these are the "mushroom fraternities" that the *Scroll* correspondent would like to see rooted out.

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The field is well occupied now, and it is hoped that no more fraternities will enter Kansas University at present. The last two fraternities to enter are Alpha Tau Omega (1902) and Sigma Alpha Epsilon (1903). The last named chapter is a very strong one, having gathered a very strong set of men at the start.—*Kansas Correspondent in the Σ Ν Delta.*

# OFFICIAL DATA

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

*Ohio Sigma.*—Dr. Walter J. Teeters to Miss Della Avonhalt, at Sebring, Ohio, 26 February, 1903.

*Minnesota Alpha, '04*—George Wyndham Caplin to Miss Gertrude Gage, 26 March, 1903.

*Minnesota Alpha.*—Alvin V. Skiles to Miss Helene Hawley, 15 April, 1903.

## I n M e m o r i a m .

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from this life our beloved Brother, John Lamar Erwin, therefore, be it, by us, his sorrowing and grief-stricken brothers of Chapter Georgia Beta of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, desiring to add our heartfelt sympathy to that of his beloved family,

*Resolved :* That in the death of Brother John Erwin, the chapter has lost one of its most loyal and efficient alumni ; and that we feel an irreparable loss by this removing from among us one who was one of our best beloved and highly honored brothers ; and that the chapter as a whole wishes to extend to our brothers, Howell and William Erwin, our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy in this dark hour ; and that the chapter feels that a vacancy has been made among the ranks of our alumni by the death of Brother John Erwin, which, on account of his sterling worth and noble, true character, can never be filled; and be it further

*Resolved :* That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the

deceased, be inscribed on the minutes of Chapter Georgia Beta, and be published in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon RECORD.

WALTER M. JACKSON, JR., Chairman,  
CAM DORSEY,  
HENRY JONES,  
JULIAN F. BAXTER,  
Committee.

Σ A E House, 10 March, 1903.

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WHEREAS, One from among us, Herbert DeWolf, has been taken to his own by our Heavenly Father; and

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

*Resolved:* That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved parents; and further be it

*Resolved:* That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of Missouri Beta of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, that they be sent to the family of our departed brother, and that they be published in the RECORD of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

MONTGOMERY SCHUYLER, Chairman,  
GEORGE BARNES,  
WALTER FENERBACHER,  
Committee.

13 March, 1903.

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# THE ALUMNI

## The Men of S. A. E.

By Kentucky law, the gubernatorial period lasts four years; and the governor duly elected to such period shall be ineligible for re-election for the term immediately following his term of office. There has been some dispute among the Kentucky politicians as to whether the present governor, Brother J. C. W. Beckham, Kentucky Kappa, who was not elected to this dignity, but came into it after the murder of Goebel, would be debarred from renomination this year. A decision upon this interesting point was handed down by Judge Cantrill on March 6, which holds that Governor Beckham is eligible to renomination, and directs the committee to place his name on the official ballot.

Beckham *vs.* Young, &c.

Opinion—The question submitted is the construction of sections 70 and 71 of the constitution. Section 70 is that "he (the Governor) shall be elected for the term of four years by the qualified voters of the state."

Section 71 is that "he (the person elected for the period or term or time of four years) shall be ineligible for the succeeding four years after the expiration of the term for which he shall have been elected."

If there was any ambiguity or latent meaning of the language used in these two sections or portions of the constitution the Court would have some discretion in construing sections 70 and 71. But is there any ambiguity in the language? We think not. Under these sections the Governor is elected for four years, and the person elected for four years is the person who is ineligible for the succeeding four years. It does not matter whether he serves as Governor one year or three years or the period of the term, but if he be elected for four years he is then ineligible for the succeeding four years, and under this plain language he is the only person to whom this ineligibility applies.

I think the plaintiff entitled to the relief prayed for, and the judgment will be so prepared.—*The Cincinnati Enquirer.*

Here is an account of plucky performance of duty on the part of a young S. A. E., Victor P. Dewey, which we take from one of the Detroit dailies:

The Wight street fire found a hero in the person of Assistant Superintendent Victor F. Dewey, 249 Hubbard avenue. The River street explosion and fire, nearly asphyxiated five men, and four others miraculously escaped death.

At the Wight street plant a journal on the exhaust, which forces the gas from the storage tank into the street, became overheated. The temperature ignited the gas which was escaping from small vents, and before the supply could be shut off gas from a 16-inch main from the big storage and supply tanks burst into flames that almost filled the one-story brick valve house, 20x40 feet in dimensions. It was essential to shut off the gas supply from the pipes, and Mr. Dewey was the only one with a knowledge of how to do the work who would venture. With a rope around his waist he climbed into a low window of the burning building at the risk of his life and managed to shut off one of the valves, but it proved the wrong one. He entered again and again until the gas supply was cut off and the flames died down. Firemen with pike poles closed the valves on the other side of the building.



Theodore Greeley White was one of the early members of our strong young chapter at Columbia. He lost his life two years ago at Asbury Park after rescuing two little boys from drowning. His life was beautifully unselfish; he would have wished to give no better account of himself than that which Ben Adhem asked—

Write me as one who loved his fellow man.

A tablet has just been erected to his memory in New York.

There was unveiled on the south transept wall of the Church of the Holy Communion last evening a tablet in memory of Dr. Theodore G. White, a young member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, who was drowned at Asbury Park two years ago. He left \$80,000 in his will, with which there is now building in Nineteenth street near Ninth avenue, Gordon House, a club for boys. Dr. White founded the Gordon House in a small way before his death. The inscription on the tablet, after showing that he was not yet thirty when he died, calls him a "friend and leader of men and boys."—*The New York Sun.*



The Atlanta *Constitution* of March 31 prints a very flattering notice of Wilson M. Hardy and J. D. McCartney, both of Georgia

Beta, 1900, whose purchase of a Georgia paper was noted in this column some months back. The *Constitution* says in part:

Messrs. W. M. Hardy and J. D. McCartney are showing what new blood and energy will do for a daily newspaper in a small city. Some months ago they bought the Thomasville *Times-Enterprise* from that veteran editor and newspaper man, Captain John Triplett, and their success has been nothing short of phenomenal from the start.

These young men went into newspaper work without previous training, but they started out with the idea fixed in their minds that just two things were necessary to success—first, to thoroughly identify themselves with their town, talk for it and pull for it for all they were worth; and second, to give the people just as good a paper as the town could support.

They have lived up to their idea throughout, and the result has been that the people of Thomasville appreciate the fact that they have a newspaper that is of distinct value to the community; one which the larger dailies can in no way interfere with, because of the fact that it is constantly doing for its home town what no outside paper could hope to do.

They realize that such a paper is worth supporting, and the columns of the *Times-Enterprise* show that it is duly appreciated by its home people.

The new owners are young men who are evidently full of enthusiasm, pluck and energy. They have kept hammering away until they seem to have infused "the Atlanta spirit" into their town, and things are moving along in a most gratifying way down there.



Judge John M. Dickinson, Tennessee Nu, '68, who will act as U. S. counsel in the Alaska boundary dispute, presided at the banquet following the installation of Illinois Theta, on Founders' Day, March 9, 1903.

Judge John M. Dickinson, who has been appointed by Secretary of State Hay as counsel for the United States before the Alaska boundary commission, was an assistant attorney-general of the United States at one time, and is now general counsel for the Illinois Central Railroad. The commission will sit in London next fall. Judge Dickinson was born in Mississippi, was graduated from the University of Nashville and the Columbia Law School and then went to Leipsic and Paris to study international law. For several years he held a professorship in law at the Vanderbilt University.—*The Chicago Record-Herald*.



From a long account of the celebration of Founders' Day by the Savannah Alumni, in the *Morning News* of that city, we clip the following:

Covers were laid for 35 guests. The gathering was a most representative one, there being members present from five states and nearly twice as many institutions of learning. The supper was an excellent one, and was served faultlessly, the color effect being further carried out in the coloring of the palatable portions.

At the conclusion of the feast the annual election of officers was held, the regular order of business being unanimously vacated. Mr. Pleasant A. Stovall was unanimously re-elected to the presidency, and it was only after his insistent declination of the honor that his name was withdrawn. Mr. John D. Carswell was then unanimously elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the declination of Mr. Stovall. The officers elected, together with the committees appointed by President Carswell, were as follows:

President—John D. Carswell.

Vice-President—J. Ferris Cann.

Secretary and Treasurer—Thomas N. Denmark.

Executive Committee—John D. Carswell, Thomas N. Denmark and Neyle Colquitt.

Advisory Committee—W. T. Johnson, E. W. Cubbedge, Jr., T. N. Denmark.

Membership Committee—Pleasant A. Stovall, James W. McIntyre, Jr., Richard M. Charlton, J. A. G. Carson, Jr., and Raymond Sullivan.

After the business meeting, a feast of oratory was enjoyed, the newly elected president acting as toast-master.



The representatives of the "press" in Cincinnati and Florence, Alabama, among others, also discovered that the natal day of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was receiving due recognition.

The founding of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity fifty years ago was the occasion for a banquet at the Grand Hotel last night, given in honor of Founders' Day, by the Chapter Ohio Epsilon of the Cincinnati Alumni Association. Some fifty members of the local and State associations were in attendance, and many were the pleasant recollections carried away of the jolly good time enjoyed during the evening.

Attending the banquet were Messrs. Crocker, Jergens, Bell, Foster, Latshaw, Harold Van Matre, Wildman, Wright, Griffith, Melvin, Harry Reinhart, Jones, Rose, Finley, Oliver, Peck, Pierson, Charles Reinhart, Thomas, Newkirk, Henderson, Frank Hannaford, Peters, Nippert, Haughton, Charls, Ratliff, Isham, Warwick, Edgar Hannaford, Heinrichsdorf, Kress, Ginter, Hutchins, Mytinger, Owen, Victor Heintz, Knox, Morgan Van Matre, Eberhardt, Bailey, Muhlberg, Michael Heintz, Innes, Leue, Albert Cunningham, Smith, Lyon, Mente, Stewart, Elliott, Buchanan, Box, Dickerson, Scott, Walter Heintz, Ball, Kugler, Bayless, Proctor, Everett Van Matre, Wadsworth, Eldon Cunningham, Farnham, Ward, Black, Cairns and Greenwald.

Governor Beckham, of Kentucky, William Levere, President of the order, Charles W. Baker, James Neill, Champe S. Andrews, G. Hendree Harrison, Norman Flowers and other men of prominence in the Fraternity sent letters regretting their inability to be present.—*The Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune*.

**And this from Alabama:**

The second annual banquet of the Florence Alumni Chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, to celebrate Founders' Day, was held at Havenwood, the suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bunting, on Monday evening, March 9.

Judge J. J. Mitchell, president of the chapter, was toast-master, and introduced each speaker with a few witty and impromptu remarks that put everyone in the happiest humor.

The toasts were: The Welcome, R. F. Bunting; Our Charter Oak, C. W. Ashcraft; Fraternity, Rev. F. R. Graves; College Days, Erister Ashcraft; Our Honor Roll, Lee Ashcraft; Planting the Colors, Albert S. Johnson; Toast the Goat, Fletcher Ashcraft; The Ladies, Rev. E. D. McDougall; Good Night, by the toast-master.

Those who sat down to the banquet were.

Judge and Mrs. J. J. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ashcraft, Mr. and Mrs. Erister Ashcraft, Mrs. A. J. Boddie and Miss Martha Street Ashcraft, Mr. E. D. McDougall and Miss Marguerite Shaeffer, Mr. F. R. Graves and Miss Amelia Boddie, Fletcher Ashcraft and Miss Pleasants.—*Florence (Ala.) Herald*.



This excerpt from a St. Louis daily has to do with a brilliant young undergraduate in our chapter at the University of Missouri. Young Prentis is the present correspondent for his chapter.

Henning W. Prentis, Jr., of 4025A McPherson avenue, who will finish his course at the State University June 1, has won high honors at that institution. He has gone through the academic department of the university and finished a course that usually embraces four years of study in just two years and a half. In addition to this he has been chosen as class orator at the graduating exercises.

Young Prentis is but nineteen years of age, but he has made a remarkable record at the university, his high standing in general class work having excused him from many final examinations. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity at Columbia, and has attained some distinction as a tennis player. He has a sister, Miss Hilly M. Prentis, at the university, who is finishing her Freshman year.

When the Seniors of the St. Louis Law School met not long ago for the regular election of officers, they entrusted the two highest offices in the gift of the class to two young men of S. A. E.

At a recent meeting of the senior class of the St. Louis Law School, composed of students in the law department of Washington University, Franklin Miller, of No. 2819 Locust street, was elected president; Paul P. Prosser, of No. 3422 Washington avenue, class orator, and Thomas T. Lindsay, of No. 3622 West Pine boulevard, secretary and treasurer.

There were four candidates for president. Miller received a majority on the first ballot. Prosser and Lindsay were elected by acclamation.

Miller's home is at Memphis, Mo. He was born and raised in Missouri. He attended the University of Missouri at Columbia, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1901. He was valedictorian of his class. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and of the Phi Beta Kappa Academic Society. He was selected by Dean Curtis at the beginning of the year to represent the students of the Law School on the Managing Committee of the new Washington University Club.

Prosser is from Fayette, Mo. He was educated at Central College in that town, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1900. He represented Central in the intercollegiate oratorical contest in Columbia in 1900 and won first prize. In the same year he won second prize for Missouri in the interstate contest at Denver. He is also a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.—*The St. Louis Republic.*



Samuel Spencer, Georgia Pi, '63, who recently resigned from the presidency of the Southern Railway, was a guest not long ago at the "Greater Georgia" banquet, planned and successfully carried out by the citizens of Atlanta. His speech at that banquet made a deep impression upon his hearers. The excerpt, considerably cut, is from the *Cincinnati Commercial Tribune*:

Naturally, the home speakers confined themselves to the ways and the means by which their objects were to be accomplished, and to the resources which fully justified them in the faith that was in them. But President Spencer took for his theme the element which makes States and nations, the element without which each would be only a barren waste—the element of man. And President Spencer was not slow in stating that the man for the work in hand was not yet there; that he was not present among the banqueters, but that he was coming, notwithstanding it would take time to produce "the trained helmsman," needed not only in Georgia, but in every other State. The following extract from his admirable speech brought out the longest applause:

"We lack to-day, throughout this country, particularly throughout the South

that is growing in industry more rapidly, relatively, than any other section, the young men who are to take the helm. I mean not the young man who is courageously willing to take it, who, in his self-confidence, is equal to have it, but I mean the young man who is really ready; the man who is really prepared, and the man who knows the thing which he is going to attempt to do. It is the making of that man which is the problem before you. We are behind with him; he is not here in the numbers in which he should exist. You can make the improvement. He must be of the bone and the sinew that is here to-night. He must be made of the young men who are coming up in every community, the children in your homes."

That which President Spencer so well said of the needs of Georgia is true of every community for, to quote his language again, "the limit to enterprises is in the body, the size and the capacity of the men on hand to manage them."



We append a number of newspaper clippings relating to the recent marriages of a number of our younger alumni which a lack of space prevented us from printing in our March issue. The several benedicts here referred to are, respectively, R. N. Stahle, Pennsylvania Delta, '94; N. Lilburn Watson, Colorado Zeta; George Albert Moore, Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, '94; Williams Horton Blake, California Alpha, P. G.; John D. Spreckels, Jr., California Alpha, '03; Albert L. Barnes, Massachusetts Delta, '01; and Fletcher Hamilton Bailey, North Carolina Xi, '97.

R. N. STAHLÉ, PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, '94.

A wedding of attractive arrangement was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin A. Shepherd, last evening, when Miss Lottie Shepherd and Robert Nevin Stahle were united in marriage. The pictorial setting of the ceremony was especially effective and the officiant, Rev. W. K. Piner, said a service of great impressiveness.

The bride entered on her father's arm and was preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Leila Shepherd, her sister, and by the groom's best man, Wm. Cavitt, a fraternity mate of the S. A. E. order. Two ushers, Clyde Averie and Shirley H. Fraser, with a tiny little bridesmaid, Miss Marjorie Polk, completed the bridal party grouped before the altar.

A reception to a limited number of guests followed the ceremony and was marked with the same charm of decorative arrangement that prevailed in the marriage rites. The gifts displayed were exceptionally handsome and embraced a large number of handsome cut glass and silver pieces.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Stahle left for an eastern trip. They will visit relatives of Mr. Stahle's in Philadelphia before going to New York and will return by way of the ocean voyage and Savannah.

Mrs. Stahle's traveling gown was fashioned of tan voile with hat en suite.—  
*The Memphis Commercial-Appeal.*

N. LILBURN WATSON, COLORADO ZETA.

Without saying anything to his friends and associates, N. Lilburn Watson, secretary to the sheriff, quietly left the office yesterday afternoon late, secured a marriage license after hours and proceeded to the home of Miss Helen J. Grant and they were married. After the ceremony the happy couple repaired to a cozy home, which the groom had all arranged, and started off on their journey through life together.

Where the ceremony was performed and by whom was not known at the sheriff's office. Mr. Watson did not come down this morning and all were at sea as to his whereabouts. Mr. Watson has been secretary to Sheriffs Jones, Seerie and now Armstrong, covering a period of five years. He has a host of friends who will be surprised at his marriage. Miss Grant is an estimable woman. She has been teaching at the Fleming school for several years.

GEORGE ALBERT MOORE, MASSACHUSETTS BETA-UPSILON, '94.

Two leading Brookline families were united last evening by the marriage of Miss Grace Bristow Harrington and George Albert Moore, which was solemnized at Saint Mark's Methodist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harrington, and is popular in younger society circles. The groom is a graduate of Boston University and is one of Boston's leading young lawyers.

The edifice was thronged with friends and relatives of the happy couple, and included members of the Bar and representatives of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, of which the groom is a prominent member. Of the decorations, purple and gold—the fraternity colors—predominated. The altar was a mass of greenery, while there was a background of running vine with purple and gold ribbons and cut flowers intermingled. The pews occupied by the members of the two families were denoted by bunches of white carnations gathered together with bows of white satin ribbon.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her brother, Arthur Harrington. She wore a gown of cream Duchesse satin appliquéd with lace and trimmed with chiffon. Her tulle veil was caught up at the forehead with a cluster of orange blossoms and she carried a shower bouquet of Bride roses. Miss Florence Hills, of Newton, attended the bride. She wore a dress of white taffeta silk trimmed with deep accordion ruffles and carried a large bouquet of violets, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity flower.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dillon Bronson, pastor of the church. Charles C. Long, Boston University, '94, a former classmate and law partner of the groom, was best man. The ushers were: Wallace C. Brackett, M. I. T., '95, of Melrose; Louis A. Hall, B. U., '96, of Newton; Hon. John A. McKnight, B. U., '94, of Quincy, and Harold Williams, Harvard, '04, of Brookline. All are members of the Greek Fraternity.



Immediately following there was a reception in the church parlors, which was attended by several hundred people. Among those present were friends from Boston, Cambridge, Brookline, New York, Washington and Maine. The young couple were assisted in receiving by their parents.

After a short tour Mr. and Mrs. Moore will be at home at "The Cambridge," at the corner of Massachusetts avenue and Beacon street, on Tuesdays after November 1.—*Boston paper.*

WILLIAM HORTON BLAKE, CALIFORNIA ALPHA, P. G.

The marriage of Miss Maria Theresa Hartnell and William Horton Blake was celebrated yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the Hotel Berkshire on Jones street.

The bride is the daughter of the late Uldarico Hartnell, who was one of the prominent citizens of Salinas, having been treasurer of Monterey county for over twenty years. She is a brunette, tall and extremely handsome.

Mr. Blake is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blake, and belongs to one of the best-known families in Boston. Mr. Blake came to California from Harvard and is taking a postgraduate course in mining engineering at Stanford University. He is a member of the  $\Sigma$  A E Fraternity. Miss Hartnell was a student at the university for a short time.

James Lanagan,  $\Sigma$  A E, officiated as best man. After the ceremony a breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Blake left on the evening train for the South, and upon their return will reside at Palo Alto.—*San Francisco Call, 21 December, 1902.*

JOHN D. SPRECKELS, JR., CALIFORNIA ALPHA, '03.

John D. Spreckels, Jr., and Miss Edith Marie Huntington were united in marriage in the marble room of the Palace Hotel last evening, His Grace Archbishop Riordan officiating. The ceremony was performed in the presence of 175 invited guests, including immediate friends and relatives of both families. The wedding was a brilliant one. The decorations were surpassingly beautiful and the appointments all that wealth and culture could desire.

The bride and groom presented a striking picture as they knelt before the officiating prelate. His Grace was attired in full canonicals. White silk ribbons were used to form an aisle for the bridal party. The guests stood on each side of the long room and displayed deep interest in the entire affair. Sweet strains of music were heard throughout the impressive ceremony.

Nine o'clock was the hour set for the wedding. Promptly at the appointed time the bridal party came down the broad marble staircase and formed the procession. The groom and his best man took their places before His Grace, the Archbishop, and his assistants. The ushers—Knox Maddox, Ed Tobin, Joe Tobin and Gus Costigan—made way for the bride. They were followed by four bridesmaids—Miss Helen Dean, Miss Marion Huntington, Miss Pearl Landers and Miss Lily Spreckels. The maid of honor, Miss Grace Spreckels, walked alone. Then came the happy bride on the arm of her father. As

the party entered the marble room the orchestra rendered the bridal chorus from "Lohengrin."

The bride is a daughter of Willard V. Huntington, a well-known resident of this city. She made her formal debut last winter and is a general favorite in society. She has a beauty and charm of manner that endear her to all who know her. She has all the accomplishments that befit her station in life.

The groom is the son of John D. Spreckels and a grandson of Claus Spreckels. John D. Spreckels, Jr., was educated at Stanford University. He is a member of the Σ A E Greek-letter Fraternity.

The young couple were the recipients of many handsome and valuable gifts from their parents, relatives and friends.—*San Francisco Call*, 16 December, 1902.

ALBERT L. BARNES, MASSACHUSETTS DELTA, '01.

Albert L. Barnes, son of Sheridan W. Barnes, and Miss Mary Knickerbocker Watson, the only child of Mrs. Adelaide K. Rhoades, were married at high noon yesterday at Christ Church (Episcopal) in this village, Canaan, Conn. Rev. Harry I. Bodley, rector of St. Mark's, New Britain, performed the wedding ceremony, and Rev. M. Horace Mill, rector of the church here, read the beautiful betrothal service. The bride was given away by her stepfather, Mr. Junius E. Rhoades.

The groom was attended by his brother, Marcus A. Barnes. The ushers were Messrs. Harry E. Lyles and N. Watson Hardenbergh of Canaan, L. W. Howe of Gardner, Mass., and Dr. R. B. Castree of Albany, N. Y.

The newly wedded pair boarded the 6:29 P.M. express train north for an extended wedding journey to Chicago, thence to several places in Arizona. From there to New Orleans, Washington, D. C., and New York, and thence home to Canaan, where Mr. Barnes is engaged as one of the supervisors with the New England Lime Co., and it is here fitting to state that Albert L. Barnes is a grandson of the late Charles Barnes—the founder of the lime-burning industry in this section.—*Western Connecticut News*, 30 October, 1902.

FLETCHER HAMILTON BAILEY, NORTH CAROLINA XI, '97.

BRUNDIDGE, October 30.—(Special.)—Last night occurred the most brilliant social event of the season in the usually staid old city of Brundidge. It was the marriage of Fletcher Hamilton Bailey of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Miss Alice Grace Wood, of this city, at the First Baptist Church at 9 o'clock, Rev. N. C. Underwood, the pastor, officiating.

The ceremony was witnessed by a large crowd of the friends of the bride and groom. The bridal party left on the 10:05 P.M. southbound train of the Atlantic Coast Line. They will spend some time at Valdosta, Ga., and go thence to Winston-Salem, N. C., where after December 1 they will be at home to their friends at No. 604 Spruce street.—*Montgomery Advertiser*, 31 October, 1902.

## Jottings of the Old Grads.



### CORNELL.

'95. Arnold C. Koenig is in Omaha, Neb., as a consulting engineer in civil, hydraulic, and sanitary engineering.—'96. Frederick G. Candee has gone into the fruit-growing business near Gilroy, Col.—'99. Fred LaFayette is at present associated with Professor Fessenden, who is experimenting with wireless telegraphy at Old Point Comfort, Va.—'02. Willis L. Shachan is now practicing law at Colorado Springs, Col.—'04. George C. Robertson is in business with his father at Buffalo, N. Y.

### DICKINSON.

'91. Elmer L. Cross, is principal of Wilmington Conference Academy, Dover, Del.—'99. Arthur M. Devall is District Attorney of Potter county, Pa.—'00. Eugene Herbert Brock has a real estate and law office in Brooklyn, N. Y. Martin M. Smyser left the United States on April 1, to take a position as teacher in one of the Government Schools in Japan. George V. Metzler is preaching in Decatur, Ill.—'01. J. Perry Wood, who graduated from Yale Law School last fall, is practicing in Los Angeles, California.

### PENNSYLVANIA STATE.

'95. W. J. Moore is with the Julian Kennedy Engineering Co., Smith Building, Pittsburg, Pa.—'96. W. A. Lyon is General Sales Agent for the Schoenberger Coal Company, 616 Frick Building, Pittsburg, Pa. H. A. Kuhn is general manager and treasurer of the Blaine Coal Co., and general manager and treasurer of the Deaker's Creek Coal and Coke Co.—'98. C. A. Brown is with the Western Pennsylvania Fuel Co., 2201 Farmer's Bank Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

### WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

'01. Coleman R. Robinson is practicing law in Louisville, Kentucky. Fred W. Goshorn is practicing law in Charleston, W. Va.—'02. J. Harlan Hiter is in business in Pittsburg.

### CINCINNATI.

'96. Leander D. Oliver is now Secretary of the Lubrig Coal Company.—'97. William Forse is Captain of the 34th Company Coast Artillery, U. S. A., and is stationed at Fort Stevens, Oregon. Frank Hannaford has resigned his position with the Pease Mfg. Co., and is now Manager of the Advertising Department of the Pettibone Bros. Mfg. Co.—'98. Albert T. Ellis

is in the Disbursing Office, Paymaster General, U. S. A., at Washington, D. C. Richard B. Ellis is with the Phoenix Fire Insurance Co., Milwaukee, Wis. Charles S. Reinhart is travelling for Reinhart & Newton, wholesale candy manufacturers, Cincinnati. Frank B. Warwick is engaged in the practice of law, with offices in the Atlas Bank Bldg., Cincinnati.—'99. Arthur Peck is Vice-President and Treasurer of the Lynn Filter Co., Cincinnati. Stanley Smith is a Dental Surgeon, with an office at 142 East Fourth St., Cincinnati.—'00. Walter Eberhardt is with B. & O. S. W. R. R.—'01. Eldon Cunningham is with the Triumph Electric Company. Chester Parker is pursuing postgraduate studies at Columbia University.—'02. Herbert Charles is with the American Rolling Mill Co., at Middletown, Ohio.—'03. Claudius Newkirk is Chemist for Procter & Gamble, Ivorydale, Ohio.

## O H I O S T A T E .

'98. Lieut. S. F. Ford is stationed with his regiment in Oklahoma.—'02 James U. Clark is superintendent of the Lancaster Street Railway Company. W. H. Taylor, who has been dangerously ill with typhoid, is again making the chapter-house at 1550 Neil Avenue his headquarters. He is taking on flesh very rapidly, and we have hopes that he may become a heavy-weight yet.—'03. Herbert Sanderson, who is with the Westinghouse Mfg. Co., will have charge of their exhibit in the electrical department at the World's Fair, St. Louis. Charles R. Wilson has accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad in the claims department with headquarters at Pittsburg.

## U N I V E R S I T Y O F I L L I N O I S .

'98. A. D. Shamel, formerly Instructor in Farm Crops at the University of Illinois, is now in the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C.—'99. C. A. Smith is now a partner in a firm of architects at Iola, Kansas.—'00. G. A. Darmer, Rush Medical College, '03, is an interne in the Milwaukee City Hospital.—'01. Frank G. Frost is doing original designing for the Stover Automobile Works, Freeport, Illinois.—'02. C. H. Rable is in the employ of Poindexter, the architect of Washington, D. C. C. E. Sheldon is the junior member of the firm C. L. & C. E. Sheldon, Attorneys at Law, Sterling, Ill. T. A. Clark is with the Chicago Telephone Co., 234 Washington St., Chicago. C. D. Wesselhoef is erector of electrical printing machinery for Coler Bros., Chicago. H. W. Belknap, Northwestern Dental College, '03, has opened a dental office in Chicago.—'04. L. J. Miller is assistant to the Master Mechanic of the Santa Fé Railroad, with headquarters at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

## C U M B E R L A N D U N I V E R S I T Y .

'67. Stoddard Caruthers is a member of the present Senate of the Tennessee Legislature. He has been on the right side in the recent Temperance legislature that has stirred the Old Volunteer State to its very depths.—'85. Robinson McMillan has removed from Lebanon to Wynnewood, Indian Territory, where he is enjoying a lucrative law practice. We occa-

sionally hear from him glowing accounts of untold western wealth.—'87. Thomas Walton Galloway, formerly Professor of Biology in Missouri Valley College, has accepted a chair in the James Milliken University, at Lincoln, Illinois.—'89. Charles Anderson Lanier has given up the practice of medicine at McCains, Tenn., and removed permanently to Greenville, Texas. The doctor passed through Lebanon en route, and met the men of the local chapter. James Oscar Cameron, now at Carlsbad, New Mexico, is amassing wealth from the rich mineral fields of that State. Pleasant Matthew Fitzgerald has had great success as an evangelist. His residence is Knoxville, Tenn. Samuel David Logan, who for several years has been pastor of the C. P. Church at Chattanooga, has resigned his pastorate there and accepted a call to Dyersburg, Tenn.—'98. Erle Pettus is making for himself and for the Fraternity an enviable reputation in Alabama politics.—'99. Robert Lee Pinkerton has returned to college and entered the Law Department, where he has already benefited us with his native "push."—'02. Charles Edward Clark is now practicing law in the flood-lands of Mississippi. He reports that when his own clientage is small he resorts to his father's. James Corley Dodds writes us that, after a hard but persevering uphill pull in new territory, he has at last established himself in a paying position as a lawyer.—'93. John Caruthers has removed from Nashville to Indian Territory, where he has entered into relations with a corporation which pays him well as attorney. Thomas Albert Wigginton, pastor of the C. P. Church at Evansville, Indiana, has been contributing papers to the *Cumberland Presbyterian*, the organ of the church, written under a pen-name. These have in several instances a direct reference to S. A. E. Temple Harris McGregor, a rising young attorney of Springfield, Missouri, has attained many posts of distinction, and his power of oratory has charmed many audiences.—'94. John Wesley Disham is tending the flock of the First Presbyterian Church, at Corinth, Mississippi.

#### M I S S O U R I .

'01. Wm. C. Lucas is practicing law at Osceola, Mo. Franklin Miller is President of the Senior Law Class of 1903 at Washington University, St. Louis. Rex Hagan is now in Honduras, Central America.—'02. S. B. Houx, E. G. Maclay, C. W. Wood, all have civil engineering positions in Chicago. Franklin Underwood is Superintendent of Schools at Slater, Mo. Stanley M. Masters is in the lumber business at Neames, La. John G. Brown is studying law at Yale University. Aytch P. Woodson is in business in Kansas City.

## Our New Subscribers.

We print herewith the names of all subscribers whose subscriptions have reached this office since the publication of the December RECORD up to May 7. This list should be of considerable interest as showing the support which THE RECORD is receiving from our graduates on the one hand, and as indicating, from the other point of view, which of our alumni in particular are plainly not suffering from so-called "lack of interest." We present their names to the consideration of those interested in present or prospective alumni associations. Our special thanks are due to Brother R. Emerson Warfield, of Stanford, who, unasked and unaided, secured the first twenty-five subscribers here listed, and many others.

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## Association Letters.

### Adrian, Michigan.

THE local chapter and the Michigan Alpha Alumni are eagerly anticipating the coming reunion at Adrian next June. Preparations are being made on a large scale for a splendid week. Invitations have been issued to all the old Sigmas whose whereabouts is ascertainable, and we look for an unusually large attendance.

The local chapter is enthusiastic over the event. The date for the grand reunion is Tuesday evening, June 23, but the good times will continue throughout the whole of commencement week, which is June 21-25. At this time the Alumni Treasurer hopes to turn over to Michigan Al-

pha a neat sum, contributed by the alumni, for the use of the local chapter. This fund will be used in refitting the rooms in a style consistent with the dignity of the guests, of the occasion, and of the future comfort of the worthy members of the chapter.

C. H. HUBBELL,  
Secretary.

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### Arkansas: Headquarters at Little Rock.

THE Arkansas Alumni Association of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is yet in its infancy. The Legislature in the spring of 1901 passed a bill which abolished fraternities from the State University, and one of the main objects of our association is to get this



law repealed. The Legislature is now in session, but as yet we have accomplished very little.

At the time the law was passed there were only three men's fraternities at the university, Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Each one of these fraternities appointed one of its alumni on a State Committee: C. D. Frierson, of Jonesboro, Kappa Alpha; W. A. Crawford, of Arkadelphia, Kappa Sigma; and the writer. Our first step was to compile as complete a list as possible of the fraternity men in Arkansas and try to get their cooperation. We finally compiled a list of over six hundred, and wrote them the condition of fraternities in the State, the object of the committee, and what we wanted them to do. We next had printed an exhaustive argument for fraternities which was primarily for the benefit of the legislators. This letter set forth our arguments to meet the arguments of the non-fraternity men which had been presented to the Legislature when the antifraternity bill was passed. We also later sent each of the fraternity men one of these letters.

When we thought the proper time had arrived we introduced a bill in the lower house which provided for turning the fraternities over to the Faculty and Board of Trustees, with full power to control, or abolish, if necessary. The bill was referred to the Committee on Education, and as yet we have been unable to get it out of their hands. When this bill was presented we immediately sent each man on our mailing list an urgent request to write or wire their

senators and representatives requesting their support. We also published a pamphlet, "The American College Fraternity," which contains letters in answer to a series of questions sent to the leading university and college presidents. These we published for the edification of the legislators. The material for this pamphlet was compiled by W. A. Crawford, and should be of great use to the college fraternity world in general, as I believe it is the first thing of the kind ever gotten out. We also published in booklet form our list of fraternity men in the State, which we hoped would arouse some interest among the older members.

In June, 1901, our Alumni Association met in Little Rock; in June, 1902, we met with the Hot Springs boys, and this June we shall again meet with our Little Rock brothers. This year our meeting will be of two days' duration, whereas heretofore it has been three days. A banquet and a reception are two fixed features of our meeting. Any brother  $\Sigma A E$ 's who should happen to be in Little Rock the latter part of June would be most welcome to join with us. Our President, C. G. Price, can be found at 121 West Second street, Little Rock, Ark.

Our association desired very much to have the National Convention of 1904 meet with us at Hot Springs; but as the convention, in its wisdom, saw fit to meet in Memphis, our neighbor just across the creek, we shall all try to be there.

GORDON MATTHEWS,  
Secretary.

**Atlanta, Georgia.**

BY far the most pleasant and important event which the Atlanta Alumni Association can chronicle within the past few months is the magnificent banquet given in conjunction with Georgia Phi Chapter on the evening of March 9, to celebrate the forty-seventh anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity, and the thirteenth of Georgia Phi.

At the appointed hour, about 100 Sigma Alphas gathered and seated themselves around the immense table shaped in the form of a T, to partake of a sumptuous banquet and  $\Sigma$  A E good cheer. Of those present, besides the active members of Georgia Phi, were alumni from all parts of the State, among whom Georgia can claim many of her most prominent men of affairs.

Brother John D. Little, Georgia Beta, '90, former speaker of the Georgia General Assembly, acted as toast-master, and toasts were responded to as follows :

A. H. Cox, Georgia Beta, '68—  
"William the Conqueror in the Days of '67."

W. R. Brown, Georgia Beta, '72—  
"Reminiscences."

H. H. Cabaniss, Georgia Beta, '69—  
"Great Expectations of a College Boy."

H. C. Peeples, Georgia Psi, '71—  
"Georgia Psi."

R. H. Timmons, Georgia Epsilon, '01—  
"The Day We Celebrate."

Cliff M. Walker, Georgia Beta, '97—  
"Sisters, Sweethearts, Wives."

Felder Furlow, Georgia Phi, '03—  
"Georgia Phi."

J. Wayne Moore, Georgia Phi, '01—  
"A Thing of Beauty A Joy Forever."

The occasion will be long remembered by those so fortunate as to be present.

DONALD DONALDSON,  
Secretary.

22 April, 1903.

**Boston, Massachusetts.**

THE Boston Alumni Association is in our opinion in as flourishing a condition as it has been at any time since its reorganization in 1897. The total membership on January 1, 1903, was 58, which, with a little hustling on the part of the officers, has now been increased to 84. Of this number 52 are active members.

Arrangements have been made for the men to take luncheon together on Tuesdays and Fridays at stated places, and this has become a pleasant feature of the social side of the organization. The annual mid-summer dinner will be held as usual about August first.

LUZERNE S. COWLES,  
Secretary.

**Chattanooga, Tennessee.**

THE Chattanooga Alumni Association is now in the fourth year of its active organization. Soon after the forming of the association, we gave a very large dance, which was attended by all the Sigma Alphas of Chattanooga and their friends.

Since then the association has not done much active work, largely because we have no college near our city. We have about sixty-five men

in Chattanooga, and a finer crowd of alumni it would be hard to find. We keep thoroughly in touch with each other, and it is not unusual to find eight or ten of the boys gathered together somewhere or other, discussing college days and fraternity matters. Chattanooga is strictly an  $\Sigma A E$  city, and we have little trouble in obtaining any one who enters college from this place.

Our men represent almost every line of business. Our number is rapidly increasing, and it is our dream to have before long a club house in Chattanooga. If any Sigma Alphas, either alumni or active members, chance to come our way, it will afford us great pleasure to show them the many interesting sights of the city, including Lookout Mountain and Chickamauga Park.

O. F. ANDREWS.

26 April, 1903.

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Cincinnati, Ohio.

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THE time that has elapsed since our last letter to THE RECORD has not been altogether uneventful for Cincinnati Sigma Alphas. With several members added to the roll of the association, two alumna dinners, a successful Founders' Day banquet held in conjunction with the Ohio Epsilon Chapter, and a theatre party in honor of Brother James Neill of Georgia Beta, we fancy that we are still seeing some active fraternity life.

As the Founders' Day banquet is reported at greater length on another page, we may pass it here without further mention, except to say that it was one of the best we have ever

held, and that we were glad to have so many visiting brothers present.

Greater notice must be given to the theatre party. On Friday evening, April 3, some thirty or forty  $\Sigma A E$ 's, with their girl friends and a few invited guests, attended the performance of "The Starbucks" at Robinson's Opera House, where Brother Neill and his company were filling a three weeks' engagement. Brother Neill is a general favorite in Cincinnati, and his interpretation of southern character and customs was thoroughly appreciated by the entire audience. After the performance, the party adjourned to the chapter hall, where a reception was tendered to Brother and Mrs. Neill. This was rendered all the more enjoyable by the fact that both the guests of honor were already acquainted with quite a number of the men present, for Brother Neill was for some time a resident of this city, several years ago.

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the past week the University Carnival Fair took place. This was given for the benefit of athletics and the University Social Settlement. Sigma Alphas, both active and alumni, took a prominent part.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the University was held last Thursday evening, at the Van Wormer Library building. At this meeting Brother Van Matre was elected one of two alumna delegates to the University Athletic Council, Romer Peters was chosen a member of this Executive Committee, and the writer was elected to a third term as Secretary and Treasurer of the association.

For the near future a number of social events are scheduled in  $\Sigma$  A E circles, and as the active chapter boys are moreover planning some improvements in the chapter hall, we anticipate a renewed activity in the next few months.

ALBRECHT F. LEUE,  
Secretary.

19 April, 1903.

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Cleveland, Ohio.

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A MEETING of the Cleveland Alumni Association was held on April 15, and was well attended. A new set of by-laws was submitted at this meeting, and with some few changes will at the next meeting be ratified. The writer has upon several occasions been asked why it was that Sigma Alpha Epsilon was not represented by a chapter at certain schools not very far away from Cleveland. The only answer that could be forthcoming under the circumstances was that the "timber" was not available for such a chapter as we would wish to have represent our Fraternity. This was one of the questions brought up at the last meeting, and it has been practically decided to appoint a committee whose duty it will be to investigate the conditions at these institutions, that the matter may come up before a future convention in such a form as to command consideration of the Fraternity.

There are here in the city between twenty and thirty Sigma Alphas, and as fast as new ones are settled here they are brought into the fold; and if during the interval of the time since their graduation, the spirit of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been allow-

ed to lie dormant, the healthy, active condition of our association soon revives that spirit. We are already looking forward to the next convention to be held at Memphis; and it is our aim to arrange our affairs so as to enable us to send to the convention a representative delegation.

Robert Brown, of Massachusetts Iota-Tau, arrived in Cleveland last week, and has accepted a responsible position in the laboratories of The Sherwin & Williams Co. He is taking an active interest in the alumni, and we feel very much pleased to have him with us. The headquarters of the association are in the new Citizens Bank building, Room 711; and any Sigma Alpha who might be visiting Cleveland is cordially invited to call and come in touch with the brothers here in Cleveland, as we are always prepared to extend a hearty welcome and "do things."

S. A. MULHAUSER,  
16 April, 1903. Secretary.

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Denver, Colorado.

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SINCE our last letter to THE RECORD this association has made some important changes in its plans. At the annual meeting held on the last Saturday night in February a revision of our constitution and by-laws, prepared by Walter E. White, was adopted. By this revision, we have provided for four regular business meetings to be held on the last Saturday of May, August, October, and February, respectively. Two annual social events were also provided for. Some time in November the association will hold its annual ball which will be made the event of the

Thanksgiving season in fraternity circles. Following the time-honored custom of  $\Sigma A E$ , we shall hold, as heretofore, a Founders' Day banquet on the 9th of March. Other important changes were made in the by-laws, which are expected to add new zest and progress to the association's affairs. The annual election of officers was held at the same meeting with the following result: For President, N. Lilburn Watson; Vice-President, John R. Lewis; Secretary and Treasurer, Howard S. Robertson. All Sigmas must remember that we have an Alumni Association in Denver, and must not fail to let us know when they are in town.

N. LILBURN WATSON,  
(Former Secretary), President.  
17 April, 1903.

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Los Angeles, California.

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THE members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon resident in and near Los Angeles, California, have been in the habit of getting together several times a year for a good time. The logical advance was made at a recent meeting when it was decided formally to organize, elect officers and apply to the Supreme Council for a charter. Our officers are: President, James Neill, Georgia Beta; Vice-President, Van Southard, California Beta; Secretary-Treasurer, Paul Burks, Tennessee Zeta; Executive Committee, Harry Anderson, Colorado Chi; Leo Chandler, California Alpha, and Will Bailey, California Alpha. The other charter members of our association are Harold Eaton, Winthrop Blackstone, Warren Carhart—all of California Alpha; W. H.

Schweppe, of Massachusetts Gamma; Tom Hastings, of Virginia Omicron; William Fry, of Indiana Beta; J. H. Woods, of Pennsylvania Delta; R. Cole, of Connecticut Alpha; Stanley Granger and Herbert Sibbett, of Ohio Epsilon; and Otto Gottschalk, of California Beta.

Following the custom of the other associations, we intend to have meetings in June, September, December and March, for the purpose of reunion and the entertainment of desirable Los Angeles or southern California men, about to go to colleges where we have chapters.

In addition to these stated meetings most of our men meet one another monthly at the regular meetings of the University Club of Los Angeles, of which many of them are members. In subsequent RECORDS we expect to speak at greater length of our dinners and reunions.

PAUL BURKS,  
17 April, 1903. Secretary.

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Memphis, Tennessee.

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DESPITE the fact that the first anniversary of the formation of the Memphis Alumni Association is rapidly approaching, and the novelty of its existence is gradually wearing off, the interest of our members in its welfare is as pronounced now as upon the night of its organization. While the past spring has been uneventful in its life, and nothing of moment has occurred since our last letter, we, nevertheless, have made substantial progress in placing the association on a firm basis.

Our membership recently suffered a severe loss by the removal of Rev.

J. Sterling Foster, chaplain of the association, to Birmingham, Ala. Brother Foster, who until his departure was pastor of the Idlewild Presbyterian Church here, was tendered the pastorate of an influential church in Birmingham, which he accepted. Some weeks ago he departed for his new field of work, where he will unquestionably endear himself to the hearts of both his congregation and his brother Sigmas, as he did here.

We are anxiously awaiting our regular yearly meeting for the election of officers, to be held on the last Thursday in June next, at which we also propose to admit several more men to membership. We consider this "the" meeting of the year. The portion of the evening not consumed with the transaction of business will be spent in jollification. Any Sigma Alpha who may have the opportunity to meet with us on that occasion will be more than welcome, and he may feel assured that his time will not be wasted.

WASSELL RANDOLPH,  
18 April, 1903. Secretary.

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**New York, New York.**

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THE end of the most prosperous year in the history of the New York Alumni Association came with the annual dinner on the night of the twenty-fourth of April. Although the attendance was not so large as last year, when we had the unusual pleasure of entertaining the delegates to the Province Beta Convention, the dinner was in every way the most creditable affair ever given by this association. Instead of the customary typewritten notices, the house

committee this year had invitations engraved from a design furnished by Brother H. Lee Meader. This was an innovation the success of which has been amply proved by the many requests for souvenir copies from brothers all over the country. The committee was also particularly happy in its choice of speakers, and it was remarked by many of our old members that the association had never listened to such good toasts. Of the list which follows two, Messrs. Rigby and Nash, were absent. Brother Treder took Brother Rigby's place, and spoke on fraternalism from a young man's point of view. Brother Gibson's account of his first coming to New York, and how his fraternity connections had made him welcome in this large city, was fully appreciated by many of our members who are not natives of New York. Brother McKenna told of the troubles the Columbia boys had with janitors in the early days of New York Mu, and put himself on record as opposed to admitting janitors' sons to the order.

Good speeches were also made by Charles H. Studin, one of the city Assistant District Attorneys; and by Champe S. Andrews, who spoke interestingly on a congenial theme. The toast-list follows:

Toast-master . . . Henry G. McAdam.  
Fraternalism . . . George N. Rigby.  
Brothers in New York,

Robert Gibson, Jr.  
Janitors . . . James J. McKenna, Jr.  
Particeps Criminis, C. H. Studin.  
Our Σ A E Sisters,

Champe S. Andrews.  
Reminiscences . . . Howard P. Nash.

The affair was concluded in good

season and in good order, and every one went home satisfied that he had spent an evening to good advantage.

The association looks forward confidently to the year that is to come, with the largest list of members it has ever had, and a full treasury. Our next meeting will be held on the last Friday in October, in all likelihood at the Arena, 41 W. 31st street. Any brother who may be in New York is invited to correspond with the secretary and receive definite information of the time and place of this meeting, and to make it a point to be present.

S. W. BOWNE,  
Secretary.

26 April, 1903.

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**Savannah, Georgia.**

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THE Savannah Alumni Association of  $\Sigma A E$  held its quarterly meeting and supper on Founders' Day at the Thunderbolt Casino, one of the beautiful resorts near Savannah. The Savannah alumni went en masse in an open car; and after reaching the Casino sat down to a well laden table, with covers laid for thirty-five, and spread in a large room, open on all sides and overlooking the Thunderbolt River. There, with gentle breezes from the salts to cool us without, a beautiful supply of edibles to appease us within, and rousing specimens of Southern eloquence to rouse us all over, assisted by these, we spent a pleasant and profitable evening.

As is our custom, we elected officers at this meeting. The balloting was close, and after an exciting vote,

the Chairman announced the officers as follows: President, John D. Carswell; Vice-President, J. Ferris Cann; Secretary and Treasurer, Thomas N. Denmark.

The Savannah Alumni Society does as much work as can be done under the circumstances, located as we are more than 175 miles from any active chapter in the Fraternity. No chapter need be surprised to receive at any time a letter from us, stating that a Savannah man is about to leave here for their college and that he is a good man; or, what is really as important, that he is not a good man, and that the chapter had best leave him alone.

The sixty-one members of this  $\Sigma A E$  Alumni Association, all just as full of enthusiasm and fraternity spirit as when they were young collegians, unite in sending their best wishes for the success and prosperity of the order.

THOS. N. DENMARK,  
13 April, 1903. Secretary.

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**Wilmington, North Carolina.**

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THE Wilmington Association has been organized for about three years, and has been from the start very successful. We have lost only one member since our organization. Never a week goes by in which we do not see each other, and I am sure in every heart there is a kindly feeling of mutual regard, and among us all an invisible common tie.

JAMES M. STEVENSON,  
Secretary.

# THE ACTIVE CHAPTERS

## Initiates.



The appended list contains the names of all initiates properly reported at this office since March 1, together with one or two names erroneously omitted from the list in the March RECORD. The names of initiates will hereafter be printed in the December and May issues only; but they may be reported, as heretofore, with each chapter letter. Correspondents will greatly assist the work of the editor in the compilation of this list by carefully writing the full names of their new men on a separate sheet of paper; and by furnishing, in each case, the home residence and year of graduation.

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
<b>PROVINCE ALPHA.</b>		
<i>Massachusetts.</i>		
Amesbury .....	John S. Poyen .....	Harvard, '05.
Cambridge .....	Harry R. Bolan .....	" "
Lynn .....	Alfred S. Newhall .....	" "
Springfield .....	Luke Joseph Kavanaugh .....	Boston, "
West Wenham .....	Thomas Jefferson Greggs .....	" '04.
<b>PROVINCE BETA.</b>		
<i>New York.</i>		
Albany .....	Lawrence T. Winship .....	Harvard, '05.
Brooklyn .....	Austin Phelps Palmer .....	Columbia, '06.
Elmira .....	Dean K. Chadbourne .....	Purdue, '06.
Rochester .....	Arthur R. Chapman .....	" "
<i>Pennsylvania.</i>		
Linesville .....	Hazard John Pollock .....	Allegheny, '03.
	(Instead of H. B. Davis, affiliate, as reported in March RECORD.)	
Monongahela .....	Paul Atlee Walker .....	Chicago, '05.
Youngstown .....	Isaac S. Hughes .....	Adrian, '05.



Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
<b>PROVINCE GAMMA.</b>		
	<i>Maryland.</i>	
Baltimore.....	Charles Ross Littig.....	Boston Tech, '06.
	<i>Virginia.</i>	
Danville.....	Plumer Wiseman.....	Purdue, '06.
Roanoke.....	Harry C. Devant.....	Washington & Lee.
	<i>Georgia.</i>	
Columbus.....	Weyman Strother.....	Georgia.
Macon.....	Julian Erwin Lane.....	Cumberland, '04.
Monroe.....	M. Frederick Eden.....	Mercer, '05.
<b>PROVINCE DELTA.</b>		
	<i>Michigan.</i>	
Detroit.....	John Murray Fox.....	Harvard, '03.
	<i>Ohio.</i>	
Alliance.....	John Irwin Ballard.....	Mt. Union, '06.
".....	Mack Magee.....	" " "
".....	Arthur Purdy Rickard.....	" " "
Lisbon.....	Carl Leroy Stoaksberry.....	" " "
Medina.....	Huber Hall Root.....	Northwestern, '06.
Middletown.....	Albert King Morris.....	Franklin.
Palmyra.....	Howard Lorin Bigelow.....	Mt. Union, '06.
Steubenville.....	Franklin Burton Lyons.....	Adrian, "
	<i>Indiana.</i>	
Attica.....	Reed C. Brady.....	Purdue, '05.
Elwood.....	Alden Julian Green.....	Adrian, '06.
Indianapolis.....	Ralph B. Knode.....	Purdue, '06.
Washington.....	Harry S. Hair.....	" "
	<i>Illinois.</i>	
Aurora.....	Frederick Arthur Todd.....	Wisconsin, '06.
".....	Robert H. Whyman.....	" "
Bloomington.....	Clinton Joseph Davisson.....	Chicago, '06.
Chicago.....	Ralph Merriam.....	" '03.
".....	George David Burkhoff.....	" '05.
".....	William Garham Matthews.....	" "
".....	Forest Garfield Smith.....	" '06.
Peoria.....	Alfred De Shaw Radley.....	" '03.
Taylorville.....	Laurens Luther Simpson.....	" '03.
	<i>Minnesota.</i>	
Benson.....	Irving M. Hudson.....	Minnesota, '06.
Hector.....	W. Foster Bainbridge.....	" "
Kasoto.....	William John Waterman.....	Chicago, '04.
Minneapolis.....	Lawrence P. Hyde.....	Minnesota, '06.
	<i>Wisconsin.</i>	
Beloit.....	Edwin Arthur Pearson.....	Chicago, '05.
Blue Mounds.....	Frederick W. Mackenzie.....	Wisconsin, '06.
Hillside.....	Chester Lloyd Jones.....	" '02.
Waupun.....	Hallis Elmer Potter.....	Chicago, '06.
West Salem.....	Guy Freeman Wakefield.....	" "

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
<b>PROVINCE EPSILON.</b>		
<i>Tennessee.</i>		
Carthage.....	Erle Cranston Pickering.....	Cumberland, '06.
Foyethville.....	Kelly Rees.....	Chicago, P. G.
<b>PROVINCE ZETA.</b>		
<i>Iowa.</i>		
Cedar Falls.....	Walter H. McNally.....	Wisconsin, '06.
Des Moines.....	Thomas W. Macartney.....	Purdue, '06.
<i>Missouri.</i>		
Independence.....	Edward William Workman...	Chicago, '06.
St. Louis.....	Maury Clifton Cave.....	Washington, '06.
<i>Nebraska.</i>		
Lincoln.....	Alfred Beckman.....	Nebraska, '05.
".....	Edwin Faulkner.....	" '06.
<i>Kansas.</i>		
Delphos.....	Leonard White.....	Kansas, '06.
Lawrence.....	Joseph Alford.....	" '04.
Neodesha.....	Joseph Kimball.....	" '05.
<i>Arkansas.</i>		
Douglas.....	Oliver B. Harvey.....	Washington & Lee
Little Rock.....	G. S. Brack.....	Missouri, '05.
<b>PROVINCE ETA.</b>		
<i>Colorado.</i>		
Denver.....	James Harbison Hensley, Jr..	Colorado Mines, '04.
".....	George Bicknell Rice.....	" " "
Monte Vista.....	William E. Jones.....	" " "
<i>Wyoming.</i>		
Cheyenne.....	Jesse Knight, Jr.....	Harvard, '03.
".....	Frederick E. Warren.....	" '05.
<i>California.</i>		
Auburn.....	Frank Ray Bell.....	California, '06.
Hollister.....	Charles James Cox, Jr.....	" "
Los Angeles.....	Percy Langley Wicks.....	" "
San Francisco.....	Arthur Hobart Halloran.....	" '04.
".....	Francis Bentley Kellogg.....	" '05.
<i>Washington.</i>		
Spokane.....	Frank George Crane.....	California, '06.
<b>FOREIGN.</b>		
Hagersville, Ontario	Merritt Wallace Charters.....	Chicago, P. G.
England.....	Irving Goddard.....	Sewanee

## Chapter Letters.

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

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AT the last session of the legislature an appropriation was made for a new mechanical laboratory at the University of Maine. This building has been needed a long time, and work on its construction will begin at once. A bill was also passed authorizing the trustees to endorse notes given in payment for chapter-houses. It is almost too soon to predict the effect of this, but we hope that it will help us to reach the goal for which we have been striving for the past two years.

Our annual banquet was held at the Penobscot Exchange, Bangor, on the evening of February 21, and was a most enjoyable occasion. A few of our alumni came back, and

although some of them had been out of college a long time, they were as full of spirit and enthusiasm as in their college days.

We were unable to send representatives to the Auburndale initiation this spring, as we are trying in every way possible to increase our house fund. Next fall, however, we shall certainly expect to send a delegation, and thus keep more in touch with our brothers in Province Alpha.

CLIFFORD G. CHASE.

19 April, 1903.

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

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“TIME rolls its ceaseless course,”  
and once again it is time for the Eminent Correspondent to tie himself to a quiet nook and write the

quarterly chapter letter. Again it has become necessary to begin to plug for the "final" and even now our graduate members are working into the wee sma' hours, while the rest of us are beginning to think that it is time that we give up "tripping the mazie" and get down to work. But regardless of work, this year we have a baseball team and are looking forward to a game with Massachusetts Iota-Tau, Massachusetts Gamma, and, we hope, with Massachusetts Delta.

This year we lose seven men, James, Kellough, Mandell, Quint McKay, Lang and Hilton, and shall start in next October with a chapter of twenty-three men, when we shall once more take up fraternity work and build up our chapter to thirty-five strong. But we are not actually losing our graduate members, for they all live around Boston, and will come back to us as alumni, and once more aid us with their presence and kindly help. And just here let me say that next year we shall be able to welcome all brothers in a chapter-house. It may not be such a handsome abode as Tech and Harvard support; but it will be a chapter-house where brothers will find just as cordial welcome as they would receive anywhere this broad country over.

Since the last letter we have had our semiannual Auburndale, which was, of course, a great success; and last evening the Boston Alumni Association held a banquet which was largely attended, not only by alumni, but by active men as well. This brings the active men in touch with alumni whom they would otherwise have no opportunity of meeting.

On March 16, 1903, we were granted a charter by the state, and are now in the first year of our corporate existence.

Through THE RECORD we take pleasure in once more welcoming to our Fraternity the brothers of Illinois Theta, Colorado Lambda, Wisconsin Alpha and Kansas Alpha. We wish them, as chapters, a long and prosperous life, and extend to them as brothers the right hand of fellowship in the bonds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

CHARLES E. LAWRENCE.

11 April, 1903.

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

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AT the last "Auburndale" we initiated Charles Ross Littig into the Fraternity. Just now we are preparing for Junior week. This year instead of a tea, our chapter is to give a fraternity dance, a unique function at Tech. Owing to the extreme youth of our college, innovations do not receive the taboo here so often given to them at schools boasting an aged mass of tradition; and we have every reason to expect the success of our venture. One of the other fraternities is to give a house party, which is also an untried scheme here, and a few of the others will continue their custom of giving teas.

Our Junior Week Show, which is "bigger and better every year," has for its assistant business manager, Brother Scott C. Runnels. James U. Nicholas has a principal part, and Rockwood is in one of the ballets. Nicholas was toast-master at the Freshman Annual Dinner. W. B. Boggs is on the track team.

Our tournament committee has arranged a contest with Harvard, to include bowling, pool and chess. In our next letter, *THE RECORD* may expect a full account of these games, furnished by the winning chapter.

WILLIAM GREEN.

Σ A E House, 263 Newbury St.,  
26 April, 1903.

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Massachusetts Gamma, Harvard University, Cambridge.

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**M**ASSACHUSETTS GAMMA has initiated seven men this spring, three in Cambridge and five at the joint initiation at Auburndale. We also hope to add another member to the chapter, by the affiliation of Brother Taylor of Ohio Sigma.

Early in the month of May we are going to hold a tournament with Massachusetts Iota-Tau. On this occasion members of both chapters will test their skill at billiards, ping-pong, whist, etc., to the limit. The fraternity baseball team has now been organized. Besides playing games with the other New England chapter, the team will play in the "Leiter Cup Series," a series of games played by various Harvard scrub teams.

On April tenth, the alumni of Boston gave a dinner at the Westminster Hotel. Edward Virgin, E. S. R., was toast-master. Fifty Sigma Alphas, many of whom had been out of college for years, were present and displayed a great deal of enthusiasm.

This year we lose many of our oldest members—men who have taken prominent parts in the development of the chapter. Our membership, however, is large, and we hope to

sustain this loss without experiencing a serious setback.

Visiting Sigmas will always find a warm welcome at our house in Cambridge. DAVID ROBERTS, JR.

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

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Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester.

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**N**OTHING of particular interest has happened at Tech since our last letter. Auburndale has come and gone; and, although we had no new men to take in, eight of us went down and had one of those good times for which New England is justly famous.

The basket-ball season is now over, and was an unusually prosperous one for Tech. Track and baseball are claiming all of our attention just now. The track team has been out for about a week, and is intending to enter a league with some of the smaller New England colleges. If this league falls through we shall probably have, at any rate, a dual meet with New Hampshire State College. There will be no baseball team here this year, but we shall have a fraternity team; and play our usual games with Gamma and our rivals here at Tech, the Phi Gams.

The local, Theta Delta, that was started here in January has about sixteen men, all of whom are from the three upper classes. They have no house, and although they seem to be trying to take an active part in school life, they have not as yet met with much success.

On February 21, we had our annual alumni night. Nearly twenty

of the alumni were back, and we had an evening that will go down in the records as the best time of the kind that Delta has ever seen. The house dance the night before was also a great success, and will long be remembered.

We have been much pleased to re-

ceive visits from brothers from Cambridge and Boston during the last month; and hope that any Sigma Alpha who is at any time passing by will not fail to look us up.

FREDERICK KEITH HILL.

Σ A E House, Humbolt Ave.,  
12 April, 1903.

### PROVINCE BETA.

#### New York Alpha, Cornell University, Ithaca.

SINCE our last letter, Cornell has passed through a most critical experience in the shape of a fever epidemic which threatened to damage the university, if not irreparably, at least for many years to come. This epidemic began the middle of January, but was not taken seriously until about the first of the following month. Then, indeed, a genuine panic ensued among the students, and in a few weeks some 1,500 had left for their homes. The Cornell Infirmary was quickly crowded, and two annexes were provided to receive the overflow. The open fear of some of the men was not without its humorous side. Many carried physicians' thermometers about with them, and regularly tested their temperatures. A rise of a fourth of a degree meant their immediate flight from the town. However, such demoralization does not appear strange or uncalled for when at present we look back upon the deadly work of the fever. Twenty-seven students from all classes and departments have passed away, and Σ A E has special cause to feel the sadness of this fact, since one of the first of these was our Brother Vinton, '03. Robert Knapp, '05,

one of our pledged men, also succumbed to the disease, a few weeks after our first calamity.

As a result of this unlooked-for scourge, many of the fraternities have found themselves suddenly reduced in numbers to a surprising degree. One or two even contemplated closing their houses for a few weeks. New York Alpha, although reduced at one time to fifteen men out of a total of thirty-five, weathered the storm satisfactorily, and has now settled to her accustomed even life. We have, however, lost for the remainder of this year Atherton, '03, Wood, '04, Manville, '05, and Mellows, '06. The other absentees will probably return after the Easter recess.

Because of the death of Brother Vinton, an Alumni Founders' Day Banquet, for which we had been preparing, was abandoned; but we were glad to welcome to an informal dinner at the lodge Cowdrey, '95, Almy, '96, MacElroy, '98, Brooks, '00, and Moreland, '01, who came to attend the annual meeting of the New York Alpha Association.

Gallup, '04, went with the track team on their recent trip to Michigan, and came back delighted with Michigan Iota-Beta and the boys there.

Since our last letter Ehrich, '05, has been elected president of the Intercollegiate Cross Country Association. Turner, '06, has been appointed a member of the Freshmen Banquet Committee, and Atherton, '03, took part in the Junior Weekly play. Wadsworth was centre on this season's Varsity basket-ball team.

EDWIN N. FERDEN.

Σ A E House,  
3 April, 1903.

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New York Mu, Columbia University,  
New York.

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IT is hard to realize that another college year is nearly over, a year which has been most prosperous for New York Mu in many ways. It has been the second in our house, and, although the first was a success in every way, this year makes our position among the leading fraternities at Columbia still further established. Another great source of strength to us are the prominent positions which the men hold on the various teams and in the societies at college.

At the beginning of the season we had a little bad luck in finding men whom we wanted, but soon got down to work, and have been able to increase our chapter by several first-rate fellows. Almost all the rushing is done here before the end of the first term, which accounts for the fact that we have but one name to announce in this letter. During the winter we have done more socially than heretofore. Besides several smokers to the alumni, and some "open houses," we gave a tea to our friends shortly before Christmas,

which proved to be such a success that we hope to repeat it this spring. Among other things which we are looking forward to in the near future are the alumni dinner, and our annual excursion up the Hudson, which for the past two years has proved so enjoyable. From time to time we have had the pleasure of visits from brothers of other chapters, and some of the graduates of our own.

We intend to make arrangements for rushing men who come up this spring for examination, in order to get as good a start as possible before college opens next fall; for, unfortunately, we are to lose several men by graduation this spring, whose absence will be keenly felt by the chapter. They are of that group of workers who so successfully established us in our present quarters.

EDWARD D. THURSTON, JR.

Σ A E House, 354 W. 120th St.,  
21 April, 1903.

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

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WE have just returned from our annual spring vacation resolved to make this commencement the most successful in the history of the chapter. Commencement day will be early this year, June 11. In addition to the usual festivities of commencement week, the Junior class will produce Ben Jonson's "Every Man in His Humour" on the campus.

In a short time every alumnus will receive the customary invitation to the annual reunion banquet, and it is hoped that more of the alumni will be present this year than last.

By far the most enjoyable event of this fraternity year was the Founders' Day banquet. The only drawback to our pleasure was the enforced absence of Brother Chapman, who had shortly before met with a painful accident.

W. E. H. NEILER.

Σ A E House,  
24 April, 1903.

*Pennsylvania Omega, Allegheny College, Meadville.*

OUR chapter celebrated Founders' Day by a dinner-dance at Saegertown, which was a delightful success.

The manager of the track team failed to re-enter college this spring, and F. E. Smith has been chosen to fill his place, thereby thrusting an unexpected honor upon us. Two of our men are trying for positions on this team, and bid fair to make a good showing. In athletics generally we are holding our own. An efficient coach has been secured for the baseball team, and we have four men trying for positions.

On April 15, the Pan-Hellenic banquet will be held at the Keplar Hotel. This is the big event of the year in fraternity life here, and we are looking forward to it with much pleasure.

F. R. FROST.

Σ A E House, 269 Walnut St.,  
14 April, 1903.

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

IN our last letter to THE RECORD mention was made of an approaching house-warming. This little cer-

emony took place on March 10, and was a rousing success in every way. Two hundred and twenty-five invitations were issued. We had responses from nearly two hundred, with a result that over one hundred and fifty friends, alumni and representatives of all the other fraternities in the college, partook of the evening's enjoyment. The rooms were beautifully decorated with Florida smilax, magnolia leaves, gorgeous palms and pennants galore. An orchestra discoursed pleasing strains throughout the evening, which added greatly to the gaiety of the occasion. The reception was followed by a Sigma Alpha dance, attended by some of the alumni and brothers from other chapters. Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi has felt already the effects of such an event, for by it she has gained much prestige, both in the college and surrounding community. One of the local papers declares that it was "the most successful event of its nature in the college year."

Since our last letter the chapter has been favored by visits from Brothers Schoch, Pennsylvania Theta, McCamant, Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta, and Sieber and Pfahler, Pennsylvania Delta; also, of our own chapter, Gillespie, '02, New, '02, Yeager, '02, Huber, '98, and Runtz, '97.

A few words with regard to the honors of the year will not be out of place at this time. Fancher is hurdling on the track team. Hinchman is out for the sprints, and is also assistant manager of the basket-ball team. Boyne Lininger is short-stop on the baseball team and Duncan is holding down third base. Opie



was guard on the Varsity basketball team, and Sadler was guard on the Freshman team. Stauffer furnishes the music for the Comus Club Germans.

We wish to say that the chapter is in an excellent condition. Never before perhaps has it been so flourishing.

JOSEPH H. JOHNSON.

Σ A E House, 173 W. Louthier St.,  
14 April, 1903.

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

OUR charppter has just passed through a very pleasant period, and finds itself at the opening of the spring term with a membership of twenty-two and with its prosperity undimmed.

The usual number of social events have occurred. Whist is our favorite amusement. The Thespians, the college dramatic club, this year gave a very creditable representation of "A Night Off." Frey was one of the leading characters. On February 28 we gave a progressive euchre party to a large number of our friends here in State College.

Gerwig, '02, spent three days with us during Easter vacation. His visit was followed by one from A. L. Smith, ex-'05, now at U. of P. who brought with him Evans, France and Moyer of Pennsylvania Theta, and Carrier and two pledged men from Pennsylvania Zeta. The presence of these brothers gave us all great pleasure.

At present we are making preparations for our Easter dance, which will be held on April 16. A large

number of guests is expected. The approach of warm weather turns all the attention of the students to athletics. The outlook for good baseball and track teams are unusually bright. On the former team we shall have F. P. Dodge, J. D. Elder and Miller; on the latter, D. D. Dodge.

The problem of securing a larger chapter-house, which has troubled us for several years, has been successfully solved at last. In September we will enter a new \$6,000 house located across from the K Σ and Φ Γ Δ houses. This house will be similar in detail to the home of Illinois Beta, and will be spacious enough to accommodate eighteen men. The first floor has been specially arranged for dancing. Hardwood will be used for the floors and finishing. The chapter will rent the house for the present. This year we shall lose by graduation eight of our number, who have been a great help and constant support to the chapter. The present Senior class has been a very remarkable class. It contained a larger percentage of fraternity men and athletes than any other class ever enrolled at State. The University nine for the past four years, for instance, has been almost entirely composed of members of this class.

A great time is expected this year at commencement. The chapel given by Mr. C. M. Schwab, will be dedicated then. A large number of our alumni is expected to be with us. We shall have a Junior orator, and two of our Seniors are honor men.

As we shall not have a very large membership to start with in September, we ask that any one knowing of good men intending to enter State

this autumn, will not hesitate in letting us know of them.

BRUCE MCCAMANT.

Σ A E House,  
15 April, 1903.

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Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University, Lewisburg.

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THE winter term of school has gone, and with it Brothers Dunlap and Gilbert. Dunlap is teaching school at Muncy, but will be here to graduate with his class in June. Gilbert has secured a position in Williamsport, and will be out of school for the spring term.

We held our annual celebration on March ninth. It gave the chapter great pleasure to have present on that occasion, besides its six pledges, Brothers Loomis, '95, Butler, '97, and Andrews, Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta.

Bucknell is planning to have a winning team represent her at Philadelphia, in the Pennsylvania relay races on the twenty-fifth. Heidenreich, as manager of the team, has arranged a good schedule, which includes dual meets. The annual minstrel show will be given on the fourth of May. Perrine will again be found at end. He has also been reflected Alumni Editor of the *Orange and Blue*.

The chapter expects to be incorporated by the end of the present month. This is taken as a step toward the purchase of the house which we now occupy. The situation is ideal, and the house, although it is not all that one could desire, is amply sufficient for our needs at the present.

Moyer, '00, W. B. France and A. L. Smith, all of Pennsylvania Theta, spent their Easter vacation with us, running up to see the boys at State for a day. Dodd, of Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, took supper and spent the evening with us yesterday. To say that we enjoyed the visit of these brothers would be putting it mildly indeed.

As the month of June draws near, we are awaiting the climax of the school year—our initiation. Of course the goat has been in training for some time, and as it will be the tenth anniversary of the installation of the chapter, we expect a record-breaking crowd of our alumni and other Sigma Alphas to be with us. The initiation will be on the twentieth, and the symposium on the twenty-third.

Losing only one by graduation, and in all probability returning twelve old men besides the five initiates, Pennsylvania Zeta's prospects for next year are of the brightest.

P. DEWEES BROWNING.

Σ A E House,  
14 April, 1903.

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Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg.

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FRATERNITY life is of a high order in Gettysburg College because of the number of fraternities and rather poor material, which makes it possible for only the most loyal chapter to its fraternity to flourish. That we realize the great privilege of being what we are is manifested by our spirit of brotherly feeling and unity. Men may celebrate their nation's birth, and even their own, with rever-

ent hearts; but no one could more fully display his appreciation of a privilege than was exhibited in our long-to-be-remembered Founders' Day rally. We had with us Brother Deaterich, '01, and the evening without a doubt will be an epoch in Pennsylvania Delta's history. It brought to each one of us a vivid conception of ideal fraternity spirit and life, and left each a truer  $\Sigma A E$  than ever.

Jacob, '03, has accepted a position as Professor of Chemistry at the State Normal School, Millersville, Pa. He is very well pleased with the position and work. Mincemoyer, '06, who is now with the Westinghouse Electrical Company, at Pittsburg, is reporting success and is well pleased with his position.

Kurtz, of Georgia Beta, who is a senior at West Point, accompanied his class on its trip to Gettysburg, and spent a few days with us.

The scholastic year closes on June the third, and on the first  $\Sigma A E$  will hold its annual banquet, which promises to be one of the most successful in our history.

J. W. GENTZLER.

27 April, 1903.

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

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**S**INCE our last letter we have all passed safely through the mid-year examinations, and are all here yet, with two exceptions. Fowler, who was ill last January, lost so much time

that he left college for the rest of the year to devote himself entirely to recuperating. Stoever, the other "exception," was forced to leave college on account of eye trouble, and our chapter now numbers but twenty-nine. In spite of spring fever, some of us have managed to get a little exertion out of ourselves. A. L. Smith and Howes were opposing pitchers in the Sophomore-Freshman baseball game. Carpenter and Lambertson will represent the Freshmen in the class track events. Mendenhall and Durlam were chorus girls in the Mask and Wig "Show," and Sylvester will be in the latest undergraduate venture—a reproduction of "Iphigenia among the Taurians" in Greek. France has been elected Ivy Poet.

The interests of the past weeks centre in the Mask and Wig "Show." This is the largest, and, possibly, the most successful amateur dramatic performance in the country. The play is always a comic opera, and runs during Easter week in one of our largest Philadelphia theatres. This year hundreds of people were refused seats, as nearly all of the seats for the whole week's performance were covered by patroness cards. But now we have passed through all of our post-Lenten festivities, and find ourselves getting down to work again.

WILLIAM B. FRANCE.

$\Sigma A E$  House, 3741 Spruce St.,  
26 April, 1903.

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 Virginia Omicron, University of  
 Virginia, Charlottesville.
 

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ON the 9th of March last, twenty-five  $\Sigma A E$ 's, representing Omicron and its alumni, gathered around the banquet board in the Clermont Hotel, Charlottesville, to celebrate Founders' Day and do honor to the name of De Votie. Our E. A., Brother Watkins, presided as toastmaster, in his usual gracious style, and there were responses, overflowing with wit and enthusiasm from various brothers present, including "goats," affiliates and alumni. The menu was exceedingly elaborate, the committee making good their boast to eclipse anything that had gone before. Each and every member did his best to make the occasion an enjoyable one, and all have since agreed that it was the most enthusiastic gathering in the history of the chapter.

A movement is now on foot to rent a house, near the university, for the next session, and some fifteen or twenty men have promised to engage rooms, so that our prospects appear to be very bright.

The Convention of Zeta Psi, which has been in session here for the past few days, adjourned to-day.

We regret, exceedingly, the loss from the chapter of Peebles, one of our old men, who has withdrawn from the university to accept a lucrative position with an engineering corps in Tennessee. Shelton, '04, is captain of the university track team, which will enter the meet in Phila-

delphia next week, and we are expecting great things of him. Latimer, '03, has returned from Chicago, where he went to attend the Phi Delta Phi Convention, and reports a glorious trip.

KENNETH BRADFORD.

19 April, 1903.

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 Virginia Sigma, Washington and Lee  
 University, Lexington.
 

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WITH this letter to THE RECORD, Virginia Sigma closes a year which has been marked by unusual prosperity and success. The members of the chapter have worked hard in several ways for the interests of  $\Sigma A E$ , and their efforts have been well rewarded. We are now comfortably situated in the best quarters in town, and have furnished the rooms new throughout. However, we do not intend to allow this to interfere with our plans for a chapter-house, and hope that the following year will bring about this desired end.

Recently the university has been the recipient of a substantial gift in the shape of a new Science Building. The work on this is to commence at once, and the building will be ready for occupancy by September. Plans are also on foot for the erection of an Economic Building, which is to be provided from the William L. Wilson Fund. The erection of these new buildings will mean an increase in the attendance of the university; and an increase in the attendance will result

in a better and more substantial fraternity system at W. L. U.

Among the honors which have recently fallen to our lot, was the election of H. S. Osburn as Chief Marshall for our Finals. Howry will be a member of the team in the coming intercollegiate debate with Randolph-Macon.

New men for the coming year are being looked after, and the prospects for "goats" is a promising one. We extend our congratulations to the new chapters of the Fraternity, and hope that their future will prove a profitable one.

CHARLES C. THOMAS.

28 April, 1903.

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

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THE spring months have witnessed a marked activity among the fraternities here in the betterment of their chapter-house accommodations. Zeta Psi has recently moved into a new house which is situated on the edge of the campus near the Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Nu, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon houses. Kappa Alpha has secured the hall vacated by Zeta Psi, and has overhauled it for her use. We, ourselves, are preparing to build a new home on the site of our present house. When this is completed the fraternity corner of our campus will make a handsome appearance with three new halls, Sigma Nu having built last year.

The fraternities here prefer to use their halls for social functions and purposes of meeting, instead of living in them. The men live in the college buildings where they are in touch

with college matters, and where rushing can be carried on more advantageously. Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Kappa Epsilon both have tried the plan of living in their homes but the former has entirely given it up, and the latter is doing so by degrees.

At a recent smoker North Carolina Xi welcomed back two of her alumni, of the class of 1900, Wm. Gilmer Wharton, and A. R. Berkeley, who were here for a short visit.

MILTON CALDER.

Σ A E House,

23 April, 1903.

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North Carolina Theta, Davidson College, Davidson.

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SOCIAL life at Davidson is at its highest at this time of year. The season opened with Junior speaking on the twentieth and twenty-first of February, followed by the class reception, the success of which is due in great measure to the excellent officiation of Moore as chief marshal. After the oratorical exercises the faculty selects the six best speakers to represent the class at commencement, and contest for the orator's medal. Three of the six representatives this year are Σ A E's.

On the 18th of April the campus was crowded with hundreds of visitors to observe the Field Day exercises. Prominent among the contestants were Brothers McKinnon and McCallie. McKinnon took off the first prize in everything he entered, breaking the college record for the hundred yard dash, and tying the record for the 220 dash. McCallie's showing was not quite so brilliant, but he won many handsome prizes.

In the tennis tournament, played in the afternoon, Morse and Faison won the second place. On the college baseball team we have but one representative, but T. K. Currie's first base playing and his batting are a feature of almost every game.

Brother J. W. Currie has been re-elected editor of the magazine by his society, and has also been chosen editor-in-chief for next year by the staff. Cornelson has been re-elected editor, and elected vice-president of the Y. M. C. A. for next term.

Amid the recital of these honors and festivities I have well-nigh forgotten the most important of them all, our Founders' Day celebration. This consisted of an informal banquet given by North Carolina Theta at which our representatives from the faculty, Professors J. M. Douglas, J. L. Douglas, A. Currie, and J. P. Monroe, were present. We also had with us J. O. Walker and Julian Talliaferro, of Charlotte, and E. Currie, of Wilmington, N. C.

This has been a very pleasant and successful year for us all, and when we look out upon the bright prospects for next year it is with but one regret—that we shall not then have the sympathetic encouragement, and sober advice of Mills and McLelland to rely on in our hours of perplexity.

C. A. CORNELSON.

22 April, 1903.

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

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COLLEGE interest is centered now upon the baseball diamond. We are enjoying a pleasant promi-

nence in this sport, as we are represented on the Varsity by three men, Captain A. M. Brabham at third, W. N. Brabham in left field, and H. Richardson in right. We have recently had the pleasure in this connection of meeting Sigma Alphas who were on the Davidson and University of North Carolina teams.

The chapter is glad to find that we are not, after all, to lose one of our warmest friends in the city, as Brother L. M. Roper, of South Carolina Delta, has refused the presidency of Furman University offered him not long since by the trustees of that institution, and will remain here as pastor of the First Baptist church. We hear an effort is being made to form an Alumni Association at Anderson, S. C., where we have many alumni. Such a movement in the cities in the State where we are especially strong would, of course, tend greatly to strengthen our position.

Our fraternity activities are now directed towards next fall. We have rented our chapter-house for another session. We have information about a number of good men who are to enter college in the autumn, and as all our men not in the graduating class intend to return, South Carolina Gamma hopes to make the next year one of the happiest of her history.

The March examinations prevented our celebrating Founders' Day, and we therefore expect to make our commencement banquet especially enjoyable.

M. W. SLOAN.

Σ A E House,  
16 April, 1903.

Georgia Beta, University of Georgia,  
Athens.

ON the night of March 6, at the Imperial Hotel, Georgia Beta celebrated Founders' Day by a banquet. Many of the alumni were present, and the whole affair was a very marked success.

Σ A E is very well represented on the baseball team by Brothers Walker, Twitty and Jacqua. Longstreet Hull and Frank McIntyre have just begun practicing, but both have a very good chance of making the team. Harvey Moore has been elected assistant business manager of *The Red and Black*, the college weekly.

At a recent election of officers for the University German Club, Baxter was elected Vice-President and Smith Secretary and Treasurer.

A movement has been started at the university to abolish clique politics, as this feature of student life has been more or less injurious to the best interests of the college. Σ A E was the first fraternity to withdraw from such politics. Since her withdrawal, others have followed, and it is believed that all will do so before the close of the term.

JOSEPH L. HULL.

Σ A E House,  
14 April, 1903.

Georgia Psi, Mercer University,  
Macon.

THE summer campaign is now being planned here, and nothing will be left undone to have the matter in hand before the close of the term. Next year the brothers will know which of the incoming class

are Σ A E material and will be prepared to "receive" them. We lost only one man this year.

The attention of every Mercer man is now centred upon the baseball contests. Kilpatrick has been acquitting himself well at short-stop on the Varsity.

Before another month has passed we shall be into final examinations, which will shortly be followed by Commencement. Our chapter loses three men from its literary department and two from the law school.

Cullen Freeman is to give in the near future at his home in this city a reception to his brothers of Σ A E. This will be an event of memorable interest and pleasure in the history of the chapter.

CHARLES V. ASBURY.

30 April, 1903.

Georgia Epsilon, Emory College,  
Oxford.

THE thing that naturally comes to mind first in writing this letter is our Founders' Day celebration. It again proved, as on former occasions, a source of pleasure and profit to all in attendance; and will therefore be remembered by us along with other things that we store away in our minds, to furnish us with courage and strength when we are sore pressed in our battles in life.

Brother J. R. McClesky, one of the founders of Georgia Beta, was with us on this occasion, and told of many interesting and instructive happenings connected with the founding of that chapter. Of our own alumni who were present, there were J. W. Heidt, for years editor of the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*, W. D. Thom-

son, '95, W. T. Bivings, '96, F. H. Ficklen, '98, A. D. Thomson, '98, and A. D. Simms, '99.

In athletics we are enjoying much success. We were well represented on all the class basket-ball teams, having in all eleven men on them, and many of these were considered star players. In baseball we are fully as well represented, having men on each regular team and also on the "sub" team. With ten men on the regular teams, we have a larger representation than have the non-fraternity men or any other fraternity.

For the first time in its history, Emory will be in an intercollegiate track meet this year. She will meet Georgia at Athens on May 2, and although she is greatly handicapped in this being her first year in any kind of intercollegiate athletics, and also in being without a coach, she will make a good showing. On the team, the make-up of which will be decided by our Field Day to be held very soon, Georgia Epsilon expects to have her share of representatives. Dozier, Ficklen, Crovatt, A. H. Barron, Wilson, Bryan, and Neill are most promising candidates for honors.

We have at present twenty-one men in chapter.

L. D. THOMSON.

Σ A E House,  
15 April, 1903.

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

**T**HOUGH little of importance has taken place in the line of business since our last letter, there have been several social functions to show that Georgia Phi is still alive.

First, there was our Founders' Day banquet, which was held at the Piedmont Hotel on the night of March 9. Since 1893, there has been no such gathering of loyal Sigma Alphas in Atlanta. The Atlanta Alumni Association joined with the chapter, and invitations were sent to brothers in the neighboring towns, so that over a hundred came together for the celebration. It was a memorable occasion to those present.

In addition to furnishing a most pleasant occasion for the participants, this banquet has served to increase greatly the enthusiasm of the older men, so that we have hopes that in the future the actions of the chapter and Alumni Association will be more harmonious, thereby adding to our working power.

In athletics this spring we have our representatives. One member of the Varsity ball team is a Sigma Alpha, while several of the aspirants for track honors are from our ranks.

ROBERT C. HOLTZCLAW.

15 April, 1903.



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

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AS our last semester's work draws rapidly to a close, Michigan Iota-Beta realizes that she can record a most satisfactory year. While we have not taken as active a part as usual in college politics and athletics, we have a rarely congenial crowd of fellows who will anywhere do credit to the Fraternity. It will be hard for us to lose the men who have worked so faithfully during the last few years. Wills, Holmes and Chisholm graduate from the Literary-Engineering department, and Boyd and Bartlett from the Law department. We had the pleasure of welcoming Brother Gallup to our house while he was here with the Cornell track team. Ashmore, who plays first base on the University of Illinois crack ball team, was with us for a short time recently.

Just now the chapter is making arrangements to give an elaborate house party beginning May 22. We intend to make this one of the very best parties given at Michigan this year. By the last of May we hope to have our annual alumni letter ready for distribution. Iota-Beta has been rather negligent in this matter of late years, but we hope to make this a most acceptable pamphlet.

There is a chance that Elmer B. Sanford may be back at Michigan next year, and we certainly hope that it will turn out so. There is no one quite like "Tubby" for all-round fraternity work.

J. S. CHISHOLM,  
Σ A E House, 1408 Washtenaw Ave.,  
28 April, 1903.

 Michigan Alpha, Adrian College,  
Adrian.
 

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AS I was reading the last RECORD, I came across the letter of C. H. Hubbell, secretary of the Adrian Σ A E Alumni Association, and had a thrill of pleasure. It was the first letter entered from this new association, and it means so much for Michigan Alpha to have a well-formed and permanent Alumni Association with which to co-operate.

The dream of some of the old men, is at last realized, and truly, I believe they owe much of their success in completing their organization to Brother Otis A. Sinsel, an alumnus of 1902.

His earnest zeal and untiring efforts last year did much to arouse the old men and bring them back, in June, to that reunion which resulted in the organizing of the association. That organization insures the welfare of Michigan Alpha, whatever may be her vicissitudes, not only by the prestige thus derived, but by personal contact with the older brothers, as they return each commencement. Our active men receive fresh ideas and inspirations from them, and by realizing the warmth and earnestness with which the alumni feel for us, we are inspired to higher efforts to make Σ A E mean more to them, and hence to ourselves.

We shall shortly initiate three new men, who, we feel sure, will prove worthy of the honor bestowed on them.

S. W. LAMBERT.

12 April, 1903.

**Ohio Sigma, Mount Union College,  
Alliance.**

**L**AST night this chapter gave the final degree, commonly known as "the bumps," to five new men. This makes a total of nine new men initiated this school year. There are now twenty-two active members of the chapter, five of whom are seniors. We also have several pledges who will be in next year to take the places of the outgoing seniors.

In athletics we are upholding our usual reputation. W. F. Ashe is managing one of the best baseball teams that Mount Union has ever had. Besides Ashe, we have two men on the team, Vaughan and Morris. A. W. Taylor has been elected captain of the track-team.

The municipal government of Alliance is still under the direction of Σ A E, O. U. Walker, '96, having been re-elected mayor, April 6.

I. E. RIEDINGER,

Σ A E House,  
9 May, 1900.

**Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University,  
Delaware.**

**S**INCE the last writing our number has increased to twenty-eight active members and though we lose a number of valuable men by graduation this spring, yet our prospects for next year are exceedingly bright. We already have in view several good men.

The chief social event of last term was the series of dinner parties which we gave to the Σ A E girls on the 23d, 25th and 30th of February. One of the special features of these evenings was the minstrel given by our own talent.

A new feature of athletics has been inaugurated in school in the form of an inter-fraternity baseball league. A regular schedule of games has been arranged, and some of the games have already been played. The winner of the championship will be presented with a silver cup.

Peterson has succeeded in organizing a mandolin and glee club. Under his leadership the organization has been flourishing. Next Thursday evening a minstrel show will be given under its auspices. Upon the competitive system of admission, eight Sigma Alphas succeeded in getting a place in the club. We are represented on the college baseball team by Harlan Read.

Paul Neal, who was seriously ill a few months ago, has been able to return to school this term. We recently had the pleasure of greeting two of our old men, who are now at Ann Arbor, Fletcher Robinson and Raymond Kerr.

H. L. KELLER.

Σ A E House,  
26 April, 1903.

**Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati,  
Cincinnati.**

**A** THEATRE party and reception were given by the active chapter and alumni last month. Brother Neil and his wife, of the Neil Stock Co., presented a very agreeable comedy, after which a reception was held at the chapter hall for Mr. and Mrs. Neil and the friends of the brothers present.

The University of Cincinnati is now holding her second annual carnival, given entirely by the student body for the benefit of the University Settlement and Varsity athletics.

Of course the fraternities take a very prominent part, but to avoid rivalry and do their work successfully, the fraternities work as a combined force.

The rushing season for next year is now on at Cincinnati and the outlook at present is encouraging.

The chapter hall is being redecorated, and a new carpet and numerous other articles have been purchased. This may seem a queer time to be fitting out rooms, but, as the rushing season lasts all summer here, this work is most important at the present time.

ARTHUR W. WADSWORTH.

17 April, 1903.

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Ohio Theta, Ohio State University,  
Columbus.

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SINCE our last appearance in THE RECORD, McCleary has been compelled to withdraw from school on account of sickness, and Gardner has taken a position until next fall in the United States Geological Survey. Yount leaves in a few days to take the physical entrance examination to West Point, so that in all probability there will be another Sigma Alpha added to our list in that famous school. There seems to be a strong feeling in the chapter that we need a house more in keeping with our strength and standing in the school, and the indications are that next fall will find us either in present quarters much improved, or, still better, in a new house built for our particular needs. The latter is far more preferable, with the possible argument against it that we have been occupying this house since it was built, nearly ten years ago, and it has come to be thought of always as the Sigma

Alpha Corner. However, progress is the sentiment of the day, and we are exerting ourselves to obtain new quarters in this neighborhood.

Last week we pledged another man to Σ A E, James Lincoln of Painesville, Ohio, who in due time will be put through the mill. The remainder of this year may bring forth one or two men who are not, but who ought to be, fraternity men, thus making the chapter sure of a strong representation next fall for the rushing season. The temporary organization of the Central Ohio Alumni Association was effected at our Founders' Day banquet, and there are enough loyal Sigma Alphas in this vicinity to make it a success.

This is the last letter to THE RECORD from the present E. C. Next fall will see a new hand and fresh enthusiasm.

T. D. CROCKER.

Σ A E House, 1550 Neil Ave.,  
18 April, 1903.

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Indiana Alpha, Franklin College,  
Franklin.

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WE have entered on our last term for this college year, and it has much in store for us. Five good men leave us this year by graduation, Deer, Jordan, Miles, Murphy and Everson, who have all done good work for the lasting benefit of the chapter.

At present we are conducting a school of instruction in our fraternity history with which we hope to strengthen the chapter for the hard work before it next fall.

On March 9 we had a glorious time that will long be remembered; and from the number of invitations we

received from sister chapters everywhere there must have been an immense amount of fraternity spirit and enthusiasm running riot on that night. The occasion was also memorable for us in that on that evening our alumni presented us with a substantial gift of money which removed quite a burden from our shoulders.

In the appointments for college positions this spring Brother R. C. Schuler was named to succeed Brother W. G. Everson as physical director of the college. W. G. Everson and L. G. Miles, having received scholarships to Newton Center, Mass., will attend the Seminary there the coming year.

ROY ALEXANDER.

11 April, 1903.

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Indiana Beta, Purdue University,  
Lafayette.

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THROUGHOUT the school year the members of Indiana Beta have been looking forward to the present time, when the restrictions of the University regarding the initiation of Freshmen were to be removed. On the evening of April 14, the last degrees of the ceremony were given to seven of our boys, most of whom had served long apprenticeships as pledges, and whose entrance into our Fraternity was no less welcome to them, than to those of us who have watched their development into good fraternity men. The initiation was followed by a banquet in honor of the new brothers, after which a number of toasts were responded to in a spirit of keen Sigma Alph enthusi-

asm, which spoke well for the future of our chapter.

At present we are extremely busy in preparation for our annual house party which is to be held May 8-10. The function is to be opened with a large dance at the Lafayette Club. The following day will be devoted to driving, to the Nebraska-Purdue baseball game, and another dance at Tecumseh's Trail in the evening. The chapter-house is to be turned over entirely to the visiting girls, and will be filled to its limit. About twenty-four of our friends will be here, and we are somewhat worried as to where to put them, as the house has rooms for only eighteen.

Social affairs, especially among the inter-fraternity events, have been very numerous of late and have made college life here very pleasant. The Pan-Hellenic dances are given by the fraternity men of the three highest classes, and much rivalry exists between the Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores to give the best "Pan" dance. All three have been given lately, and it is but fair to say that each was an affair of enjoyment and success socially.

Throughout the whole university a feeling of exultation is now having full sway, due to a recent action on the part of the State Legislature, by which Purdue's income is henceforth doubled, and the erection of two new buildings provided for. This is a boom such as the school has not received for many years. Previously the recitation rooms and laboratories were overcrowded, and the equipment inadequate to take care of the greatly increased number of

engineering students, and for the last two years it has been necessary to turn away each fall over two hundred applicants. The necessity of this is now removed and Purdue's growth is unrestrained.

This school year, now all but ended, has been one of marked success for Indiana Beta. Her chapter membership has been larger than during any preceding year, and the plans made for the future have been carefully laid. Her members have held prominent places in school activities—athletic, military, musical and honorary. During the year three of the boys have been members of Tau Beta Pi, one captain of the track team, one treasurer of the Athletic Association, and several in the Glee Club or on the football team, etc. For the coming year we have the associate and the advertising editors of the Senior class book, the *Debris*.

One of the most noticeable things of the past year has been the regularity of the visits of our alumni. The weeks have been few and far between when an alumnus has not dropped in to spend Sunday with us, or to attend some of our social functions. It has been of great benefit to the chapter to know that the older men stand so firmly with her in all undertakings, and do not forget their Fraternity upon leaving college. We owe them much for such brotherly interest, and hope that in graduating ten men this year we shall swell the ranks of faithful alumni by just this number.

J. W. SKINKLE.

Σ A E House, 1 Thornell St.,  
30 April, 1903.

Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern  
University, Evanston.

ILLINOIS PSI OMEGA takes pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity our new initiate, Huber Hall Root, of Medina, Ohio. He was the first man to be initiated here under our new ritual, and the beauty of the ceremony convinced us that our Washington Convention did excellent work in revising our ritual. Our chapter continues to hold its own at Northwestern. Twenty-three active men and four pledge men keep life busy in our chapter-house. Largely because of the cost to build, and the high value placed on land in Evanston, no fraternity at Northwestern University owns a chapter-house. Time, patience and money (mostly the latter) are all that is needed to accomplish this result, and with a good share of the first two, we hope to get enough of the last to enable us, before many years, to welcome all Sigmas to our new home. Fraternity life has been a bit more interesting this spring because of the efforts made by the different fraternities to bring about what has never existed at Northwestern—a true Pan-Hellenic spirit. During the last few weeks interest has centred around the inter-fraternity bowling league, and now that the contest has ended with Σ A E in third place, the fraternities are giving much time to practice for the inter-fraternity baseball series. Since our last letter we have had the pleasure of attending in a body the installation of Illinois Theta, at the University of Chicago. Eminent Supreme Archon Levere was the installing of-

ficer. It is a matter of great satisfaction to Illinois Psi-Omega at last to have so near her a chapter of such excellent men. We gladly welcome all of our new chapters into Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

H. A. ERNEST CHANDLER.

Σ A E House, 502 Davis St.,  
17 April, 1903.

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Illinois Beta, University of Illinois,  
Champaign.

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SINCE our last letter, our annual dance, followed the next evening by our annual stag banquet at the Beardsley Hotel, have both passed off most successfully. At this time the Illinois Beta Association of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was formed for the purpose of procuring a permanent residence for this chapter on its own property. In addition to our delegate, George G. Paylor, Wilson and Horner represented us at the installation of Illinois Beta at the University of Chicago. According to their reports, that was undoubtedly one of the most elaborate installations ever held for a chapter of Σ A E.

John J. Wolfersberger and William Robinson, of New York Alpha, who were driven from Ithaca by the terrible scourge of typhoid fever there, paid us a very pleasant visit, following their attendance at the installation in Chicago. Matthews, of Illinois Beta, who won the two-mile run in the recent Illinois-Chicago dual meet at Champaign, has also made us a short visit. Wesselhoeft, '02, and Darmer, '01, who has just graduated from Rush Medical College in Chicago, have both dropped in upon us lately. Our Founders'

Day banquet brought in several of our alumni, and was a very happy occasion.

Baseball has been the all-absorbing topic for some time. The Varsity has been playing a series of practice games with the Milwaukee League team, and the college season opens Saturday, April 18, with a game with Northwestern University. Ashmore will hold down his old position at first base, and Ballinger and Pond are both on the pitching staff, with prospects of making good later in the season.

Phi Delta Theta has bought a corner lot a few blocks from the university in the heart of the fraternity district, and it is reported will build this summer. Sigma Nu is having a house built which will be the largest fraternity house in Champaign, being three stories high and accommodating twenty-six men. It is also reported that Kappa Sigma and Phi Kappi Sigma will have houses built for them during summer vacation.

The appropriation bill for the maintenance of the university during the next two years is now before the Legislature. It includes an appropriation of \$375,000 for the enlargement and further equipment of the College of Engineering, which is entirely unable to meet the demands now being made upon it by the increased number of students.

Saturday evening, April 18, we shall entertain twenty of the Professors and Assistant Professors from the departments in which our members are enrolled at an informal smoker. The following day we shall entertain at dinner our Patronesses

and their husbands, to show them, in some slight measure, that we remember and appreciate the many kindnesses they have shown us this winter.

J. W. DAVIS.

Σ A E House, 201 E. Green St.,  
14 April, 1903.

### Illinois Theta, University of Chicago, Chicago.

As an extended account of the installation of our local, Gamma Rho, as a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, appears elsewhere in this issue I need not repeat the story here; and need only add, as a member of the chapter, that the ceremony which allowed us to abandon our old name of Gamma Rho and take to ourselves a far better, bound us for life to the Fraternity of our hearts' choice. We mean that the name of Illinois Theta shall stand for purity, honesty, and loyalty to Σ A E.

Our numbers remain the same as when we were installed, but additions will soon be made. Before this quarter ends, our rushers will bring in several more desirable men. Illinois Theta is winning her share of honors. Ralph Merriam has won first place both in debate and in oratory. Merriam represented the university on the team that won from Michigan and gave Northwestern a close race, and within two weeks, will speak in the Northern Oratorical League contest. He has also been chosen General Secretary for the Y. M. C. A., in the university. Walker, who won part of the Ferdinand Peck prize in the Junior College Declamation contest, is now Secretary of Y. M. C. A., and is on the Sopho-

more debating team. Fairweather also represents us on the same debating team. Radley received his college degree last quarter, but still continues with us. Matthews is doing good work on the track team, and will be one of the relay team to go to Philadelphia. Kalamatiano has left the university, and is teaching in Racine College, Racine, Wis. Hatton, our loyal supporter from Indiana Alpha, was made chairman of the Democratic National Convention held here last quarter. Jackson, of Tennessee Nu, is in the U. of C. Band and on the *Cap and Gown* Board of Managers. The illness of Workman alone prevents us from a representation on the baseball team. Our house is being renovated and repaired. A few necessary changes will make it a very desirable home.

The university is keeping up with its usual record of endowments, and of new buildings, several of which are appearing on the campus. The latest plan has been a suggestion to the effect that the university will build fraternity houses in a very desirable location near the campus. The fraternities have not taken up with the idea very enthusiastically. A committee consisting of one man from each fraternity has been appointed to consider the question and report.

President Roosevelt visited the university April 2, and received the degree of Doctor of Laws. He made an address at the laying of the cornerstone for the new Law building.

The Alpha Delta Phi house burned down in February. They have moved into another house, and everything is apparently again running

smoothly with them. The insurance covered most of their loss.

Delta Kappa Epsilon has lately purchased Dr. Loeb's house on "Faculty Row," and now enjoys a commodious home near the university.

Many  $\Sigma$  A E brothers from Purdue, Franklin, Michigan, Illinois, Northwestern, Wisconsin, and other chapters have called on us. We hope that whenever any of the brothers are in the city they will visit us, and feel that the house is their home for the time being. If any one is coming to Chicago to attend summer school, we shall be glad to accommodate them in the house so far as possible. We send our best wishes to all our sisters, and a long strong *Phi Alpha*.

WILLIAM J. WATERMAN.

$\Sigma$  A E House, 6116 Lexington Ave.,  
20 April, 1903.

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

**N**EGOTIATIONS which have been going on for three years for a large tract of land adjacent to our present football field, have just been concluded, and we are now to have an athletic park. The work of grading this tract has already begun, and we expect to have it ready for football next autumn. When finished it will contain a baseball diamond, two gridirons, a tennis court, a running track, and large grand stands. This park is to be enclosed by a \$20,000 brick fence given by two of the '98 boys who played on the football team.

To keep up inter-fraternity fellowship and to get the different men acquainted, the fraternities have organized a bowling league, which

has now been replaced by a baseball league. The playing is nothing phenomenal, but there is plenty of good feeling manifested over the games.

The State Legislature has taken the supervision of the university out of the hands of the Board of Regents and placed it in the hands of the State Board of Control. This board is merely for financial control, and the change is quite disadvantageous for the university.

Towards the last of May our annual fraternity picnic will take place. We charter a car, go out to one of the surrounding lakes with our fair friends, eat a basket lunch, take dinner at the hotel, and wind up with dancing in the evening.

Two of our Junior miners have just left for a six weeks' trip through the Montana mining country. This is a regular Junior trip and is under the supervision of the instructors. Our Medics will leave soon and only our Academics will be left

We graduate six men this year; two from the School of Medicine, three from the College of Science, Literature and the Arts, and one from the College of Engineering.

Two of our Academic graduates will probably return next year, and we shall start in next fall with twenty men.

CHARLES N. HENSEL.

$\Sigma$  A E House, 112 Church St., S. E.,  
7 May, 1903.

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

**A**FTER nearly two years without a president the regents of the university have chosen Charles Richard



Van Hise, Ph.D., to succeed the late Charles Kendall Adams. Dean Birge, the acting president, will continue in that capacity until the inauguration of President Van Hise, which will probably be late in the year.

At the close of the college year, Wisconsin Alpha finds herself on a good footing for next autumn. With our new initiates, we have now thirty-one active members, and, as was stated in our circular letter, we lose but six men this spring; so that we shall begin next year with twenty-five of the present men, together with Jones and Vail, who expect to reënter the university.

William C. Levere, Eminent Supreme Archon, and H. A. E. Chandler, of Illinois Psi-Omega, attended the initiation of F. A. Todd, '06. Aurora, Ill. Brother Todd was es-

pecially fortunate in being initiated into the mysteries of  $\Sigma$  A E by the Eminent Supreme Archon himself.

During Brother Levere's stay, the Wisconsin Alumni Association of  $\Sigma$  A E was founded, with a membership of twenty. Dr. William F. Giese was elected president.

Wisconsin Alpha has established a building fund with hopes and expectations that the accumulation will in the near future put us in possession of a suitable chapter-house of our own. In addition to the list of honors won by Wisconsin Alpha, mentioned in our recent circular letter, McMahan was recently chosen commencement orator for 1903.

WILLIAM LLOYD DAVIS, E. C.

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

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**Kentucky Kappa, Central University,  
Danville.**

**A**s the winter term at Central is perhaps the duller of the year, nothing of any consequence has happened since our last letter. The fraternities all remain in good condition. The season as a whole has been a very prosperous one for Kentucky Kappa, the chapter having developed both internally and outwardly.

We lose by gradation this year J. R. Smith, Andres and Cornelson. Smith and Andres have been in the chapter four years, and will be greatly missed in the next rushing season, but we have initiated nine good men this year, on only one of whom we had a previous "string," and with

this fact before us, we hope to do well in securing the best men next fall.

One of the most enjoyable affairs in the history of our chapter was the joint banquet between Kentucky Kappa and Kentucky Epsilon at the Phœnix Hotel, Lexington, on March 6th. The large dining-hall of the Phœnix was decorated with purple and old gold, and amid strains of music, a crowd of over one hundred Sigma Alphas, Sigma Alpha sisters and friends marched into the banquet hall. The only disappointment connected with this dinner was in not having Brother Beckham, the present Governor of Kentucky, as toast-master. Governor Beckham had consented to act in this capacity, but at

the last moment, a telegram arrived stating that he could not reach Lexington in time. Tadlock, called in at the last moment, filled the post of master of the feast very efficiently.

After listening to rousing speeches by Spanton, McGee, Cornelson, Letcher, Andres and Tadlock, the room was cleared and the diners danced until morning.

This was the second joint banquet between these chapters, and a joint initiation was held last fall, which we hope will be continued from year to year. Several of our brothers also went over to the Intercollegiate Oratorical, and the way in which they were entertained makes us feel sure that our State College Chapter is one of the best in the Fraternity. We can all the more appreciate the brotherly feeling shown towards us, by a comparison of the manner in which the other fraternities at State College conducted themselves toward their brothers from Central on this occasion, a fact which did not escape our notice. We hope to be able, in the future, to repay, in a measure, the "good times" always shown us by the Kentucky Epsilon boys.

An inter-fraternity tennis league is now being organized, and  $\Sigma A E$  has a good show for the championship. We have one of the best courts on the campus, and as tennis is the favorite game of a large number of our men, it is seldom vacant.

We are looking forward to commencement with a great deal of pleasure. We always have a chance of meeting our alumni at this time, and the occasion is always enjoyable.

E. LEE GOWDY.

11 April, 1903.

Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Russellville.

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NO LETTER RECEIVED.

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Kentucky Epsilon, Kentucky State College, Lexington.

THIS is the last letter to THE RECORD before the beginning of the next scholastic year. For Kentucky Epsilon this year has been very successful. We have initiated seven men and have four pledged for next fall. Our prospects are good, as most of our men return. We lose only one man by graduation this year.

Guy W. Rice, '01, returning to college to do some thesis work, has affiliated with us. H. H. Rice and W. A. Spanton have been chosen members of the Senior Secret Society. Severs, '01, spent a few days with us recently, and Province President Rockwell Smith spent a day with us last week.

We have recently moved into new quarters, and now occupy third-floor rooms on Main street, in the centre of the city. We have been very much handicapped in this respect, but now have a thoroughly satisfactory abode.

Kentucky Kappa and Kentucky Epsilon jointly celebrated Founders' Day in this city with a banquet and ball. It was pronounced the most important affair of its kind ever given here, and was the final means of establishing this chapter upon a firm basis in the city of Lexington.

Fraternity life has been very gay for the past month. The Sigma Chi and Kappa Sigma chapters have given their annual dances, and Ken-

tucky Epsilon was fortunate enough to be well represented at both.

Arrangements are being made for a two weeks' encampment of the Cadet Battalion about the middle of May, and upon its return we expect to open commencement festivities with a german. The college ball team, of which Grady is captain, and on which Talley plays short, has had a very successful season. Preparations are being made for a game of ball between the Kappa Sigma and  $\Sigma$  A E chapters.

LUCIEN A. BUCK.

13 April, 1903.

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

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**T**HE greater part of our attention in chapter work at present is devoted to the consideration of plans for the future. We have already carefully considered men who expect to enter the University next fall and we are prepared to deal with them intelligently. Arrangements are being made for a vigorous summer campaign. The local conditions are such that the greater part of the rushing is done during the first few weeks of the session, so that we desire to know everything possible about the entering class before matriculation day.

E. S. Wood has left the University to engage in business. George D. Booth leaves at the end of the session. We shall begin the new year with five men.

Brother Pickering is playing a good game at short on the Varsity ball team. Brother Lyon recently won the University tennis tournament and will be one of the Uni-

versity's representatives in the approaching contest with the Vanderbilt Tennis Club.

We were glad to have a number of the brothers of Tennessee Eta with us a short time ago on the occasion of the Intercollegiate Oratorical contest.

GEORGE D. BOOTH.

30 April, 1903.

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

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**W**ITH this letter we introduce to all the Fraternity two new men whose names will be found properly enrolled in the roll of initiates.

The "barb" organization, of which I wrote at such length in my last letter, has disbanded, and at present all is quiet. The local which intended petitioning B. O. II. seems to have given up the project. They intended getting out a handsome printed petition, but the expense proved to be greater than they cared to undertake. We are sorry to see the movement fail, as there is room here for another fraternity.

We have recently mailed our letters soliciting alumni subscriptions to our chapter-house fund, and in due time, we trust, will hear favorably from them. We are certainly going to build a chapter-house in the near future. The list of Tennessee Lambda's alumni is quite large, and though they are in most cases men of moderate wealth, yet with the assistance we anticipate from them, coupled with our own efforts, we feel that the house will soon be a reality.

Athletics is absorbing a great deal of our time at present. Cumberland has the best prospects on the dia-

mond she has had for many years, and she expects to put out a winning team. We play Vanderbilt the 10th and 11th of this month, and we are looking forward with great pleasure to meeting the boys of Nu chapter. Woolwine, '03 Law, has just been reelected judge of the Moot Courts of both the Junior and Senior classes. This highly sought for position has been held by a Sigma Alpha the entire year. Leeper is Treasurer of the Oratorical Association. We have just arranged to take a trip to the "Hermitage," the beautiful and historic home of Andrew Jackson. The Hermitage is situated about 18 miles from this place, over a turnpike bounded by many historic spots and beautiful scenery.

We are already looking forward to next year, and laying our plans for capturing the best men that enter the university from the training school. Already we have several good men pledged, who, we feel sure, will make most loyal and enthusiastic members of  $\Sigma A E$ .

AVERY GRANNIS.

10 April, 1903.

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Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville.

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VERY few men entered the university at the beginning of the second semester, and consequently fraternity material was scarce. This, coupled with the fact that this season of the year is an exceptionally busy one with us, accounts for our having no very interesting fraternity news to report in this issue.

On the second of April most of our fellows attended the "last sad rites," so to speak, of three of our medical

brothers, when we saw the degree of M.D. conferred upon Duncan, Simmons and Blanton. Duncan took the honors of his class, and the two others graduated with distinction. In June next we lose by graduation also Gantt of the Law department, and Scott of the Engineering. The loss of all these older brothers in one year will cut a wide swath in our chapter, but already plans for the ensuing year are beginning to assume definite shape, and prospects are encouraging. We can not hope to return as many men next year as it has been our good fortune to return in years past, but we are confident that those tried and faithful few who do return will be as a "little leaven that leaveneth the whole lump." Several of the brothers who can not be with us permanently next year, have shown their enthusiasm for the cause by promising to be with us for at least a week during the rushing season.

Since our last letter Lambeth, Holt and Houston have distinguished themselves as orators, each winning a prominent place in the different contests held here during the spring.

While we cannot make the announcement positive, present indications are that Brother Marvin E. Holderness, E. S. D. A., will succeed Mr. Williams as Secretary and Treasurer of Vanderbilt University next autumn. This will throw Brother Holderness into closer relations with the Fraternity, and will enable him to do more wide-spread work locally and generally than his present position permits. Tennessee Nu has finally petitioned for membership in the Pan-Hellenic Council of

Vanderbilt, the petition has been favorably passed upon, and we are now awaiting initiation.

GEORGE R. GORDON.

Σ A E House, 2008 Terrace Place,  
27 April, 1903.

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Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

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TENNESSEE KAPPA, through its correspondent, wishes to thank the different chapters and alumni associations for the numerous and artistic invitations received from them, to Founders' Day banquets and celebrations. We had a little celebration of our own, however, and we enjoyed it all the more because we knew that loyal brothers all over the country were feasting on account of the anniversary of our birth.

We had planned a great celebration here at the university over a thirty-five thousand dollar appropriation which we were confident of getting, but we planned too soon. The bill passed the lower house of the State Legislature, but was killed by the Senate. Although the university is recognized as a State institution, yet it is supported entirely by the United States Government. This neglect of its own university on the part of the Legislature does not speak very highly for that body; but they will some day come to realize, it is hoped, what fine work the university is doing, and then we shall have all the money we want.

Baseball is now the topic of all-absorbing interest and we expect to make a strong bid for the Southern Championship. C. P. Smith is

managing the team, P. L. Fuller is pitcher and your correspondent is playing second base.

CLIFFORD J. FULLER,

Σ A E House, 1501 W. Cumberland Ave.,  
17 April, 1903.

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Tennessee Omega, University of the South, Sewanee.

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IN this the first term in our enlarged home we number fourteen men, eleven active and three affiliate. J. C. James of Franklin, Tennessee, familiarly known as "Student James," made us glad by his return in March after an absence of a year, and we have been most happy in welcoming among us Harry L. F. Taaffe of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, formerly of New York Sigma-Phi. A fortnight ago Irvine Goddard underwent a severe ordeal. It was our first initiation with the revised ritual and Rev. Wm. A. Guerry, Dr. Cameron Piggot and Dr. Wm. Bonnell Hall, our Frates in Facultate, were most interested participants. Mr. Guerry's interest must have been like that of a playwright witnessing a first-night performance of his new drama.

I was astonished at the large list of honors won by our fellows, which I had to enumerate recently for our Eminent Supreme Reporter. Allow me to extend Tennessee Omega's heartiest greetings to her sister chapters.

DWIGHT CAMERON, JR.

Σ A E House,  
13 April, 1903.

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

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**T**ENNESSEE Eta has lost one member since our last writing, E. C. Barton, who returned home to go into the lumber business. One of the recent honors which has fallen to Tennessee Eta was the election of Fonville as valedictorian of the Senior Class.

Our chapter here has always contained a few baseball players, but this year we have broken all previous records in this respect. We have five men playing on the 1903 Varsity nine, as follows: J. A. Sanders, G. Sanders, Williams, Tigrett and Whitaker.

We had the pleasure of meeting recently two members of the Memphis Alumni Association, Brothers Randolph and Scruggs, who were in the city for a few days.

EMMETT P. WILLIFORD.

12 May, 1903.

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

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**T**HE Annual Field Day exercises of the University will take place to-day, and one of our brothers, Stickney, will take a prominent part. It is now only a few weeks till commencement, and the men of the chapter are looking forward to that time with great anticipations. Quite a number of our brothers will not return next session; yet, with systematic work, we think the chapter

will begin the new year on a firm basis.

J. O. MIDDLETON,

6 May, 1903.

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**Alabama Iota, Southern University,  
Greensboro.**

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**Alabama Alpha-Mu, Alabama Poly-  
technic Institute, Auburn.**

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**A**LPHA MU has a very prosperous outlook for next year. We shall return at least twelve good men, and we expect great success during the rushing season. We shall lose at commencement Hill, Troutman and Shuptrine by graduation. We shall miss these brothers very much during the next year. Their good judgement and enthusiasm has done much toward the progress of the chapter during their college life.

Hill is playing first base on the Varsity nine, and his splendid work has been the feature of several hard fought games.

We expect to keep in touch with each other during the summer vacation in order to be on the outlook for available material. Our greatest need has been a chapter-house, and our great ambition has been to erect one next year.

Much interest is being manifested here in the track games scheduled for May 1st, and we are expecting new records. We shall have some fine representatives and hope to carry off some of the honors.

I. KIMBELL.

25 April, 1903.

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 Missouri Alpha, University of  
 Missouri, Columbia.
 

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IN addition to our last initiate, G. S. Brock, we have been glad to welcome another member into our active chapter. Emerson Bristol, Massachusetts Gamma, is pursuing graduate work in the university here and has cast in his lot with Missouri Alpha.

The last few months are rather lacking in interesting news in fraternity circles here. Our principal topic of discussion during the weeks gone by has been that of a chapter-house for next year. We have found that it will be impossible to build in the next twelve months, and as our present house is not satisfactory in all respects, the problem as to where we shall live during 1903-4, has assumed rather a serious aspect. A very fortunate solution was afforded, however, and we have obtained a magnificent modern house—near the campus—on one of the most fashionable streets of the town. The grounds are large. It will be the finest chapter-house in Columbia, when fitted up next fall.

Since last spring we have lost twenty-two men from various reasons, yet have seventeen on the roll at present. The weather has been very inclement and cold, yet on the baseball field, track and tennis court, the chapter is well represented. In honors our due share has fallen to us. Among them may be mentioned the fact that Lee E. Philbrook has recently been elected into Tau Beta Pi, the honorary Engineering fratern-

nity which installed a chapter here some months ago. William S. Hogsett was the successful contestant in the annual Declamatory Contest.

The State Legislature was very liberal in providing for the university for the next two years. The income will average \$450,000 per annum for the next biennial period. Appropriations were also made for a new gymnasium, and a new Physics building. Between twelve and thirteen hundred students are now in attendance here at Columbia.

H. W. PRENTIS, JR.

Σ A E House, 314 Hitt St.,  
 14 April, 1903.

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 Missouri Beta, Washington University,  
 St. Louis.
 

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WITH the initiation of Maury Cave our chapter roll, which now numbers fourteen men, is about completed for this year. We have been very successful this year in our rushing, as we have only lost one man to another fraternity. We shall lose but one member by graduation, and expect to have a good start next year.

The night of February 27 was a very important one for Missouri Beta. On that night we held an initiation and house-warming in our new quarters—a roomy flat large enough to accommodate us very comfortably. There was a large attendance of local alumni on this occasion, who were one and all very favorably impressed with the new ritual. Without doubt, it is a great improvement on the former one.

The local chapter joined with the

Alumni Association 'in the Founders' Day banquet, which was given this year at the Mercantile Club. There were forty-five Sigma Alphas present, and we all had a most enjoyable evening.

Socially the present year at Washington University has been very dull. Just at present things are beginning to liven up, however, as one dance has been given recently, and several more are to come off in the near future. The fraternities and societies usually keep things moving pretty fast, but this year we have been unable to do much entertaining because of the increased cost in maintaining our chapter halls.

We were all very much saddened by the death of Herbert DeWolf, of this chapter. He died, after a lingering illness, in the middle of February.

GEORGE BARNES.

10 April, 1903.

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Nebraska Lambda-Pi, University of  
Nebraska, Lincoln.

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NEBRASKA LAMBDA-PI takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity two new initiates, Edwin Faulkner and Alfred Beckman, both of Lincoln, Nebraska. With these two our number is swelled to twenty-three, of which eighteen room in the house.

An inter-fraternity ball league has been formed, in which the first game will be played the 18th of April. Ten fraternities have signified their intention of putting teams in the field. The schedule has been arranged on the Round Robin principle, so that every team plays one game with every other team. The nine having the highest per cent. of

victories at the close of the school year is to receive a large silk pennant.

The banquet held March 7 at the Lindel Hotel was by far the most successful one ever held by Lambda-Pi. Forty-nine enthusiastic Sigma Alphas gathered around the festal board, some of whom had not visited the chapter for eight years. Shidler performed the duties of toast-master admirably, and managed the affair perfectly. Toasts were responded to by the following alumni: Teft, Sawyer, Edmiston and Bartlett; and Barker, of Michigan Iota-Beta, and Townsend, of the home chapter, also spoke. The following alumni were present from out of town: Minor, Austenburg, Lyle, Teeters, White, Teft, Harmon, Davidson, Sawyer, Bowby, Thorpe and Barker, of Michigan Iota-Beta.

During the last week in May the fraternities here have arranged to give a large barbecue, at which over 200 Greeks are expected. A general field meet is to take place in the afternoon, and in the evening the hungry band is to be treated to a roast ox. Invitations will be sent to many alumni of the different fraternities, and a large representation of old Sigma Alphas is expected.

Koenig, of New York Alpha, a surveyor with headquarters at Omaha; Stone, of Georgia Phi, a salesman for Roehm & Son; and Doty, of Ohio Delta, and Tourston, of Massachusetts Gamma, visited us since the last issue of THE RECORD.

A movement is on foot for forming an alumni association in Lincoln. Fifteen charter members have been obtained, and all are actively engaged in making the thing a success.



The organization is, however, still too young for a full account. No other association is to be found in Nebraska, and this will therefore give us quite an advantage.

OSCAR E. VEIT.

Σ A E House, 1228 R St.,  
7 April, 1903.

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Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas,  
Lawrence.

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MINERVA'S Kansas baby was two months old on April 14, and taking into consideration the fact that she has already attended two Pan-Hellenic smokers and a dance, given in honor of her birth, she may safely be called a rather healthy youngster.

Before we had fully recovered from the effects of our installation, we were welcomed into Greek circles at Kansas by a very delightful smoker, given by Sigma Chi at her chapter-house. The following week Phi Delta Theta gave us a very elaborate dance at Pythian Hall. Shortly afterwards Beta Theta Pi entertained us at her chapter-house with a smoker. The evening was a most enjoyable one. The Betas are a jolly band of good fellows and entertained us royally. As these three fraternities represent the best in the university, we cannot help feeling happy over their kindly purpose to welcome us into the Greek fold.

Since our last letter we have lost three of our members, and initiated three. Robbins has gone to his home in Winfield, Kansas, to accept a position in his uncle's bank. Pyle

was unable to arrange a satisfactory course this last semester, and left for his home in Haviland, Kansas, expecting to return next fall. Seewin has accepted a position in Kansas City under "Bill" Green of Nebraska Lambda-Pi. On March 26 we initiated Leonard White and Joe Alford. Alford is an athlete of considerable reputation and will make the football team next fall. Joseph Kimball, one of the original Zeta Tau local, who left this fall to take a course in dentistry at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., returned here this week and was initiated April 18. This afternoon we pledged Ben Reynolds, who was being rushed by two other fraternities. Before the year closes we shall have initiated one or two more men.

The most interesting enterprise we are now considering is the building of a chapter-house. If our present plans materialize—and we see no reason why they should not—we shall be in a house of our own two years from this date. We are still soliciting advice, however, and should any chapter, or any "bloated bond-holder" among the alumni, have any suggestions or anything more material to offer, they will be most acceptable.

The inter-fraternity baseball championship will soon be contested. We have a team in the race, and though we do not expect to win the cup, we do expect to make the race rather exciting.

ROSCOE C. CHAMBERS.

Σ A E House, 728 Ohio St.,  
19 April, 1903.

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Colorado Chi, University of Colorado,  
Boulder.

OUR chapter has been for some time past considerably broken up by the absence of six of the brothers on the glee club tour through Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado, and of two on the trip taken by the basket-ball team into Utah; but we are now once more together, and will finish the year with our present membership of nineteen.

The university has during the past week obtained from the State Legislature an appropriation which will practically double its present income. Through this the University of Colorado will be enabled to take a long stride forward in the ranks of American universities, and with this outlook in mind we think ourselves justified in predicting a great future for this chapter.

We have just inaugurated a new function in our chapter, in the form of an annual reunion of the alumni of the chapter. Our first reunion was held on April 4, and many of the old brothers were in attendance, who not only to all appearances enjoyed themselves, but succeeded in giving to our active members an insight into what a fraternity means to a man after he has left college.

We expect on the 18th of this month to be honored by our first visit from Colorado Lambda as a chapter.

ARTHUR R. MORRISON.

Σ A E House, 1121 Thirteenth St.,  
9 April, 1903.

Colorado Zeta, Denver University,  
University Park.

A FEW weeks ago this chapter entertained the Gamma Phi Beta society, on which occasion our Phi Alpha banner played an important part in the decorations. We prize very highly this banner, which was awarded to us in token of promptness in paying dues. The college annual under the direction of Brother Wallace M. Bayliss, bids fair to make a big success.

Our meetings have had good attendance for most of the year, and during the last two months we have had the best meetings ever known in the history of our chapter. The meetings are much enlivened by singing the fraternity songs—a pastime to which we are coming to give more and more attention.

Our alumni here in the city are banded closer together than ever before, and they are planning an entertainment next fall which will tend to bring the three chapters in Colorado into a still closer union.

In the last RECORD we were glad to see the new chapters so well represented, and were especially interested in the pictures and description of their schools. We wish the new chapters all a most prosperous life.

F. E. C. WILLIAMS.

14 April, 1903.

Colorado Lambda, State School of  
Mines, Golden.

FOR the past two months Colorado Lambda has been very busy. Our leisure has been largely employed

in studying the inner workings of  $\Sigma A E$  and conforming those of our chapter accordingly. The operation of the National Fraternity has certainly been a revelation and an inspiration to us.

We wish to present Brothers James Harbison Hensley, Jr., and George Bicknell Rice, who were initiated on March 20. Both are Sophs, jolly good fellows, and as desirable men as can be found. A couple of nights before initiation, they rode the "goat" with surprising and almost disappointing ability; nevertheless the next day found them on the verge of despair over their mistakes. The road to the Fraternity they traversed with admirable fortitude. After the initiation we had an informal supper at which were present a few Fraternity men who have no chapters at Golden, and who, "if not brothers, are at least cousins of ours."

In recent athletics, Middelkamp is again captain of the track team and Collom is also on the team; and Spangler, Stewart, and Larsh are on the baseball team.

Commencement is on May 22 this year, and we hope, about that time, to have an opportunity to initiate some of our alumni. In the meantime our eyes are always searching for  $\Sigma A E$  material. We have temporarily rented a small house, but have something better in view for next year.

We hope no Sigma, passing near Golden, will forget to visit us.

BARLOW METCALF.

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

California Alpha, Stanford University, Palo Alto.

SO short a time has intervened since the last letter that but a few important things have happened to us. The banquet on the 14th of March was a complete success. The toasts were lively and spontaneous, and there was that jovial spirit of camaraderie which is the very essence of  $\Sigma A E$  vim. That night in San Francisco, where our banquet took place, there were four others besides our own— $\Sigma N$ ,  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $X \Psi$ . As the evening passed we received the pleasing interruptions of messages of good-will and cheer. That from  $\Delta T$  was particularly incident to our thought and the occasion: "May the path of fraternity life never be so narrow that two may not walk side by side."

The general fraternity life of the chapter has been generous, sustaining and uplifting. We have our share of honors. We feel sometimes that we do not do quite enough for the chapter in this respect; if we would realize that each one of us from freshman to graduate had something to do to add to the achievements of the chapter, we should be able to live nearer to the great heart of the Mother Fraternity.

Greetings in  $\Sigma A E$ .

J. BURT GILDERSLEEVE.

California Beta, University of California, Berkeley.

NO LETTER RECEIVED.

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 PROVINCE THETA.
 

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 Louisiana Epsilon, Louisiana State  
 University, Baton Rouge.
 

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FINAL examinations are so near that fraternity life in this school is rather dull; all the students are trying to learn now what they should have absorbed during the past eight months.

Kappa Sigma intends to build a new hall here, which they say will be the handsomest on the campus. The two other fraternities, Sigma Nu and Kappa Alpha, own neat and cozy halls for chapter meetings. On account of the strict military discipline under which we live, fraternity homes are almost useless, and all cadets are compelled to stay in barracks. Hence no fraternity can have anything more than a hall for meetings, and even the meetings are restricted to once a week. In every way fraternities are more restricted here than at most colleges, one of the worst restrictions being that men are not eligible for initiation until they are in their Sophomore year. However, military discipline, on account of the close association which it compels, keeps the men together a great deal, and gives us excellent opportunities to watch the Freshmen.

During March, F. Sharp, S. Sharp and Alexander, all this year's initiates, left college. F. Sharp is traveling for Armour Packing Company; S. Sharp is helping to construct levees, while Alexander is in his father's law office at Shreveport, La. This makes five men Louisiana Epsilon has lost this year, which is quite a drop for a chapter of only fourteen

men, the number with which we began this year's work.

Since the last issue of THE RECORD, Coleman has been elected captain of the 1903 football team, and Fourmy has been elected to the same on the track team. During final week we are going to give a banquet at our hall. We would give a german were it not for the final german of the College German Club, which will be led by Brother R. P. Crichton, '03.

Albert Mills, an alumnus of this chapter, was with us a short time ago, and J. B. Sanford, '00, spends many Saturday evenings with us. We are now keeping a register of visitors, and hope that all visiting Σ A E's will do us the honor of placing their names upon our memory list.

W. BURCH LEE.

Σ A E House,  
 22 April, 1903.

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 Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, Tulane Uni-  
 versity, New Orleans.
 

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THE examinations at the Law and Medical departments are now taking place, and soon the members of the chapter in these departments will leave for their homes. Louisiana Tau-Upsilon will lose six men by graduation.

We have two men on the Varsity baseball team, Thompson, '03, and Lassiter, Medical, '04. Parkerson, '06, and Dart, '06, have been chosen associate editors of the *Olive and Blue*, our weekly.

A province convention will be

held at Baton Rouge during commencement. Our chapter there, Louisiana Epsilon, intends to make this convention a glorious success, and we will do all we can to help them. Louisiana Tau-Upsilon expects to charter a special car for the purpose of attending in a body, and of taking a large number of our fair sisters with us.

Sigma Nu recently reorganized their chapter here, making at present fifteen fraternities now represented.

F. W. HART.

14 April, 1903.

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Mississippi Gamma, University of  
Mississippi, University.

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NO LETTER RECEIVED.

Texas Rho, University of Texas,  
Austin.

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SINCE our last letter to THE RECORD Connor returned to college, but had not been with us long when an accident laid him up in the hospital. He fell backward through the second story window at our chapter-house, cutting his leg badly in the broken glass, and breaking his arm. Though painfully hurt, he sustained no permanent injuries.

I wish to call attention to an error in our letter in the March RECORD, the name written there Parnell should be Samuell.

J. F. McCLENDON.

Σ A E House, 2010 University Ave.,  
19 April, 1903.

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