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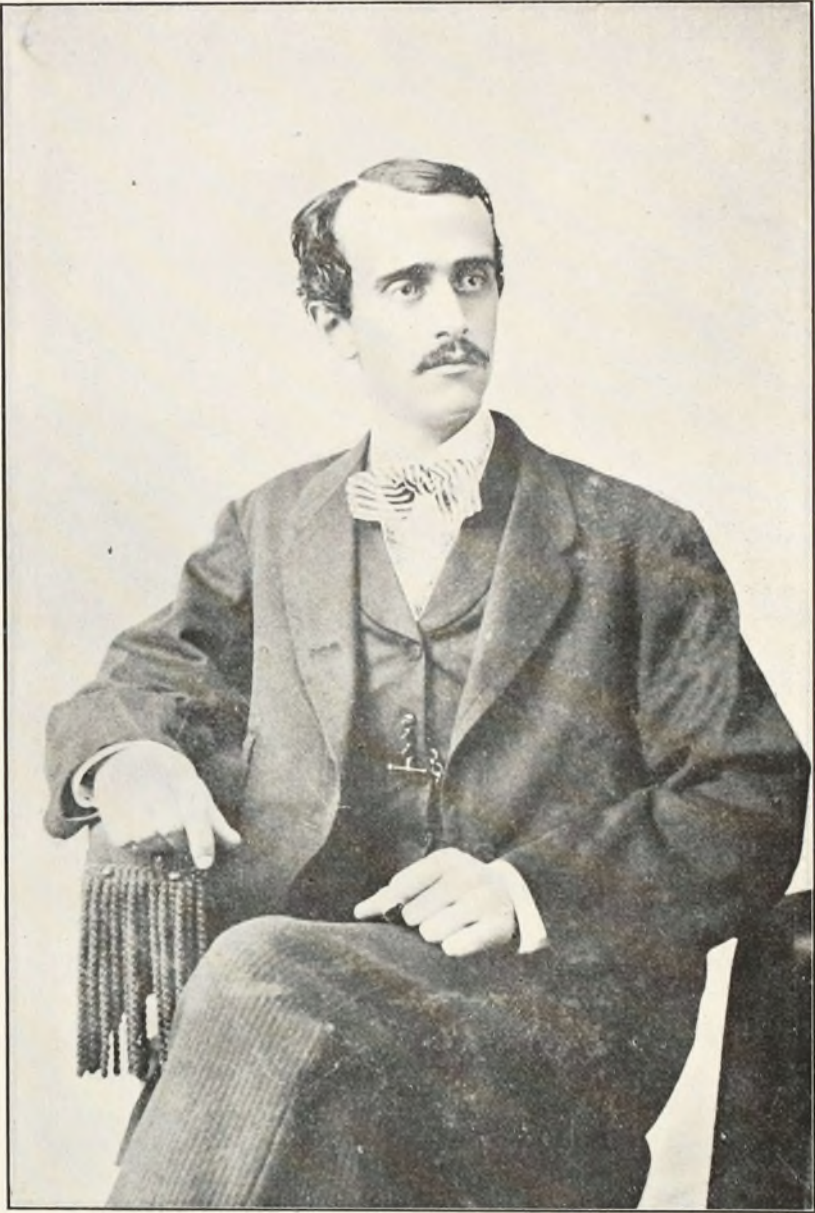
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## Purdue University and Indiana Beta.

By *Thomas W. Macartney*,  
Indiana Beta.

IN order that the reader may understand the conditions which control the life and doings of the men of Indiana Beta, it would, no doubt, be well first to acquaint him with some facts concerning the University and the other fraternities represented in the institution.

Purdue University owes its existence to those far-sighted statesmen who sat in Congress, assembled to carry the government through that great crisis of the nation, the Civil War. These gentlemen did not allow their minds to be entirely occupied by the war, but were looking forward to the time when peace would unite the land and bring the North and the South into closer harmony.

By an act passed July 2, 1862, public lands were appropriated to the several States for the maintenance of colleges, "where the leading objects shall be, without excluding other scientific or classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts." This act further provided that the State should establish and maintain at least one college of such nature. An act was passed April 4, 1864, which placed additional conditions on the State for receiving this support from the government.

The State of Indiana was not slow in availing herself of these opportunities and privileges. By an act approved March 6, 1865,

the State accepted and claimed the benefits of the provisions of these laws of Congress, and assented "to all the conditions and provisions in said acts contained."

The first result from this law of Indiana's legislature became evident in 1869, when it was enacted that the institution thus provided for should be located in Tippecanoe county, and near the city of LaFayette. That same year another act was passed by which this institution was given the name of "Purdue University." The reason for the selection of this name, and also for its location, lay in John Purdue's generous gift to the State of both land and money. Other donations were received from citizens of Tippecanoe county, prominent among which was that of Amos Heavilon. It was by his generous bequest that the present Engineering Building was erected. Although bearing the name of the Hon. John Purdue, the University is exclusively a State institution, controlled by the State and aided by the government.

It was in the basement of the University hall that the nucleus of Purdue's famous Engineering School started. The entire equipment consisted of one wood-lathe and one bench, of which the University was very proud. It was not long, however, before a special building was provided for to take care of the "shops." This was the present Science Hall, which was built and equipped with machinery for the engineering laboratory and shops. The present home of the engineering laboratories, erected by Amos Heavilon, contains some of the finest and most modern types of machinery to be found anywhere in the country. It took many years to make this collection of machines, some of which were purchased by the State, and many others donated by leading manufacturing establishments and associations throughout the country.

Among the other buildings are the Electrical Building, containing the departments of electrical engineering, telephone engineering and physics; Science Hall, the Pharmacy Building, Agricultural Hall, U. S. Experiment Station, Ladies' Hall and Fowler Hall. The latter is the latest acquisition to the University, containing the chapel and offices of the president, trustees and faculty. This hall was donated by Mrs. Eliza Fowler, of LaFayette. A large pipe-organ in the chapel, the gift of Mr. James M. Fowler, adds to the value and beauty of this building. It is expected that before the





INDIANA BETA, AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY, 1903-1904.







INDIANA BETA CHAPTER-HOUSE.



end of next year the Physics Department will have a building of their own, for which the ground is now being broken.

The campus is situated on the highlands just west of the Wabash river, and can be seen for many miles around. It has always been kept in very good condition, and is the pride of the student-body. The campus and farm include about two hundred acres. The buildings are located on the main campus, and their towers and turrets give an imposing view when seen from a distance outlined against the horizon.

No one can visit the University without being impressed by the business-like manner in which the work is carried on during school hours. It is a mistaken idea which some people have that students in Purdue do the theoretical part of the work and let the assistants merely "demonstrate" the practical part. A visit to the shops would soon dispel such ideas. The student is trained to all the work himself, from the foundry and machine-shops to the Senior engineering and testing laboratories.

Such are the conditions under which Indiana Beta and the chapters of many other fraternities have labored and struggled to establish themselves at Purdue. Out of a little over thirteen hundred students there are about one hundred and seventy-five fraternity men. It was in 1875 that the Sigma Chi, the pioneer fraternity here, entered the college. Ten years later the Kappa Sigma fraternity installed a chapter here, and in 1892 Sigma Nu followed. In 1893 three fraternities entered—Phi Delta Theta, Tau Beta Pi (honorary), and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Phi Kappa Psi came in 1901, and Phi Gamma Delta the following year. Last fall Beta Theta Pi granted a charter to a local. These fraternities are all located in chapter-houses, but only Sigma Nu and Phi Kappa Psi are house-owners. Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta all rent halls in the city. According to an agreement with the faculty, the fraternities can not initiate their Freshmen until sometime after the first of April. The first two weeks of April are, therefore, pretty busy days for the "spikes" at Purdue.

There are several interfraternity functions among the Purdue Greeks. Pan-Hellenic dances are held each year, generally three in number, the Senior, Junior and Sophomore "Pan" dances. There



is also an interfraternity baseball league, and great interest is taken in this every spring, not only by the fraternity men, but by large numbers of the "barbs."

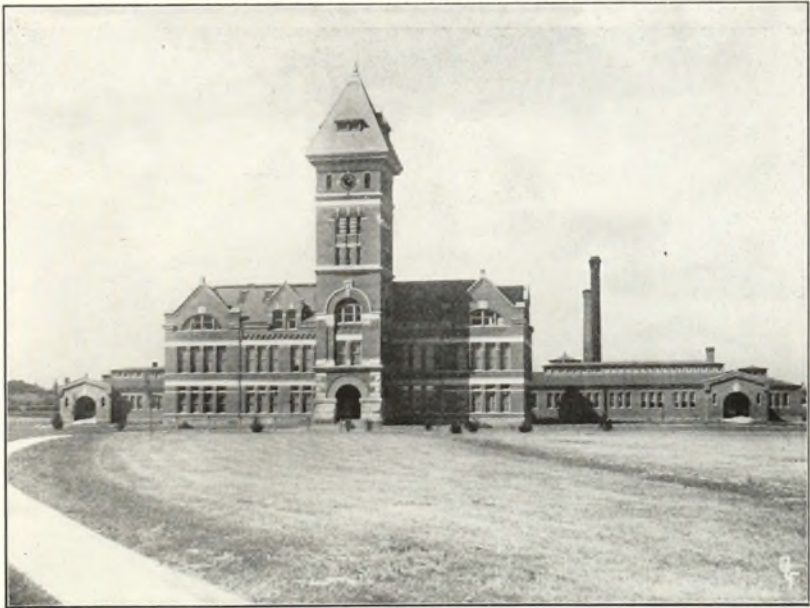
It was on May 18, 1893, that Brothers Wallace, German and Rust were initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and a chapter established at Purdue. The faculty's consent was not obtained until June 1, so that until that time the chapter existed "sub-rosa." The news of the faculty approbation was received with great joy, but before going "abroad," it was deemed advisable to increase the membership of the incipient chapter, and accordingly, three more men were initiated—Brothers Jeffries, Crane and Kipp—and the next morning the college community was surprised to see six staunch Sigmas wearing the badge which has since become so familiar at Purdue. At this time the members had no regular chapter-house or hall, but met at the "Boggs" house, where most of them were rooming. Here the plans for managing and advancing the new chapter were debated, and much enthusiasm was expressed.

The next fall all the members returned except one, enthusiastic over the prospects and ready to enter into the labors of the first year for the new chapter. The absence of a home was felt very keenly, and in consequence, a suite of rooms was obtained that they might have a place to take men they were rushing. For that year these rooms served the purpose very well, but the coming year found the men dissatisfied and anxious for a hall, that they might have the same advantages the other fraternities enjoyed. By mere good fortune a suite of three rooms was obtained in the very heart of the city, and as favorably located as any of the other chapters. This suite was the last of the hall life for Indiana Beta, one which was full of many pleasant features, but which the members gladly exchanged for that of the chapter-house. Indiana Beta was the first chapter at Purdue to be settled in a thoroughly modern chapter-house. That this has been a success the present condition of the chapter can certainly give evidence.

The beautiful home which Indiana Beta then entered, and in which she is still housed, is situated in the northeast part of West LaFayette, and has a commanding view of the whole city. At night the light from our tower can be seen from any part of the city. The house is somewhat isolated from surrounding residences,



AGRICULTURAL HALL.



ENGINEERING LABORATORIES.

SOME VIEWS OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY.



FOWLER HALL.



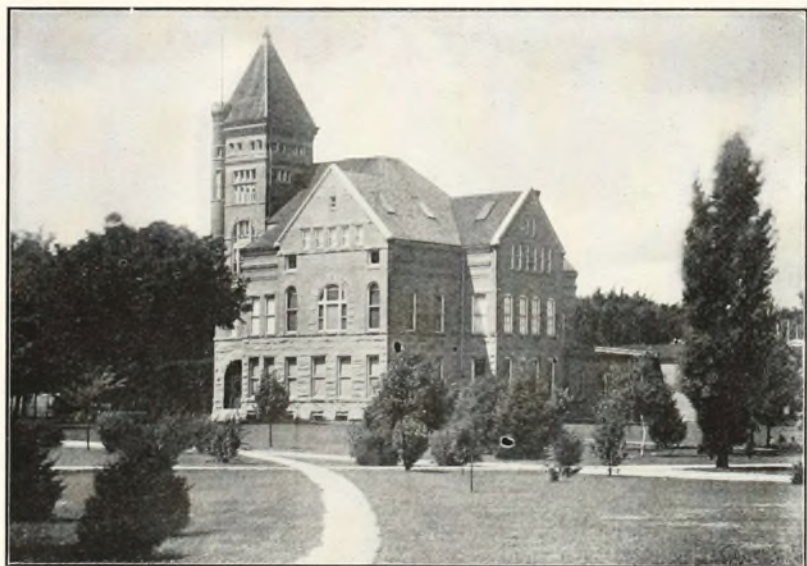
ELM DRIVE.

SOME VIEWS OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY.





UNIVERSITY HALL.



ELECTRICAL BUILDING.

SOME VIEWS OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY.



and has in every way a most desirable location for a fraternity chapter-house. Connected with the city by an electric-car line at our door, and by telephone, every part of the city is in easy access at all times. The accompanying cut will give the reader a better idea of the view of the house from the exterior than any description the writer might give. The house is furnished with hot and cold water, and is heated by grates and a hot-water system, and contains every convenience to make it homelike and comfortable.

Probably one of the most striking and pleasing features of our life is our musical tendency. Ever since the chapter has been organized, it has always had an abundance of music. Immediately following the evening meal comes an hour of pleasure before beginning work, and in this the "S. A. E. orchestra" plays a most prominent part. It is at such times as these that genuine fraternity spirit and brotherly feeling are made evident, which tend to make our chapter-house an ideal home.

Indiana Beta wishes that all our brothers might also have the benefits of our chapter, and we extend to all brothers a most hearty invitation to come and visit us.



## William A. Harris.



Reprinted from the *Kansas City Times* of April 4, 1904.

**A** VIRGINIAN, a Confederate colonel, a Democrat in blood and belief, and, strangest of all, a farmer. And Kansas sent him to the United States Senate. If there is such a thing as precedent in Kansas, it was broken into bits by the selection of William A. Harris. Before Harris the ex-Confederates were used in Kansas only as targets for the spellbinders, and Kansas surprised itself when it sent one of the "men in gray" as its congressman-at-large to Washington. W. A. Harris was known to the Kansan, but it was as a farmer and breeder of Shorthorns, and not as a politician. The Farmers' Alliance was responsible for the Kansas Confederate's first service in Congress, and nominated him for a second term. That year the Republicans controlled, and Harris was defeated. Then Leavenworth county, always Democratic in those days, sent Harris to the State senate, and before his term had fairly begun, he was sent to the United States Senate for the full six years. And that is where Kansas nearly broke its record in breaking precedent. Not only was the new senator an ex-officer of the Confederate army, but he was a farmer. Never before had Kansas, an agricultural State, sent a farmer to the United States Senate.

The conservative Democrats of Kansas, and many Western Democrats not so conservative, see in Harris the fittest man for the Democratic nomination for President. His record is one that neither Bryan nor Cleveland would find faulty.

Eight years this ex-Confederate Democrat, farmer and stockman served Kansas in Washington, two years in the House and six in the Senate. When Harris came back to Kansas, again a private citizen, he was poorer than when he left the farm and the Shorthorns at Linwood. Two years in the House, six years in the Senate, and not a dollar to show for it! Little less than another precedent broken; the record is, at least, unusual.

## HIS FATHER IN CONGRESS BEFORE HIM.

Sixty-two years ago William A. Harris was born in Loudon county, Virginia. Virginia sent his father to Congress for two terms, and the son accompanied him to the capitol. He was graduated from Columbian College, in Washington. Then he became a cadet at the school that furnished so many officers to the South, the Virginia Military Institute, in which "Stonewall" Jackson was professor of tactics. Harris was graduated from the institution in 1861, and became assistant adjutant-general of General Wilcox's brigade, and then chief ordnance officer to D. H. Hill's and Rhode's divisions, Army of Northern Virginia.

Appomattox ended the war for Harris. He had been trained as a civil engineer, and he took up his work as naturally as if the great conflict had not caused a five years' break in his plans of life. The young Virginia officer came West, to the border, and became an engineer in the construction of the Kansas Pacific Railway, then creeping across the prairies toward the mountains. The route lay from Kansas City through the Kaw Valley, and the Virginian, intent as he may have been with his railway building, had the love of the soil too strong to overlook the spot that would make a good farm. And he found it about thirty miles west of Kansas City and bought it from the railway company.

"When we were running the line along the river bank," the senator told the writer one summer day, years ago, on the lawn at Linwood farm, "I saw this land and decided it was the place for my home." He bought the land from the railway company and called it Linwood. Within a few years he had abandoned civil engineering for the farm, and Linwood became known as the home of the best herd of pure-bred Shorthorns in Kansas.

The Harris farm was a picture of content, even to the man who knew nothing of farming. The big, square house of brick, with verandas giving shade, stood in a grove of linn trees. A drive led straight from the railway station, a quarter of a mile away. Broad-backed cattle, with shining coats of deep red, grazed in a field thick with grass that Kentucky would be proud of. Everything in the herd had a record of ancestry, clear and authentic as its pure blood demanded. Their owner knew the Shorthorn family; even

to-day he is recognized as the foremost authority in America on Shorthorn cattle, and the name "Wm. A. Harris" to a pedigree is recognized as conclusive.

THE NOMINATION WITHOUT AN EFFORT.

Linwood prospered and was content, and then came the Farmers' Alliance. In its earlier days all the farmers were members, and its political side was a later development. When the alliance in Kansas became the People's Party, W. A. Harris, the Virginia Democrat, was nominated congressman-at-large. He learned of his nomination in England, where he was in a conference with Shorthorn breeders. He was easily elected, and Linwood and the red cattle were left behind for Congress.

There were some freaks in the Kansas delegation that year, men with wild schemes that grew wilder as the East heard them. The people and the newspapers the other side of the Alleghanies expected another sockless one in this new senator from Kansas, or at least, one whose name could be associated with unusual luxuriance of beard. Instead, there came a man far above the congressional average in manner, breeding and appearance. His first speech was remarkable only in that it proved the Kansas people had sent a dignified, cultured man to represent their State in the House. At the same time Harris made himself felt, not by fathering freakish legislation, but by taking up alone the task of preventing the Pacific railways from beating the United States government out of the larger part of their debt to it.

The Republicans controlled in Kansas in 1894, and Harris returned to Linwood, but the Democrats of Leavenworth sent him to the State Senate. In 1897, two years after he left the House, he was elected United States Senator, to succeed W. A. Peffer. As senator, his value to the country at large increased. The reorganization committee of the Pacific Railroad had agreed with the Cleveland administration to pay forty-five million dollars to satisfy the government's claim of nearly seventy million dollars against the railroad. It was generally considered a fair arrangement, for there had been much uncertainty whether the government would ever get a dollar of the money it had lent to encourage the building of the trans-continental line. In fact, the case had gone through the United



States circuit court, and a decree ordering the sale practically on that basis, had been made. Congress adjourned without action, so far as the Pacific Railroad debt was concerned, and that left a Democratic senator to deal with a Republican administration in a matter that seemed to have been settled satisfactorily to most of those who knew anything about. But Harris is persistent in his quiet way, and he went to the White House with his arguments. McKinley saw the justice of the government's case.

"But the sale has been ordered, Congress is not in session, and what's to be done?" he asked the new senator.

"Let the company pay its full debt, or postpone the sale until after the next session," was Harris's suggestion.

#### ONE MAN SAVED MILLIONS.

The President and the Attorney-General accepted his views, and the reorganization committee saw its plan blocked. Rather than have the matter threshed out in Congress they paid fifty-eight million dollars to the government as the debt of the main line, and in addition paid \$6,300,000 on the Kansas Pacific debt, instead of two and a half million that practically had been accepted by the government.

In one year one minority senator had saved this government more than fifteen million dollars, and that without a threat or a boast, and with fewer words than a single spellbinder would use in one ward meeting.

Two Republicans—McKinley and Roosevelt—were in the White House while Harris, the ex-Confederate Democrat, was in the Senate. In influence with the President, only one Democrat, Cockrell, of Missouri, surpassed him. Harris had the confidence of Roosevelt as he had of McKinley, although they knew him to be a Democrat firm and unwavering. Bitter partisans on the Republican side, such as Quay, Platt of Connecticut, Allison and Spooner, recognized Harris's honesty and ability, and showed it in giving support, often unexpectedly, to his measures.

Long before the expiration of his term, Kansas had gone back to its Republicanism, and Charles I. Long won the Linwood farmer's place in the Senate. Linwood has been sold, and the Shorthorns have gone to other herds; the finances of the man who saved the government fifteen million dollars suffered in the ten years of politics.

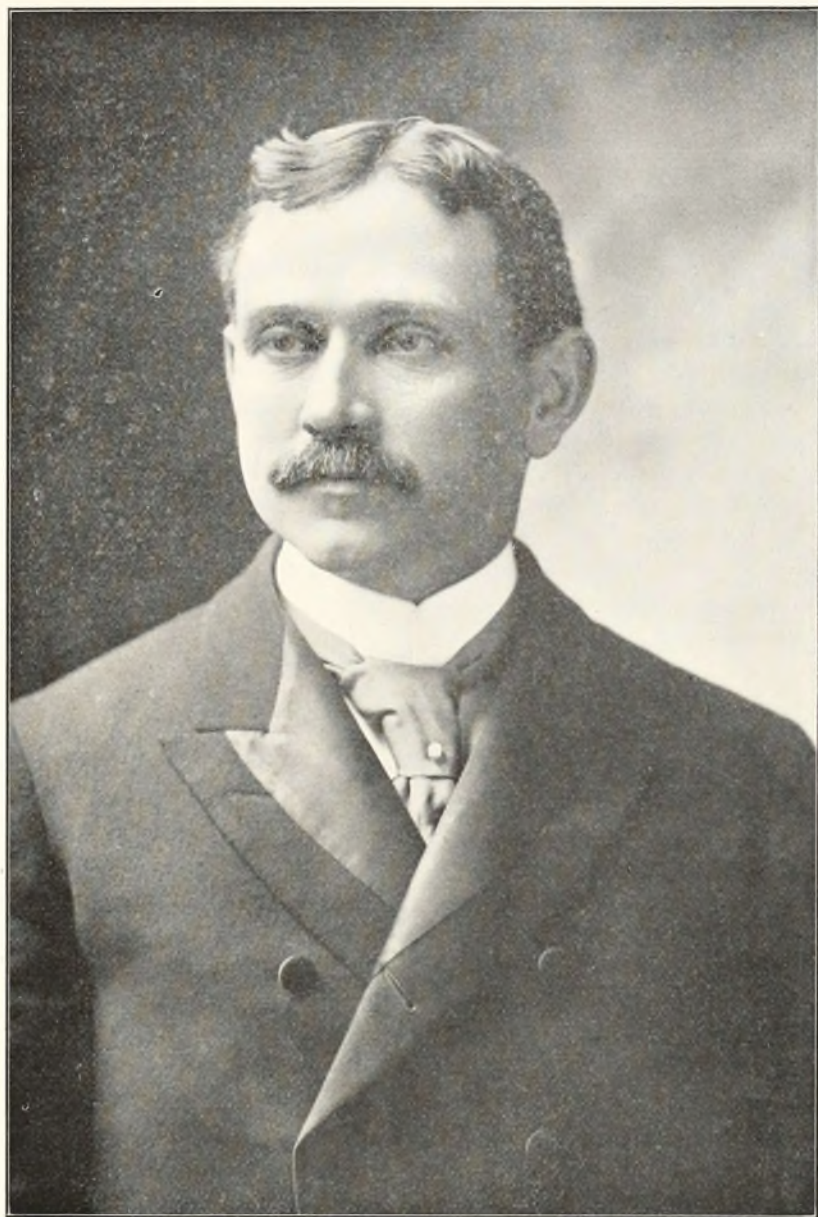
## Henry Delaware Flood.



**H**ON. HENRY D. FLOOD is now serving his second term as a member of Congress without opposition, so far, for re-nomination and election for a third term, by the Democratic party at the approaching fall election. Although a young man, now but thirty-eight years of age, he has uninterruptedly, from the year that he attained his majority to the present time, occupied with marked and steadily increasing ability and applause, public positions of responsibility, as Commonwealth Attorney, member of the Virginia Legislature—both as member of the House of Delegates and as State Senator—member of Congress, and member of the Constitutional Convention, besides many positions of trust in the administration of the domestic affairs of Appomattox, the county of his nativity and life-long residence.

Mr. Flood was born in Appomattox county, Virginia, on September 2, 1865. After attendance upon the best schools of Appomattox, his scholastic and professional education was completed at Washington and Lee University, and the University of Virginia. From the latter institution he was graduated as Bachelor of Laws in June, 1886, and at once entered upon the practice of his profession.

On his father's side, and more particularly on his mother's side—his maternal grandfather being the noted politician and statesman, Charles James Faulkner, of Martinsburg, West Virginia—he inherited a strong predilection for politics; and entering actively into that exciting field, he was, in 1887, when but twenty-two years of age, elected to the legislature, receiving a re-election in 1889. In 1891 he was elected to the State Senate, and by successive re-elections maintained that position until his election to Congress, in the year 1900. While serving his county in the legislature he was, in 1891, elected Commonwealth's Attorney, and ably filled that position for the succeeding eight years, voluntarily resigning it on his election to Congress.



H. D. Flood.

HON. HENRY D. FLOOD, VIRGINIA SIGMA ANDOMICRON.





When the election came on for members of the Constitutional Convention, in the spring of 1901, all eyes in his native county turned to him as the proper person to assume the double responsibility of representing his people in that important convention and in the national Congress. He was elected to the Constitutional Convention by unanimous acclaim, being regarded by everybody as by far the most suitable person to represent the voters in that important position. He had risen to the place of acknowledged leadership in the State Senate, where his controversial abilities, his quick apprehension of the real points at issue, his readiness at repartee, his power in pressing his advantage over his adversary, combining the scimitar of Saladin with the battle-axe of Richard, had made him an alert and formidable gladiator in the field of forensic and parliamentary debate.

The Virginia Constitutional Convention contained among its membership the full-blown flower of the State for ability and experience in every department of intellectual display. In this assemblage of able and skilled disputants, and learned lawyers and statesmen, Mr. Flood took a high rank among the foremost on all occasions of high debate.

He is now hardly more than in the dawn of the effulgent day that lies before him and beckons with its alluring signals. That he will fulfill the high expectations of his friends, and prove an honored exponent of the Fraternity, is scarcely to be doubted.

Mr. Flood has an especial claim upon the regards of our Virginia Omicron chapter. He was a member of Virginia Sigma chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, at Washington and Lee University, and on coming to the University of Virginia he found that the Omicron chapter had died out, there being no member of the chapter at the University. In the fall of 1884, in conjunction with H. E. Wilson and J. H. Phinizy, both of Georgia, he reorganized the Virginia Omicron chapter, which has had a successful existence and career ever since.

United with studious habits, sobriety of manner, and dignified demeanor, he possesses an unusually pleasing and prepossessing address, with a real gayety of disposition. So much is this the case that if you should ask half of the leading men in Virginia who Mr. Henry D. Flood was, the chances are they would put on a puzzled

look, and be somewhat uncertain; while if you should ask if they knew "Hal Flood," they would instantly exclaim that they most certainly did.

Long may he live and prosper, in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The foregoing sketch of Brother Flood was prepared for the writer by Colonel Lawrence S. Marye, of Charlottesville, Va., a personal friend of Mr. Flood, and one consequently able to speak authoritatively. He has in no way exaggerated the esteem in which the subject of the sketch is held, nor the value of his varied services to the State of Virginia.

Virginia Omicron feels a natural interest in the honor bestowed upon one of her reorganizers, and rejoices that he has not forgotten his Fraternity and his chapter. He has more than once responded promptly to requests of mine for information, and has exhibited an interest not always shown by a man burdened with so many duties. Especially do I appreciate the photograph which accompanies this sketch, for upon my request for a copy of the picture of himself, which he considered the best, he had Prince, of Washington, make a new one especially for my purpose.

I acknowledge gratefully my indebtedness to Colonel Marye and to Brother Flood himself.

T. McN. SIMPSON, JR.

*University of Virginia, April 23.*



## The Work on the Manual.

AT the Chicago meeting of the Supreme Council of the Fraternity, as has already been announced, the preparation and publication of the Manual was turned over to Dr. George H. Kress, as editor, and Herbert B. Moyer, as assistant editor. From the energy and determination with which work on this belated volume is now being pushed, it seems likely that it will be in the hands of the Fraternity at about the time when the next issue of THE RECORD is due to appear. In the meantime, a fair idea of a portion of what the Manual is designed to contain may be gleaned from the following circular recently distributed among our active chapters:

To Chapter ———.

DEAR BROTHERS: At the Chicago meeting of the Supreme Council in December last, it was decided to place the *Manual* in the hands of George H. Kress, as editor, and Herbert B. Moyer, as assistant editor.

It is the intention of the editors to relieve themselves of this work as soon as possible, and if proper co-operation be given, they will endeavor to place the book in your hands by September, at the very latest.

There is certain information concerning your chapter which it alone can give. The editors have no archives at their command to fall back upon. Should your chapter fail to send in the needed information, you would not only make the little volume inaccurate as regards yourselves, but you would mar its purpose somewhat for all your sister chapters. . . .

Kindly, therefore, request your Eminent Recorder, your catalogue editor or some volunteer, to collect the information desired, and to send this *at once* to the editor.

We do not care who does it, so long as it is done. And it behooves you so to do, if not for yourselves, then for your sister chapters.

Expecting an early reply, we are,

THE EDITORS OF THE MANUAL,  
Per George H. Kress, Editor.

P. S. On enclosed postal send us at once the name and address of the brother whom the Eminent Archon or chapter has delegated to answer our questions.

G. H. K.

Address all communications to the editor.

NOTICE.—If space allotted for answers be deemed insufficient, then answer questions on separate sheets of paper, putting numbers of questions before the answers.

1. Name of chapter?
2. Always same name?
3. Name of college?
4. Always same name?
5. Year college was founded?
6. Did college ever suspend operations? If so, state times and reasons.
7. Date of establishment of chapter?
8. Did it exist previously as a local organization?
9. Name of local organization?
10. Give a brief outline of local organization's history?
11. How came the charter members to apply to  $\Sigma A E$ ?
12. Names and classes of charter members?
13. Name of leader or leaders among charter members?
14. Names of  $\Sigma A E$ 's from other chapters instrumental in aiding the charter members to get a charter?
15. By whom was charter granted—by Grand Chapter, Supreme Council or National Convention?
16. Date of granting of charter?
17. Date of actual establishment of charter, i. e., date of initiation of charter members?
18. Did the chapter ever return its charter? If so, state times and reasons.
19. Give names of rival fraternities, and dates of their establishment?
20. Give names of rival fraternities in existence to-day?
21. Give names of rival inactive fraternities, and state time when they became inactive and reasons therefor?
22. Give distribution of fraternity men in your college by classes (P. G., '04, '05, '06, '07) for not only your own, but every other chapter or local in your institution. Thus:

Name of fraternity.	P. G.	'04.	'05.	'06.	'07.	Total.
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23. What is the average membership for chapters in your institution for this year?
24. What is proportion of frat to non-frat men in every class, and the college as a whole, at your institution?
25. Give total attendance of classes in your institution? (Count both men and women.)
26. Give total number of men, by classes, in your institution?

27. Give total number of years your chapter was active?
28. Give total number of years your chapter was inactive?
29. Give average number of annual initiates for your chapter since its organization; *i. e.*, divide total number of initiates of chapter by number of years your chapter was in active existence?
30. Do your trustees or faculty place any restrictions on fraternity membership; if so, state them?
31. Have they ever done so in the past? Give dates and reasons?
32. Are there any peculiar or local traditions or customs among the frats at your institution; if so, state them?
33. What fraternities allow membership in class societies, such as Theta Nu Epsilon?
34. Give the total number of alumni on your chapter-roll?
35. Give the names, classes, profession or vocation, etc., of some of the prominent alumni (living or dead, so state) of your chapter?
36. Tell what files of *Phi-Alpha* and *RECORD* the chapter has in its library?
37. Do you own a lot? Since when?
38. Do you own a house? Since when?
39. Have you started a building fund? Since when?
40. How much cash in your building fund and how much in notes?
41. Do you rent a hall, lodge or house? Since when?
42. How many men can your house accommodate?
43. State what rivals rent houses?
44. State what rivals own houses?
45. Give any data of interest concerning past or present history of chapter or of your institution or of rival chapters?

(P. S.—Gather this information *at the earliest possible date*, and then forward to the editor, Dr. George H. Kress, 602 Johnson Building, Los Angeles, California, *at once*.)

The Manual, as a whole, is to be divided into three parts. Part I will give a brief history of the Fraternity, containing chapters, among others, on "Our Founding," "Extension Before the War," "War Careers of Ante-Bellum S. A. E.'s," "Period Between 1866 and 1870," "Period Between 1870 and 1885," "Period Between 1885 and 1904." "Noted Alumni," "Modes of Government," "Insignia," etc., etc. Part II will give a history of the general college fraternity system, with a paragraph or two devoted to the essential facts in the history of each national fraternity of any importance. Part III will be in the nature of an appendix, and will contain various miscellaneous matter, tables, charts, maps, etc., including a general defense of the college fraternity system.

It should be understood that this brief outline represents merely



the editor's present plan with regard to the general arrangement, and may be changed or modified somewhat before the publication of the Manual. If the correspondents and others upon whom the editors are inevitably dependent for much of their information discharge their duties in this respect with even a share of Dr. Kress' energy, intelligence and enthusiasm, we may feel reasonably certain of an able, accurate and promptly published Manual.

## Our Men at the Naval Academy.



IN making a report to THE RECORD on our "chapter" at the U. S. Naval Academy, much difficulty must be expected for the obvious reason that, properly speaking, there is no fraternity life here. The restrictions placed about the brigade of midshipmen and the sharp lines of demarcation between classes, both due to the need for the preservation of discipline, has caused the classes themselves, with their various small and ill-defined cliques and factions, to be the only organizations worthy the name. Added to this, there is the fact that the brigade is quartered in the various buildings according to the companies to which its members belong; in most cases any one man seldom goes to any drills with other than his own company, and as will be seen, recitations and drills give us the only extended opportunity for becoming acquainted with each other. Through the medium of recitations we learn what manner of men our classmates are; through that of drills, we know the men in our company. This is the situation in a word.

Leaving out the time for recitations, drills and meals, the midshipmen are required to be in their own rooms at all times, except for a short hour and a half each day, from 5 to 6:30 p. m., and half an hour after each meal. Saturday and Sunday afternoons afford the only hours of leisure, and this would be entirely insufficient for fraternity life, as we understand it, even if the fraternities were not by law prohibited.

In spite of all these detriments, however, the fraternities here do exercise an appreciable influence. At present 659 midshipmen are enrolled. Of these 122 have been to college, and 62 are fraternity men. The average candidate for entrance to the Academy may be surprised to learn that there is even this small percentage, but if he happens to be a fraternity man himself, he soon finds that fraternity spirit here is not entirely dormant. By some means or other his

brothers in the bonds—"bonds" referring both to the fraternity and to the Academy—learn when he comes to Annapolis, and without fail give him the benefit of their good fellowship and experience.

Once a midshipman—and a plebe—he has many new ideas to absorb, and absorb them he must, gracefully or otherwise, according to his temperament. A few years ago, when hazing was to be found here, this absorption was generally "otherwise," as graceful absorption was not possible, and fraternity brothers in the upper classes were a decided help. But even now, when hazing is only a memory, men in the higher classes give many valuable hints to their plebe brothers.

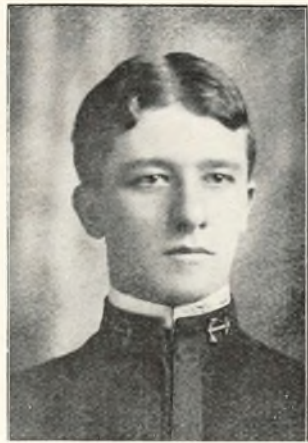
At present there are twelve members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at the Academy. This, so far as is known, is a larger membership than any other fraternity can claim. No estimate can be made of the members out in the service until the new catalogue comes out. However, a year seldom passes without one of us finding a new brother among the officers stationed here. It was plebe year that one of us discovered, quite by accident, that an old surgeon, at whose house he was being entertained, was not only an S. A. E., but also an alumnus of his own chapter. Several times, in days now gone by, it has happened that people have found that the plebe they were hazing was a fraternity mate (it need not be said that this hazing came to a sudden end), and it often happens that a familiar-shaped badge is seen among the visitors here, both among those belonging to the visiting athletic teams, and those in attendance at the hops given by the brigade. Last Christmas, Cadet (now Lieutenant U. S. A.) M. M. Howze, U. S. N. A., '03, Georgia Beta, '99, visited us, and with him came London, North Carolina Xi, '00; we have also had the pleasure of seeing Brothers Dodge, Hewitt and others from our chapter at Pennsylvania State University, when the cadets' ball team met theirs.

So altogether, the fraternity situation here is not so impossible as it would at first glance seem to be. There are twelve of us here, and though we can not have meetings, we know where to look for friends when they are needed, and it is a pleasure to report to the Fraternity at large that we have here a representation that can almost be called a chapter.





EDMUND WEYMAN STROTHER.



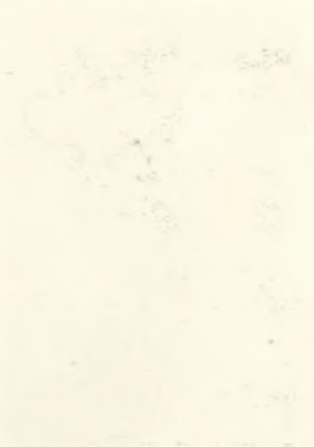
HERNDON BROWNING KELLY.



JOHN M. TOWERS.



SOME  $\Sigma$  A E MIDDIES.



The fraternities and the number of members represented here are as follows:

A T Ω.....	4	Σ X.....	4
B Θ Π.....	2	Φ Γ Δ.....	2
Δ Ψ.....	3	Φ K Ψ.....	1
Δ K E.....	3	Φ Δ Θ.....	8
K Σ.....	1	Φ Σ K.....	1
Σ A E.....	12	Ψ T.....	1
Σ N.....	4	X Φ.....	2
Σ Φ.....	3	X Ψ.....	2

It may not be out of place to give a short account of the men composing our representation, together with the names of their chapters, and the subjoined list is therefore given:

I. C. Johnson, Jr.—Evergreen, Louisiana, '04; Louisiana Epsilon, '02; entered 1900; president Y. M. C. A.; class football and baseball teams; track team; cadet petty officer, first class.

H. E. Kimmel—Henderson, Ky., '04; Kentucky Kappa, '01; entered 1900; class football team; gymnasium team; manager Academy crew; cadet lieutenant and brigade adjutant.

F. G. Tupper—Atlanta, Ga., '04; Georgia Beta, '00; entered 1900; *Lucky Bag* staff; cadet lieutenant.

W. H. Lassing—Union, Ky., '05; Kentucky Kappa, '02; entered 1901; member minstrel club.

A. S. Rees—Nashville, Tenn., '05; Tennessee Nu, '03; entered 1901; right tackle Naval Academy football team.

R. W. Cabaniss—Birmingham, Ala., '06; Alabama Mu, '04; entered 1902; class football team; second crew; hop committee.

H. B. Kelly—Lebanon, Ky., '06; Kentucky Epsilon, '05; entered 1902; pitcher Academy baseball team.

J. H. Towers—Rome, Ga., '06; Georgia Phi, '05; entered 1902.

A. W. Atkins—East Orange, N. J., '07; New York Mu, '05; entered 1903.

F. Goldthwaite—Hopkinsville, Ky., '07; Massachusetts Iota-Tau, '06; entered 1903; U. S. Military Academy, '04; class football team.

S. B. McKinney—Knoxville, Tenn., '07; Tennessee Kappa, '05; entered in 1903; substitute Academy football team.

E. W. Strother—Columbus, Ga., '07; Georgia Beta, '05; entered 1903; class football team.



It will be seen, therefore, that our "chapter" loses three men next month by graduation, leaving nine men to represent S. A. E. There are several S. A. E.'s now preparing for entrance, so that there is no reason to believe that we shall be left unrepresented at any early date.

*January, 1904.*

F. G. TUPPER.

## Contributions Toward a Fraternity Bibliography.

By *Edward Harmon Virgin.*

### VI.

IN collecting such publications as are to be included in this class, one has difficulty in satisfying one's self that the collection is complete, especially if it extends over many years. The successive editions, revisions, reissues, etc., are not numbered, and the official record of their publication has been at times deficient. As an example of an issue easily overlooked ten years from now, one may point to the reissue of the 1895 Rules and Regulations, in a small edition, during 1901. No alteration was made in the text, and the reissue was only made because additional copies were sorely needed for use, both before and at the 1902 National Convention, where they were scheduled to be revised. This reissue was, comparatively speaking, small and not as widely distributed as the edition circulated during the six years previous. Therefore, to obviate for future collectors the possibility of overlooking such issues, and to have in one place a list of all issues brought together in one collection, these contributions are continued. They will give in summary form the main points needed for bibliographical identification of the publications of the Fraternity issued at irregular intervals, noting those points from the copies now preserved in the collection which most nearly approaches completeness—that in the files of the Eminent Supreme Recorder of the Fraternity.

#### **Constitutions and Rules and Regulations.**

Though apparently the names given in the heading above are dissimilar terms, to us they mean now virtually the same thing. What is technically termed our Constitution is really embodied in our present Rules and Regulations.

1883. 29 + [3] pp., exclusive of cover. Issued in a light-blue cover. Augusta, Georgia, 1883. 16°. Emblematic cut on verso of back cover. Title:—Constitution of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.
1884. 39 + [1] pp., exclusive of cover. Issued in a very light-brown cover. Atlanta, Georgia, 1884. 16°. A little larger in size than the 1883 issue. Emblematic cut on verso of back cover. Title:—Constitution of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. 1884.
- 1887: 39 + [1] pp., exclusive of cover. Issued in a bluish-gray cover. Athens, Georgia, 1887. 16°. Practically a reprint of 1884 issue. Fraternity monogram on face of front cover. Emblematic cut on verso of back cover. Title:—Constitution of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. 1887.
1884. 24 pp., exclusive of cover. Issued in a blue cover. Athens, Georgia. No date of publication. 16°. Fraternity monogram on front cover. Title:—Constitution and Code of Laws of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. 1888.
1891. [2] + 18 pp., exclusive of cover. Issued in a light-gray cover. Greenville, S. C., 1891. 8°. Badge on front cover. Title:—Revised Constitution and Code of Laws of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1891. Including all Amendments, Resolutions and Special Reports Passed by the Atlanta, Columbia, Nashville, Charlotte and Cincinnati Conventions of 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890. Compiled by John J. Capers, E. S. A.
1894. 16 pp., exclusive of cover. Issued in a gray cover. No place or date of publication. 8°. Title:—Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. . . . . Report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws—Wm. Mack, A. M. Austin, J. W. Moore, H. C. Burger, H. S. Bunting, E. D. Smith, J. P. Morley, Howard P. Nash. 1894.

This issue is plainly *not* an issue of the Rules. It is the report, however, of a committee appointed at the National Convention of 1893, to report at the convention of 1894 on the proposed revision, and is included here because of the permanent form in which their report was made. J. W. Moore, E. S. A., in his report to the convention of 1894, writes: "*Constitution and Laws.*—The permanent committee will report to this convention . . . As it was thought desirable that the chapters should have an opportunity to study the report . . . I had the report published, and sent out copies to the various chapters." As a result of the deliberations of the '94 convention on this report, the Rules and Regulations, prior to the next



issue, were codified by H. P. Nash, Massachusetts Gamma, '93, one of the members of the original committee, and appeared in 1895.

1895. 15 + [1] pp., exclusive of cover. Issued in a yellow cover. Boston. 1895. 8°.

Title:—Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Adopted at Washington, December, 1894.

1901. 19 + [1] pp., exclusive of cover. Issued in a yellow cover. Dedham, Mass. 8°.

Title:—Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Adopted at Washington, December, 1894.

This issue is a reprint of the 1895 edition.

1902. 8 pp. No cover. No place of publication or title.

[Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations to National Convention of 1902.] Signed Watson Bartemus Selvage, *Chairman*, November 18, 1902.

This report is merely listed here because of the permanent form in which it appeared. It is the report of a committee elected at the National Convention of 1900, with instruction to report on revision at the 1902 convention.

As a result of the deliberations of the 1902 convention, the next issue appeared in 1903.

1903. 32 pp. Issued in green boards with pink label, "Rules and Regulations of Sigma Alpha Epsilon." Dedham, Mass., 1903. 8°. Two blank leaves at end.

Title:—Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

Adopted at the National Convention held in Washington, D. C., December 23-26, 1903, and effective six months after date of convention.

Note should be made of the mistake in the date of the title just quoted—1903 should, of course, read 1902. The body of rules are prefaced by an introduction and table of contents, and followed by an index.

### Rituals.

Successive editions as follows:

1883. Augusta, Georgia.

1889. Athens, Georgia.

1894. Nashville, Tennessee.

1899. Lynn, Massachusetts.

[1903.] [Evanston, Illinois.]

**Song-Books.**

1891. 8 pp., exclusive of cover. Greenish-gray cover. Atlanta, Georgia, 1891. 8°. Title:—Selected Songs of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Printed for the Thirty-fifth National Convention, Atlanta, Ga., December 28-30, 1891.
1892. 12 pp., exclusive of cover. Green cover. Chattanooga, Tenn., 1892. 8°. Title:—S. A. E. Songs. 36th National Convention, Chattanooga, Tenn., December 28th to 30th, 1892.
1893. 16 pp., exclusive of cover. Brown cover. Pittsburgh, Pa., 1893. 8°. Monogram on cover. Title:—Songs of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, selected for the 37th National Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., December 27 to 29, 1893.
1896. 12 pp., exclusive of cover. Purple cover with title in gold. No place of publication or date. [1896.] 12°. Monogram on cover. Title:—Select Songs of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Compiled by H. H. Cowan, 293 Western Ave., Alleghany, Pa. Issued by H. H. Cowan early in 1896.
1902. 12 pp., exclusive of cover. White cover with title in dark purple. Evanston, Ill. No date. 8°. Title:—The Phi Alpha Song-Book, edited by William C. Levere.  
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Made up of songs previously published in *Phi Alpha*. Issued in the spring of 1902.
1902. 20 pp., exclusive of cover. Garnet cover. No place or date of publication. [1902.] 8°. Title:—Washington Convention Song Book, edited by William C. Levere under the Direction of the Supreme Council of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1856-1902. Probably published at Evanston, Ill.

**Song-Sheets.**

1901. Title:—Songs for the Joint Initiation Banquet of Province Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Held at the Woodland Park Hotel in Auburndale, Massachusetts, the seventh of December, nineteen hundred and one.

At the close of the songs appears the notes: "The first and last of these songs have appeared in *Phi Alpha*; the one entitled 'The Glory of S. A. E.' was written by C. S. Reinhart. The second and third

were written by members of Massachusetts Gamma for this occasion."

This song-sheet was issued by members of Massachusetts Gamma, the two contributors mentioned in the note being E. H. Virgin, '99, and MacAllaster Moore, '03.

1902. Title:—Songs for the Joint Initiation Banquet of Province Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, Auburndale.

Issued in the same style as preceding folder, by members of Massachusetts Iota Tau, for fall "Auburndale" of 1902.



## The Province Alpha Convention.

ON March twelfth, Province Alpha held her regular biennial convention at the chapter-house of Massachusetts Gamma, at 20 Prescott street, Cambridge, Mass. Convention was called to order about ten o'clock by President Millar, and after the usual reports were read, the business of the day began with the appointment of committees, after which a recess was declared until two o'clock, in order to give the committees a chance to do some hard work. This they assuredly did, for after the Harvard boys had hospitably taken us strangers to lunch, they reconvened again and heard from the various committees. The work done by the committee on by-laws was very evident when the report was read, and so thoroughly had the work been done that the report was adopted almost in entirety. Sweeping changes were made by this committee in the by-laws. The province annual is henceforth to come out under the name of "The Province Alpha Directory," and is to be issued only once in two years. After the report of the committees the session was of a rather humdrum character, except for the election of officers, which resulted in the following brothers being unanimously elected: President, Leslie W. Millar, Iota-Tau; vice-president, Clarence W. Stowell, Alpha; secretary, Eugene H. Douglass, Gamma; editor of *Province Directory*, George G. Davis, Gamma.

With the election over, the convention startled itself by carrying a motion that the province convention in 1906 should meet in Orono, Maine, the second Saturday in March. Orono is, of course, the seat of our University of Maine chapter, and we can confidently look forward to a good time. Those Maine boys own most of Orono and Bangor, and when it comes to getting up a bully good dance, they are great stuff. The convention, after voting to go to Orono in 1906, did only one more thing, and that was to adjourn at about five o'clock in the afternoon.

LESLIE W. MILLAR,  
President Province Alpha.

# The Auburndale Banquet.



ON March twenty-sixth, the Auburndale banquet and usual events took place at the old long-to-be-remembered Woodland Park hotel, and although we had only seventy-two men on deck, we had lots of enthusiasm, and the toasts were all most interesting. Of course we had the customary inspection of the cuisine of the hotel, delightful samples of everything being passed to each guest. The menu I decline to append, as it fails to give any idea of what we got. S. J. Beach, as toastmaster, was most entertaining, except for the jokes which he had read in Joe Miller's book, and tried to slip in on us. The following were on the toast-list, but there were many changes in it; so many that it was impossible to keep track of them:

Σ A E.....	Earle Clark
Our New Brothers.....	Myron E. Pierce
Province Alpha.....	George G. Davis
Her Royal Highness.....	D. Warren Adams
Memphis Convention.....	Henry C. Schaefer
Our Alumni.....	Henry C. Sawyer
	Impromptu.


Davis, in responding to the toast "Province Alpha," gave us a most sensible and common-sense talk, beginning with the explanation, "Somebody is elected to do this about once every so often, and this time I am the man." I know that we all enjoyed him immensely. The one other toast of the evening which was particularly notable, was that of J. Demosthenes Adams, who bombarded us from behind a beribboned document with a rhetorical flow of soul, and although the speaker endeavored to arrive at a conclusion, we were all very much in the fog when he finished. Anyhow, everybody enjoyed hugely the work which Warren put in for twenty minutes. The toasts over, we were ready to get started for home, and so, by

the usual lines of electrics and with the customary songs and vaudeville features, the latter being negotiated by several particularly hilarious gentlemen, we closed the evening.

LESLIE W. MILLAR.

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## The Kruttschnitt Brothers.



TWO members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon who have recently been more or less prominently in the public eye are Ernest Benjamin Kruttschnitt and Julius Kruttschnitt, brothers in family life as well as in college fraternity life. Ernest B. Kruttschnitt recently retired from the presidency of the New Orleans School Board and came to the forefront in State politics, as chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee. Julius Kruttschnitt has risen to prominence in railroad circles by his able work with the Southern Pacific Railroad. Not long ago came the announcement that he had been appointed Director of the Transportation system of the great Harriman lines, consisting of about ten roads.

Ernest Benjamin Kruttschnitt was born at New Orleans, on April 17, 1852. He went to Washington and Lee College in 1867, where he joined Virginia Sigma chapter. He made a brilliant record at college, graduated in 1870, and was admitted to the bar in 1874. As a lawyer, Brother Kruttschnitt was very successful, business coming to him from the very first. He has taken part in many important cases, and is regarded as one of the leading lawyers of Louisiana. In 1884 he became a member of the board of directors of the public schools of New Orleans, and has served continuously on that board until the early part of the present year. In 1890 he was chosen as president of that board, a position which he has just relinquished. In 1892 he became chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee, which position he retained until 1896, when he was chosen as chairman of the State Central Committee. He still holds the latter position.

The people of his district elected him delegate to the Louisiana



Constitutional Convention of 1898. The convention, upon meeting, chose him permanent chairman. The Constitution drawn up by that convention governs the State of Louisiana at the present time. In 1898, Brother Kruttschnitt was honored by his Alma Mater with the degree of LL.D., which shows that sometimes a prophet is not without honor, even in his own country.

Julius Kruttschnitt, the brother of Ernest B., was born in New Orleans, July 30, 1854. He followed in his elder brother's footsteps to Washington and Lee, and joined the same Fraternity. He took a different course, however—Civil Engineering. Upon receiving his degree in 1873, he went to Baltimore and became assistant to Colonel William Allan, the principal of the McDonough public school there. For five years he held this position and forsook it in 1878 to enter the railway service as resident engineer, in charge of the construction of Morgan's Louisiana and Texas railroad. When this was completed he became roadmaster, from which dates his career of deserved promotion. Hard work and attention to details brought him upwards. General roadmaster and chief engineer were the next steps taken up the ladder by him. The years 1883 and 1885 saw him superintendent and chief engineer of this same line. In the latter year he accepted the position of assistant general manager of the Southern Pacific Railroad's Atlantic system, that is the lines east of El Paso, Texas. In 1889 another promotion came to him, that of general manager of this system; and six years later he became general manager of all the lines of the Southern Pacific Company, with headquarters at San Francisco. He became fourth vice-president of the road in 1898, and three years later was appointed assistant to the president of the road, being the company's executive head on the Pacific coast. This position he gives up to become Director of Transportation of the great Harriman system. He deserves these honors which he has received, and has still, we trust, many more years of success before him.

The Fraternity may well be proud to number Ernest B. and Julius Kruttschnitt among its members.

*Louisiana Tau-Upsilon.*

WILLIAM KERNAN DART.

## Founders' Day at Lincoln.



ON Friday, March 4, the Sigma Alphas of Nebraska Lambda Pi, hurrying from room to room in the fraternity house—straightening here a picture and there a rug, putting on the finishing touches to a house already prepared for the returning old men—these youths wore broad, expansive smiles, constantly expanding and becoming more festive. Each train brought its quota of men, and such a day as we had of it, with cordial grips and pleasant reminiscences exchanged! The chief interest centered about the arrival of our province president, Elmer B. Sanford (familiarily "Tubby"), of Kansas City. We were happy to have the honor of knowing him personally, and happy, too, that our chapter is in such good condition for his official inspection.

In the evening, forty-four couples, Sigma Alphas and loyal Sigma girls, danced at Walsh Hall. The morning *Journal* spoke truly when it said: "In point of beauty and enjoyment, this party stands pre-eminent among this year's events."

On Saturday more and more men came in, and as evening settled down there was a noble company. The main dining-room of Hotel Lindell was used for the banquet. The table, in the form of T, with covers for sixty, was all asparkle with the glitter of linen, silver and glass. The decorative scheme included numbers of palms, with carnations, ferns and smilax scattered over the board. The beauty of the table was greatly enhanced by a profusion of English violets, the gift of Miss Edmiston, Kappa Kappa Gamma. Here allow me to digress far enough to mention that the chapter was the recipient also of bonbons from the ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma, two beautiful pillows in purple and gold from fair members of Pi Beta Phi, a bouquet of carnations from the chapter of Delta Delta Delta, and two pictures—a water-color and a pastel—from two other gentle friends.

But to get back to the banquet. The orchestra played gaily and the men sang Sigma Alpha and college songs, while the spread worked itself through nine courses from canapes a la Windsor to café noir and cigars. Phi Alpha Alicazee was not forgotten, and Rah, Rah, Bon Ton resounded everywhere.

William Cliff Crooks, '03, presided, and called for the following toasts:

Our Heritage.....	C. E. Teft.
Nebraska Lambda Pi.....	Ralph Minor.
Here and There.....	George K. Bartlett.
Joys and Sorrows of the Fraternity House.....	Murray E. Townsend.
Outside and In.....	Eliot V. Graves.
Our Chapter.....	Edward Quillen.
Our Alumni Association.....	Evert B. Sawyer.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....	Elmer B. Sanford.
Good-Night.....	Toastmaster.

Never in the history of Lambda Pi has there been a set of responses that could compare with these. Brother Teft's talk was a memorial for our lamented brothers John Farwell and Walter Hugh Edmiston. He dwelt also on the basic principles of brotherhood. "The memory of a life well spent is the heritage they have left us. Let us then devote our lives to the upbuilding of our great fraternity." The next five speakers dwelt on chapter affairs and incidents, some pathetic, some amusing. Brother Sawyer, replying to "Our Alumni Association," outlined the purposes and aims of alumni associations in general, and, for a finishing detail, told us of plans that are assuming definite form, whereby Lambda Pi will be in a house of her own—the realization of our long-cherished dream.

The reply of President Sanford to the toast, "Sigma Alpha Epsilon," deserves an article by itself. He spoke of the spirit of loyalty and brotherhood, the beginning of fraternal orders and fraternalism, and of the founding and history of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in general. He was impressive to a degree and enthusiastic, as many another good Sigma Alpha. The inspiration he left with us has never before been aroused by a single speech, nor by a single man. Especially was it a boon to the Freshmen, those most in need of instruction and encouragement.

Before the toastmaster said his final good-night, he called for impromptu speeches from "King" Brady, of Purdue, and Winship,



of our Denver chapter. Both men were greeted with rounds of applause and cheers. Letters or messages were then read from Kansas Alpha and from Brother Barker, of Alliance; Hayes, of Des-Moines; DuFrene, of Omaha; Roderic Dew, of West Point; Leroy Sawyer, of Chicago; George P. Shidler, of Ann Arbor, and Eminent Supreme Archon William C. Levere.

Brother Levere's letter should be quoted at length, but the exigencies of space make this impossible. At its conclusion, the toastmaster bade us good-night. The mystic circle was formed, the mystic words were spoken, Phi Alpha Alicazee was intoned, and our celebration of the forty-eighth birthday of our beloved Fraternity was at an end. Such inspiration as springs from the noble sentiments expressed, and from the knowledge of fellowship in the brotherhood of our great Fraternity—this will be the nerve and life-blood of our chapter in days to come.

CHARLES ORAN STEWART.

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## Founders' Day at Cincinnati.



ON March ninth, the forty-eighth anniversary of the founding of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and the fifteenth birthday of Ohio Epsilon chapter at the University of Cincinnati, were duly celebrated by a joint banquet of the active chapter and the Cincinnati Alumni Association. Owing to the absence of Brother Ball (loaned to Massachusetts Gamma during the year 1903-1904) we did not have the "yard or two of invitation" sent out for last year's banquet, but a unique series of postals did the trick this year.

Over sixty gathered around the board of the Grand Hotel, in Cincinnati, including nearly every local alumnus, as well as brothers from Kentucky Epsilon, Massachusetts Iota-Tau, Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Ohio Delta, Massachusetts Gamma, Pennsylvania Theta, Colorado Zeta, Illinois Psi-Omega, and Nebraska Lambda-Pi. "Billy" Levere was to have been present as the guest of honor, but was prevented from coming by serious trouble with his eyes, due

to his strenuous work on the catalogue. We were enabled, however, to listen to an enthusiastic speech on the significance of the occasion, which he had spoken into a phonograph at Evanston, and sent to us for his response.

“Doph” Ginter, president of the Cincinnati Alumni Association, to whose work in “getting out the vote,” was due much of the success of the evening, acted as toastmaster. The toasts were responded to as follows:

Our Founder.....	Raymond Ratliff
Out of the Mouths of Babes.....	Joseph Blacker
Western Horizons.....	Lucius I. Wightman
Fraternity Ideals.....	Banks J. Wildman
The Sig Alph Outre-Mer.....	Dr. Gilbert L. Bailey
Our Alumni.....	Victor Heintz
Fraternity.....	Henry C. Wright

*Ohio Epsilon, '06.*

EVERETT VANMATRE.

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## Cleveland Alumni Banquet.



THE third annual banquet of the Cleveland Alumni Association of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity was held at the Hotel Euclid, Wednesday evening, March 9, the occasion being in commemoration of the forty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity.

The banquet room at the Hotel Euclid was beautifully decorated with palms and cut-flowers, and the Purple and Gold of the Fraternity predominated in the color scheme. Kirk's full orchestra, screened by an immense bank of palms, played various popular and classic selections during the course of the banquet. The college airs and the Fraternity songs brought back vividly memories of other days.

F. L. Taft, toastmaster, in a witty and appropriate way, introduced the various speakers. His able remarks on the growth of the various chapters throughout the country were well received.

S. W. Meek spoke feelingly upon the work done among college

men by the Fraternity in the South, and his reminiscences of the early days brought to light much interesting information.

M. B. Excell, on "My Chapter and Others," told of the times when the Fraternity was making her first rapid strides to the front, and brought back vivid memories of some of the men who have gone down to fame in the history of the Fraternity.

Otto Starek, president of the association, spoke of the alumni association and the social benefits derived therefrom, and the good influences which went out to the active chapters. M. Van V. Lloyd, L. N. Danforth and R. V. Brown, also spoke.

The main address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Morgan Wood. He took up the subject of the toast, "Where I Am At," and in an eloquent manner drew a beautifully blended word-picture of fraternity ties, of the gradual elevation of the fraternal plane. He said, in part, "The general spirit, the grit, the high standard of the fraternity man is always manifested wherever he is met. Life would be sweeter by reason of the manly influences, if all college men could be members of some good fraternity, and even after they have gone out into the world to take up the battles of life, could continue that same spirit and be in a great fraternity of good fellowship." He spoke of meeting members of the Fraternity throughout the land, and in his observations found that the men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon were, on the whole, making for what is good in life.

He paid a beautiful tribute to those who did so much to make the Fraternity's success and to bring it to the high standard and prominence it now occupies among college fraternities.

S. A. Muhlhauser, the secretary of the association, gave an interesting account of the progress of the organization, and spoke of the early history of the New York Alpha chapter at Cornell University, which, from one of the smallest and least important among the thirty chapters now at the University, has progressed until it is now recognized as one of the first and best. He told of the work to be done by this association, and of the plans on foot for the erection of a fraternity and club house.

Those present were R. V. Brown, M. B. Excell, Erwin G. Guthrey, William J. Miller, M. Van V. Lloyd, S. A. Muhlhauser, E. A. Peterson, P. B. Rhoades, H. Lindale Smith, Otto Starek, A. W. Taylor, Fred L. Taft, Hon. Pitt Townsend, F. J. Trumper, F. R. Trumper, A. J. Vance, Rev. Morgan Wood, L. M. Stanforth, A. R. Chapman and P. W. Meek.





At about the time when this issue of THE RECORD is scheduled to be in the mails, a long-expected volume will at last be ready for delivery. To say that the new catalogue will be in every way vastly superior to the issue of 1893, is to make a very safe

**The Catalogue.** prediction. To assert that it will be an eminently satisfactory and creditable volume, complete, accurate, systematic, practical and handy, is not to reckon probabilities too boldly. The compilation of the necessary data has occupied the more or less uninterrupted attention of the last three Recorders. The last of these three, who brought the monumental work to a finish, has devoted to the preparation and publication of this volume a simply enormous amount of time and energy. Brother Levere has, indeed, been at it night and day, literally, for four solid months. He has spared nothing, least of all himself, to make the book one well worthy to represent us. That it will do this, and more, we think there can be no reasonable doubt. And every member of the Fraternity who decides that he can better do without it than separate himself from the necessary funds will do so to his own distinct loss.

A review of the new catalogue will appear in the RECORD for September.

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The great mass of every fraternity's business is transacted exclusively through the medium of correspondence. Conventions, Kar-



neas and Congresses are all very well as far as they go, but at best, they can deliberate but a few days and then must vanish into nothingness; and even the wisest of them can not anticipate the uncreated business of the future. And so the experiment shows that a fraternity's work must be done by the writing of letters, and (save the mark !) by the answering of them. The inference seems pretty plain that where there is no writing of letters, or, let us say, no answering of them, the work accomplished by any fraternity is scarcely an appreciable quantity.

Under these conditions, certainly not too abstruse for even a simple intellect to grasp, it seems a little odd that a great many men who would do a good deal in the way of personal sacrifice to help the good cause along, will shun the putting of pen to paper as they would the black scourge. In other matters they are beyond reproach. If you tell them that the "old" chapter is picking up fast and must have a house of its own, they will, with real enthusiasm, reach for the check-book. If a dinner or a smoker is in process of arrangement, they have simply got to be counted in. If it is a matter of organizing an alumni association, or assisting at a rushing-bee, or saying a pertinent word to a parent, they always have a shoulder ready for the wheel. But they will not write a letter. That is all there is about it—the long and the short and the gist of it.

"Yes," they say, "I got your letter, but I knew I would meet you on the street some time, and I thought we could settle it up so much more satisfactorily by a little talk."

"Yes, I got your letter, but I expected to write to you in a few days about another matter, and so I let the matter go for the time."

"Didn't Tom tell you about that? He said he would see you that same night, and I told him to explain the whole thing."

"I meant to answer it right away, but the fact is, old man, I've been so rushed I haven't had a minute."

Another favorite rejoinder is in the simpler and less imaginative form of total and uninterrupted silence.

Perhaps the worst excuse ever offered for failure to answer a letter, as well as the commonest, is the mendacious plea of lack of time. There was hardly ever a man too busy to answer a letter if he thought it really worth while. Offer any business man a legacy,

provided he acknowledges the offer promptly, and it is dollars to peanuts that the reply comes by special messenger. The same man will tell you, a few weeks too late, that he would have been glad to give you the information you needed so urgently, except that he "had no time." It is noteworthy that we all of us, however, manage to find time for the things we really want to do.

Where a man gets a large volume of correspondence, and has only a limited time to attend to it all, as is the case with the members of our Supreme Council, there is some little excuse for negligence or delays; but even this somewhat shadowy justification does not extend to the great majority of the men engaged in carrying on the work of the Fraternity. The letters that most of us get in this connection are very few, and of inefficiency in handling these few it is difficult to be very indulgent. It is an unusual letter that can not be answered, sufficiently for all business purposes, in ten minutes; and every man, however busy, has to go to bed some time. Starting with these two general propositions, let us assume that the recipient of a letter stayed out of bed ten minutes longer than his personal inclination would indicate, and what is the result? So far as we can reason it out, the letter would be answered and a duty efficiently discharged; and no man was ever the worse, we will hazard, for ten minutes' loss of sleep, though the incredibly sudden ringing of his alarm-clock of a morning may originate a temporary impression to the contrary.

Of course, in the last analysis, the trouble is not in the lack of time, but in the lack of inclination. We do not really mean to be negligent, but our judgment is always so much better than that of our correspondent. If he has written to ask us a question, we feel ourselves at liberty to decide that he has probably found out all about it from somebody else by this time, or else we know that the matter referred to is all right and requires no attention, or that it is too trivial for us to write a whole letter about anyway. And so, because of our own better knowledge of what the man at the other end really wants, we leave him awaiting our pleasure, and the work of the Fraternity, or that particular part of it, is deadlocked in a stagnant standstill.

With a man's social correspondence, he has, no doubt, the right to be as indifferent as he will. If his friends are willing to put up

with his apathy, so much the better for him and the worse for his friends. But in the handling of business correspondence, no man has the privilege of exercising his whims. In the business machine it is only the proper interplay of parts that makes for success, and no cog is too small, and none too important, to say in its lethargy: "I will not work."

There is only one safe rule in business correspondence, and that is to answer every letter at the earliest moment after its receipt. In seeking a middle ground, we are too apt to fall into the slough of despond. A fraternity made up of men who understood the vital importance of promptly and effectively attending to business, would be likely to show a very clean pair of heels, indeed, to one composed of very good fellows who always "meant to do it," but somehow "never had time."

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We hope sincerely that every chapter in the Fraternity now understands that it is yearly responsible to THE RECORD for one dollar for every Senior on its roll; and that this is a direct responsibility of the chapter, entirely independent of whether it collects these funds from its Seniors or not. In putting this recent act of convention for the first time into operation last spring, this latter point seems to have given rise to considerable misunderstanding. Chapter after chapter has written that its delay in remitting, or failure to remit at all, was due to the fact that the graduates had left college without "squaring up," and had not responded to the chapter's later attempts to levy. In the strictly legal aspect of the case, this fact, of course, had no significance whatever. The chapter is responsible to THE RECORD for a certain per capita tax; and with the chapter's failure to make adequate provision for the collection of the necessary funds, THE RECORD has nothing to do.

As THE RECORD tax upon graduates seems likely to be a permanent feature in our constitution, we urge upon the individual chapters the adoption of a permanent method of providing for it. The most natural way of creating these funds would be simply in the passing of a by-law assessing every member of the chapter's graduating class to the amount of one dollar, over and above his regular



dues, payable to the chapter treasurer on some fixed date—say April 1. The chapters are free, however, to pay this tax from their own treasuries, or to adopt any other means they may see fit; but if they do determine to collect individually from their Seniors, they are strongly advised to make their collection before the closing of college for the summer. After that time, collections will, we assume, be somewhat difficult.

It is vitally necessary for the chapters to make some definite and final arrangements for the prompt collection and remittance of this indebtedness. It is a matter which will claim the attention of the chapter regularly once each year, and until it is systematically disposed of, will be a constant source of misunderstanding, unnecessary correspondence and annoyance.

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The worst showing in the matter of chapter letters made at any time since our editorial connection with *THE RECORD* was made in the issue of September, 1903. The September issue is always the worst of the four in this respect, as would very readily be expected. To avoid any such dismal fiasco in the first number of the next college year, we are going to ask each chapter to send us now the name and the summer address of the man from whom the September letter is due. With this information in hand we shall be enabled to go after delinquents and bring arguments to bear. The September letters are due on August 15th, *not later*, and are receivable (up to that date) any time after June 1. As the summer brings with it, to many of us, the lotus-flower of forgetfulness, and as there is a dearth of chapter news then anyway, we recommend to the correspondent the desirability of sending in his letter immediately after commencement in June.





## Exchanges.

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One copy of each exchange should be sent to Dr. George. H. Kress, 602 Johnson Building, Los Angeles, Cal., one copy to William C. Levere, Evanston, Ill., and one copy to Henry Sydnor Harrison, Rural Delivery, 4, Richmond, Va. Three copies will be sent in return to any desired address.

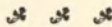


THE RECORD acknowledges the receipt of the following fraternity publications since February 1:

February.—*The Sigma Chi Quarterly; The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta; The Beta Theta Pi; The Centaur of Alpha Kappa Kappa.*

March.—*The Kappa Alpha Journal; The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta; The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega; The Delta Upsilon Quarterly; The Kappa Alpha Theta; The Frater of Psi Omega; The Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho; The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.*

April.—*The Trident of Delta Delta Delta.*



The editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*, in recurring to the topic of "Expansion," has this to say:

There are two essential factors to be considered in the matter of granting a charter: First, Is the institution likely to be permanent and to attract a sufficient number of male students eligible for membership? Second, Has it reached a stage of development at which such material is abundant enough to support a chapter? Of course, there are larger questions of policy to be considered, but, after all, these are the two essential factors. The first factor can readily be determined. It is a matter of statistics, and need cause little discussion. The second is a matter of opinion, and that is the reason why it is so fiercely debated. It is really not so essential that the actual petitioners be first-class in every respect. If a supply of first-class material exists, the reputation of the fraternity will insure the securing of our share in three or four years at the utmost. Some astonishingly good chapters have developed out of very unpromising material. . . . .

. . . . We urge the chapters not to pass upon such matters lightly or, in fact, at all, except to secure such information as may tend to lead to a better understanding of the matter presented. In many chapters when the secretary presents a petition in a perfunctory way, some one gets up and says, "Of course, fellows, we don't want to go to that place. I had a friend who visited it four or five years ago, and he said it was bum." And the rest of the chapter follow like a lot of sheep, and the chapter goes on record against the matter. Then, when it comes up in the convention, the delegate from that chapter, under a mistaken sense of loyalty to his chapter and perhaps out of pride of opinion, fights the matter, tooth and nail. And all on a valueless bit of second-hand gossip. Some chapters do patiently examine what material is before them and try to arrive at a correct judgment; but this is almost futile. The best way is to send a delegate with an open mind, in whose discretion the chapter has some confidence, and let him act as his judgment dictates.



*The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta*, discussing the petitions before the Arch Chapter, expresses itself as follows concerning future accessions to the chapter roll:

Delta Tau Delta has no arbitrary number to which she either wishes to restrict or raise her chapter-roll. To our mind our present strongest feature is our geographical distribution, which makes us, in the fullest sense of the term, a truly "national" fraternity. Filling in the gaps in our chain of continental distributed chapters does not mean that we have gone extension mad or that this is the most important feature of our fraternity policy. But we do not need to discuss this matter further in our public journal, especially as we may later desire to use these few remarks as a text for a more expanded editorial.

The following editorial comments appeared in the *Kappa Alpha Journal* regarding a new chapter instituted on January 15th, at the College of Charleston, in South Carolina:

Beta Gamma is the successor of a local of the highest standing at that old and honored institution, the College of Charleston, S. C.

The chapter begins its fraternity life most auspiciously, and much credit is due its founders for their successful efforts in advancing the banner of Kappa Alpha.

South Carolina in days gone by was a stronghold of Kappa Alpha, and we trust that the establishment of Beta Gamma may be but the forerunner of the revival of Iota and Rho. Delta has been manfully fighting alone in the Palmetto State, and we congratulate her as well as Beta Gamma upon the planting of another bulwark upon South Carolina soil.

The member of this fraternity who was instrumental in placing the new chapter in the Kappa Alpha fold, writing about the College of Charleston (where Sigma Alpha Epsilon established its South Carolina Upsilon, in 1881), states:

With a history dating back to anterevolutionary times, the College of Charleston is indeed full of that glory which belongs to honorable old age and the passing of many years in worthy endeavor. When South Carolina was yet a colony, loyal and obedient to His Gracious Majesty, King George the Third, the inhabitants of the prosperous and thriving town of Charleston realized their need of an institution for higher education, and they straightway met in solemn conclave to consider the propriety of petitioning the assembly for the establishment of a college in or near the city. . . . It was not until 1785 that the College of Charleston can truly be said to have been founded. In that year a charter was granted by the General Assembly, and extensive grounds in the city were appropriated for the use of the newly-established institution. These grounds, comprising the very land upon which the present buildings of the college stand, are situated almost in the center of the city and in one of its healthiest and most attractive quarters.

In the ability and standing of the men who interested themselves in the establishment of the institution and comprised its original Board of Trustees, the College of Charleston probably stands preeminent in this country. Among them were two signers of the Declaration of Independence and three who were afterwards to affix their signatures to the Constitution of the United States. General Moultrie, the gallant defender of Charleston, was president of the board. John Rutledge, Dictator of South Carolina and subsequently Chief Justice of the United States; Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Ambassador to France, whose patriotic exclamation, "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute," has attained world-wide fame; David Ramsey, the celebrated historian, and many others who had done their country good



service in the desperate conflict from which they had just emerged, were on this original board of trustees. It has been, in fact, throughout her history, one of the marked characteristics of the College of Charleston that among the men connected with her and among her alumni there has always been an extraordinarily large proportion whose transcendent ability rendered their leaders in almost every line of human activity.

The history of the college from 1790, when it was thrown open to students, down to the present time reflects nothing but honor to an institution which, from the beginning, had many adverse circumstances to combat. Up to the year 1835 the affairs of the college ran fairly smoothly, and it continued to perform its intended function—the education of the youth of Charleston and the lower counties of South Carolina. In that year, however, financial embarrassment caused the exercises to be suspended, and two winters passed before affairs were brought back into working order and the institution was once more opened. The first commencement was celebrated in 1840, and since that date there has been no interruption down to the present time.

In addition to its laboratories and lecture-rooms, the main building of the college contains a museum of natural history which is reputed to be, on the whole, the finest in the South. . . . .

The College of Charleston is now, in the year 1904, in a thriving and promising condition. The courses which it offers include the classics, belles-lettres, modern languages, and both pure and applied science; and the future appears to have in store nothing but prosperity and good fortune for this sturdy veteran of two great wars, which has fought so manfully and with such grand success the hard battle of education in South Carolina.



The editorial comments in the March *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* include several interesting topics. Under the caption of "Forward Steps," the editor writes:

Doubtless the most important things accomplished by our recent convention were. 1st. The inauguration of systematic fraternity examinations throughout our chapters. 2d. The vote to issue an official fraternity handbook, for the use of the chapter members in dealing with candidates, and in informing members of the fraternity in general. 3d. The decision, establishing a graduate committee on internal development, to be composed jointly of members of the executive council and representative graduates of the fraternity. All three of these are definite steps in the line of progress.

On the subject of "Interfraternity Courtesy," he makes the following excellent remarks:

It is part of the pride and tradition of a "fraternity man" to be a gentleman; not only to be above anything dishonorable or mean, but to possess



those finer instincts which are supposed to come from birth and breeding—kindness and gentleness and unconscious courtesy. It is with the latter we are concerned.

It is possible that the members of a chapter may all be gentlemen, and yet the chapter itself have the reputation of snobbishness. It takes but little to earn such a reputation; a too evident exclusiveness, a single breach of college or fraternity etiquette, and a chapter is stamped, and unpleasant it is to have such a reputation; on the other hand, to be recognized as big and broad and open-minded is well worth working for; to be thought well of means much to a chapter's self-respect and happiness, and the straightest means to this end is uniform, impartial, thorough interfraternity courtesy.

Interfraternity courtesy has its foundation in interchapter courtesy. There are few, if any, of our chapters who are not within reach of at least one neighboring chapter, and it is good to get together, not once in a while, but often; an occasional formal rush meeting or smoker is not enough. There are a hundred ways that our chapters located close together can practice the gentle art of courtesy. A joint dance can be given, a baseball or football game arranged—sports of all kinds are great levelers of formality—members of each chapter can make a point of "just dropping in" on their nearest neighbor for the evening or the night, and you may be sure they will find a hearty welcome. One can not overestimate the help and inspiration one chapter can be to another. Chapters should be friends; and their friendship, if real, will broaden and cheer and encourage the fraternity life of all; and the strength of this friendship depends, more than we realize, upon the heartiness and sincerity of the courtesies exchanged.

A natural result of this will be to extend the same courtesy to members of all fraternities. We believe that in colleges where such a system is in vogue will be found the healthiest and highest fraternity life. It is so easy to antagonize. And there are times in the college year when the struggle is close, and feelings are deep; when we suspect much, and possibly are suspected of more, and then it is that *courtesy* means something. True, when we stand alone, with that feeling that some one has been unjust, has done us an ill turn, we are stronger; but we are strongest when, ignoring the slight, we rise above it with the same good word and open handshake for all that we had before.

Chapters of Greek-letter fraternities live too close together, have too nearly the same ideals, have too much *work* in common, to live in anything but harmony; and in this Delta U. can lead far better than be lead. It is not "soft" to congratulate a rival chapter upon getting a man whom we have lost; it is not weak to have good friends in other fraternities; it is not bad form to include sometimes in our invitations to spreads and smokers gentlemen who wear colors other than the gold and blue. And by all this we are the gainers, for we are practicing simple gentlemanliness.

Our own lives are stronger and broader for the ties that bind them to other chapters and to other fraternities. Of course we are happy together

and loyal to each other, but to isolate a chapter is to take from it its breadth, to take away its usefulness.

There are other strong fraternities. We can learn much from them. But to gain from them we must give to them.

Try it—give a smoker and invite a “fraternity crowd,” and after it give a yell for them all, and see if your college isn’t dearer to you, and your own Delta U. nearer to you than before.



The *Kappa Alpha Journal*, in its exchange notes, has recently been amusing itself and its readers by quoting the little slips of chapter correspondents as they appeared in the journals of other fraternities. As a result, the *Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta* applies the old saw about “people living in glass houses,” by quoting some of the K. A. correspondents thus:

Unable to offer comment, we serve up to our readers in all their native grace, the following effusions from the pens of the Kappa Alpha (So.) correspondents at the Central University of Kentucky and the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College:

“The struggle for sisters still continues between the different ‘frats’ here, and, although we have not the honor as yet of introducing any new sisters, still our chances are excellent, and before the next letter we hope not only to have one or two more girls, but also to have one or two new men.” . . . .

“To each sister the chapter will give a neat box of Kappa Alpha stationery as a Christmas remembrance. Already attractive little cards have been made for use on that occasion. The paper will bear the badge in gold, with ‘Alpha Omega Sisters’ just below in crimson.”



What Chancellor Andrews, of the University of Nebraska, states in the accompanying excerpt, taken from the *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*, concerning the relative merits of Western and Eastern college students and institutions, appeals to us as being quite true; and we believe that the same conclusions, with slight modifications, might be said to apply, in contrasting students and work done in large and small collegiate institutions located in the same section of country. The introductory note of the *Scroll’s* editor, and Dr. Andrews’s remarks, are as follows:

Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, ex-President of Brown University and present Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, has been making some compari-

sons between Eastern and Western college students. His general conclusion, based upon his contact with both classes of students, seems to be that Eastern college boys are more versatile and "finished," but that Western scholars have more of the solid qualities that go to make real character and mentality. He says in the *New York Independent*:

"If the Western college student is in culture scarcely the peer of his Eastern contemporary, he quite balances the account by superior mental power—I am, of course, speaking of the usual or average case—and by greater industry. Western youth can boast as good blood and ancestry as Eastern. The best immigrants to the United States have settled in the West, and their numerous children and grandchildren attending universities are among our most promising students. Western men and women put forth effort more naturally than the scions of families who have been well-to-do for generations. They possess the will for it, and also the strong physique. Never have I seen in the East, save in professional and graduate schools, such desperate and unremitting application to study as characterizes the mass of students in the prairie States.

"Western students generally display a veritably insatiable hunger for higher education. In them survives the spirit of their pioneer fathers, who, before they had places to lay their heads, taxed themselves to build schools and equip universities. Western students attend college to learn rather than to be taught. They average to study many more hours a day than Eastern. The typical college idler is never seen here. With eagerness for knowledge, the Western student combines a zeal and a power for hard work seldom if ever witnessed in Eastern institutions.

"The outside 'seminar,' to cram men for 'exams,' reducing the necessity of study to a minimum, and turning into a farce so much undergraduate 'work' at the oldest of our universities, the West has not adopted.

"This assiduity in mental toil—often under the greatest difficulties—is an invaluable discipline, not only intellectual, but moral, tending to form and settle a young man's character as desultory study could not possibly do. It is not astonishing, then, that the Western collegian should display not merely much the greater power of concentration, but also the more earnestness morally. This shows itself as well in his general as in his collegiate life. The moral weight of the average university student is among the things that have most impressed me in my experience West.

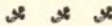
"Native ability, enthusiasm for knowledge, coupled with the power for study which their strong physiques impart, and their readier submissiveness to discipline, all attested by the goodly number of fellowships which western men and women hold in Eastern graduate schools, assure the coming generation of Western scholars a prominent place in American mental life. These are some of the reasons why, as a New England college professor (not a professor of rhetoric) has put it, to continue as our chief purveyor of highest educational products, 'the East has got to get onto her job.'"



President Faunce, of Brown University, is credited with the following paragraphs, taken from an article contributed to *Liber Brunensis*:

Many a Senior or Junior has taken an irresponsible new-comer as a roommate out of sheer brotherly kindness, and trained him till he could go alone. He has taken the boy who was tempted to think that a ten-cent magazine was literature and a ten-cent show is the drama, and made him feel that cheap and vulgar pabulum means a cheap and vulgar mind. Again and again some of our fraternities have steadied and coached their younger members and saved them from disaster; and a fraternity that does not habitually do this has no right to exist among us. An organization with no sense of responsibility is an organization for which the University declines to be responsible.

Upper-classmen can give to the narrow man, whose horizon has been the village street, a wider outlook and a larger sympathy. It has been happily said of Abram S. Hewitt that he had a "national mind." No Eastern man can have this unless he has associated with Western men. The man who has never (mentally) lived outside of New England is essentially provincial, and his judgment on national issues unsound. There is no more striking provincialism than that of men who have lived all their lives on Manhattan Island, and whose ideas of Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago are derived from the comic papers. The Northern boy needs to meet the Southerner—the son of the abolitionist needs to know the son of the Confederate general. Half the benefit of college life comes from being shaken up together with men of various pedigrees, convictions, talents and regions of the country.



From the editorial columns of the *March Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*, we take several paragraphs on the subject of the fraternity education of a Freshman:

It is important that the Freshman should be taught the things he ought to know to become a useful member of the chapter. And now is the time to begin to teach him. "Train up a child in the days of his youth," etc., which Scriptural adage applied to fraternities means that, if the older members will take the pains to instruct the young members in the various lines of chapter work, the latter will acquire their experience, and the future success of the chapter will be assured. The Freshman has been a member for about half a collegiate year, and he should now be attending a school of instruction to acquire a practical knowledge of fraternity affairs.

The Freshman should be required to learn all he can about the history of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and of his own chapter. He should be put through a course of study on the constitution and general statutes until he should become thoroughly acquainted with the organization of the fraternity and of the chapter and the

functions of the various officers general and local. He should be made familiar with the usages of the fraternity and the traditions of the chapter. He should be made to remember the names of the great men in  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , especially the names of those to whom the chapter points with most pride—her own sons. He should be taught as much as may be known about rival fraternities, the differences between these fraternities in membership, chapters and policy, and how  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  compares with them in these respects.

The proper time to teach the Freshman these things is in the first year of his membership when he is still burning with an unquenched ardor to learn all that he can about the fraternity. Begin to drill him at once, and by means of fraternity examinations ascertain whether he has learned the essential facts; if not, exercise patience and keep him studying until he has mastered the subject. If he is properly drilled it is entirely possible to make him a fairly good fraternity man the same year of his initiation. He should be trained in the most approved methods of rushing new men. With this part of his education unusual pains should be taken.

Perhaps some of the more apt Freshmen may reach such a proficiency by the end of this collegiate year that they may be of much service in rushing men next year. They are acquainted with the men who will come up next fall from the same preparatory schools which they attended, and they can be of aid in securing such of these men as the chapter may select, but unless they are trained in proper rushing methods they might do more harm than good. Therefore, they should be drilled in the tactics and ethics of spiking. They should be required to take the leading parts in a spiking campaign wholly within the chapter, using their arguments and powers of persuasion on older members, who should criticise their mistakes and praise their creditable performances.



The New York Alumni Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity had as its guest of honor at its annual Thanksgiving eve banquet, General Ben. P. Runkle, one of the founders of this fraternity, who said, in responding to the toast, "Sigma Chi—National:"

Brothers, if Sigma Chi is not national, it is nothing. This mighty nation that has lived and extended in one hundred and thirty years from a little aggregation of colonies of less than three millions of people to the number of a hundred million—the mightiest nation on the globe—the mightiest nation that speaks the English language, and which is destined to govern not only the Western Hemisphere, but to lead in the affairs of the whole world; this nation is a symbol of what Sigma Chi is meant to be inside the confines of this country. If we are not national, we are nothing. If the same feeling does not govern us, does not animate and move us, from the University of California on the Pacific coast to the University of Maine away up in the pine woods, and from the University of Minnesota down to Tulane Univer-

sity at New Orleans, then we are nothing—absolutely nothing. If there is the slightest feeling in one section against another, or if there is any North or any South, then we cease to exist and cease to accomplish that which tends to build up a great fraternity.

When I look around upon you, with your good faces, that show that you have brains in your heads, knowledge in your brains and ability to do work, if I could think that you could be animated by anything in the way of sectional feeling that would make you think it was to your interest to prefer the East to the West or North to the South instead of Sigma Chi universal, then I would think that the Fraternity is not worth the work that the men around about me have done for it. What we want in this fraternity is not quibbling as to whether this is an Eastern fraternity or a Western fraternity, but incentives to build up the feeling that a man, no matter where he is from, is a national man and that the Sigma Chi Fraternity is a national fraternity.

We have chapters down South and chapters in the North. Brothers, we want more chapters East. This is the great financial center of the world, and money and energy and work and brains control the world. We want more chapters in the East. We are strong in the great Mississippi Valley and the West. I am an extensionist from Alpha to Omega. I believe, and this truly, that the English-speaking people should govern the world, and I believe that the Sigma Chi Fraternity should extend from Washington to Rhode Island and from Maine to Texas.

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## Gleanings of the Greeks.

The Arch chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity announces the installation of the Gamma Iota chapter at University of Texas, Austin, Texas, on Monday, April 4.

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The appended resolutions, which are self-explanatory, give expression to a rather unusual procedure among the fraternity men at one of our Western universities:

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, March 11, 1904.

WHEREAS, It has come before our notice that some fraternities have, in the past few months, contemplated installing chapters at the University of Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, We wish to maintain the present high standard and type of men who belong to fraternities, believing, as we do, that with the present



enrollment at the University, amounting, as it does, to only 830 men, of whom 160 are Greek-letter men, it will be impossible long to maintain the high standard should another chapter be installed; and,

WHEREAS, Fraternity material is scarce, owing to the nature of material drawn from, coming, as it does, from smaller schools and towns; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the undersigned representatives of the eight fraternities at the University, voicing the sentiments of our respective chapters, do hereby wish it to be known that we disfavor the introduction of a new chapter here in the next few years, and hope for the good of the fraternities in general that such a course will not be pursued; and furthermore be it

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be mailed to the official organs of the fraternities here represented for publication, and that copies also be sent to the proper authorities of any fraternity now considering an entrance into the University of Kansas.

(Signed)

M. E. HUMPHREY, Beta Theta Pi.  
 M. H. CREAGER, Phi Kappa Psi.  
 H. P. WILSON, JR., Phi Gamma Delta.  
 PAUL J. NEFF, Phi Delta Theta.  
 T. J. STRICKLER, Sigma Chi.  
 BEN C. HOEFER, Sigma Nu.  
 RAY TAYLOR, Alpha Tau Omega.  
 JOE O'NEIL, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

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Sigma Alpha Epsilon is not given at all in the list of "principal college fraternities" by the "New York American Almanac, Year Book, Cyclopedic and Atlas" for 1904, which is a worse reflection upon this great annual publication than upon our esteemed contemporary. However, on account of the ridicule which shallow brains may direct at  $\Sigma$  A E for this oversight, we beg to express our regret that a fraternity so deserving of a place in this list should have been omitted.—*The Delta of Sigma Nu.*

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BETA THETA PI.—It is said that a body of petitioners at the Colorado School of Mines are pleading their cause with Beta Theta Pi.

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Beta Theta Pi recently surprised the undergraduate world at Vanderbilt by putting its badge on Dr. Tolman, the Greek professor. The custom of initiating faculty members apparently is not so obsolete as some of us had thought.

Beta Theta Pi, at North Carolina, recently purchased the house owned by Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Already the owners of a lot, the Betas will shortly have their new purchase hauled over and established upon it, thus effecting a desirable union of their two properties.

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ALPHA TAU OMEGA.—Alpha Tau Omega is down and out at Marietta and Washington and Lee.

This fraternity apparently has fathered one of the locals that our forty-second National Convention sent by the board with no encouragement for future success.

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Alpha Tau Omega has revived her Lehigh Chapter by absorbing the Psi Alpha Kappa local. This local petitioned Sigma Alpha Epsilon one year ago.—*The Delta of Sigma Nu.*

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SIGMA NU.—According to the *Delta*, the journal of that fraternity, Sigma Nu has founded fourteen chapters since January 1, 1898, "with another in process," revived three, and lost one—the chapter at Bethel College, Russellville, Ky. The *Delta* says of this last chapter that it is "believed to be dead." It might be a good idea to drop the Russellville boys a line and find out definitely.

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The fraternities at Wisconsin are all active, and at the present time are working toward the possession of permanent homes. Chi Phi and Phi Delta Theta have owned their homes for some time; while at the beginning of this year Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Kappa Psi purchased chapter-houses of their own. Just now Sigma Chi is known to be making active preparations to build, and Delta Upsilon has purchased a lot on the lake front.—*Delta of Sigma Nu.*

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When an idea gets into the head of the Howard College correspondent of the *Delta of Sigma Nu*, it dies hard.

In the September, 1902, issue of THE RECORD, now not so very far from two years ago, we reprinted the following paragraph from the *Delta*:

As stated in our previous letter, there are two other organizations here [Howard College] calling themselves fraternities. One of these will receive

an  $\Sigma$  A E charter either at commencement or at the beginning of next session. They have already been granted permission to wear the  $\Sigma$  A E pledge-pin and give the yell.—*Correspondent in the Delta of Sigma Nu.*

To which we pleasantly rejoined:

The statement, appearing in a chapter letter from Howard College in a recent exchange, we must stamp as categorically untrue. The local at Howard College will not receive a charter from this fraternity at commencement. They will not receive a charter from this fraternity at the beginning of the next session. They have not been granted permission to wear the  $\Sigma$  A E pledge-pin. They have not been granted permission to "give the yell." As to whether or not the two organizations mentioned choose to call themselves fraternities, that, of course, is a matter of their own personal desire, with which we have little concern.

And fondly imagined that the matter was disposed of. In the latest *Delta*, however, we hear from him again:

We understand that the  $\Sigma$  A E chapter organized here last year has not yet secured a charter from the fraternity under whose colors it is ostensibly sailing. Personally, we should like to see one or two other chapters in operation here, as opposition is usually accompanied by an accretion of strength and fraternity vitality on all sides.

Is there an S. A. E. chapter at Howard College? And was it organized only last year? And why is it sailing only "ostensibly" under our colors? We have learned to rely on the *Delta* correspondent exclusively for news of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Howard College, and we shall peruse his next letter with interest.

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SIGMA NU.—A number of Sigma Nus attending the University of Pennsylvania are endeavoring to revive the fraternity's dead chapter at this institution. Active bidding for Sigma Nu is said to be already under way.

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Dr. Charles W. Dabney, the new president of the University of Cincinnati, is a  $\Phi$   $\Gamma$   $\Delta$ . For years he has been president of the University of Tennessee, where he established a flourishing chapter of  $\Phi$   $\Gamma$   $\Delta$ . We would not be surprised to see that fraternity established at Cincinnati soon. During the last few years it has established many new chapters and it now has fifty-eight active chapters.—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

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PHI DELTA THETA.—Phi Delta Theta's Missouri chapter has recently bought a desirable house, known as the Gorth property, which it will hold partly as an investment.



The California correspondent in the *Kappa Alpha Journal* announces that Brother Dunphy has departed from among us, and is busily engaged in the construction of a poultry-raising plant at Millbrae, San Mateo county, Cal., where he expects to devote all his time and energy to the poultry industry in all its phases.

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A good many sisters have recently been elected, the pictures of some of them are given in the *March Journal*, and everything is very pleasant and jolly. Kappa Alpha, apparently, does not object to an occasional plucking of the full-blown rose. In perusing the *Journal* we have noted that two professors have recently ridden, with real professorial dignity, the K. A. goat. Mr. T. B. McCartney, assistant professor of Greek, at Kentucky University, and Mr. James Elliott Womesly, professor of History and Modern Languages at Millsaps College, and "held in high esteem," have lately been gathered into the fold.

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At Wisconsin, Phi Kappa Psi is settled in her permanent new home. Sigma Chi is breaking ground for a \$10,000 beauty, and Phi Delta Theta is busily engaged in drawing plans for future building.

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**SIGMA PHI EPSILON.**—Sigma Phi Epsilon, a small fraternity of recent activity, has recently placed chapters at Bethany, W. Va., and the University of Colorado.

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**NU SIGMA NU.**—The medical fraternity of Nu Sigma Nu recently committed a breach of professional etiquette in bodily lifting the entire chapter of Pi Mu at the University of Virginia.

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Delta Kappa Epsilon and Delta Upsilon are being wooed by two locals at the University of Illinois. Phi Kappa Psi, too, is reported to be coquetting in the same direction.

In the Mississippi Legislature a desperate but unavailing attempt was recently made to oust fraternities from the State University. The University laws, however, forbid the admission of any others from installing chapters. The fraternities at present represented in the University of Mississippi are Delta Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, Zeta Psi, Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Tau Delta.



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



*Maine Alpha*, '00. Grosvenor Wilson Stickney to Nellie Augusta Call, at Clinton, Mass., 5 April, 1904.

*Pennsylvania Sigma Phi*, '00.—H. Metzel to Anna Hines, at Dickinson, Pa.

*Pennsylvania Theta*, '00.—Thomas Somerville Stewart to Ada West Carpenter, at Philadelphia, Pa., 20 April, 1904.

*Virginia Omicron*, '03.—James Park McCallie to Harriet Pendleton Bibb, at Charlottesville, Va., 29 March, 1904.

*Tennessee Kappa*, '03.—Harper Leander Chamberlain to Catherine Russell, at Knoxville, Tenn., 7 January, 1904.

*Tennessee Kappa*, '07.—Frederick William Chamberlain to Annie Dee McClung, at Knoxville, Tenn., 21 January, 1904.



## D e a t h s .



*Colorado Zeta*, '03.—Edward Stauffer, at Denver, Colo., 9 March, 1904.

*Texas Rho*, '03.—Joel Samuel, at Leona Landing, Miss., 29 December, 1903.

*Tennessee Lambda*, '99.—Frank McGregor, at Nashville, 15 February, 1904.





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## In Memoriam.

### Henry Woods McCorry.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, to remove from us our beloved brother, HENRY WOODS MCCORRY; and

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

WHEREAS, In his death Tennessee Eta has lost, not only one of its charter members, but also one of the truest and most valued of its alumni, and one whose memory shall ever be revered by the brothers of our chapter; therefore, be it

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

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, be published in THE RECORD OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON, and be inscribed on the minutes of Tennessee Eta.

Jackson, Tenn., 15 April, 1904.

S. L. RAGSDALE,  
P. P. MEDLING,  
Committee.

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### Edward M. Stauffer.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from among us our beloved Brother EDWARD M. STAUFFER; and

WHEREAS, In his loss the members of Colorado Zeta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon have been deprived of a loyal brother and true friend; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife and family of our brother; and, be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the wife of our brother, a copy be spread on the Minutes of our chapter, and a copy be published in THE RECORD OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

12 March, 1904.

EDWIN G. GREEN,  
H. W. ALLEN,  
F. I. BADGLEY,  
Committee.

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## Notices.

### World's Fair—St. Louis.

Missouri Beta chapter will keep open house at their quarters, 2824 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, this summer, where they will be glad to have all Sigma Alphas visit them. The chapter will be greatly obliged if all prospective visitors would write to the E. C., R. M. Saylor, at 3700 W. Pine Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo.

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The fourth annual convention of the Arkansas Alumni Association will be held at Little Rock, June 20-21.

WALTER F. REICHARDT,  
Vice-President.

# THE ALUMNI

## The Men of S. A. E.

Ex-Senator William A. Harris, who is being prominently championed by leading Kansas City papers for the Democratic Presidential nomination, was initiated into the Fraternity at "old Rho" chapter, of Columbian University, on November 30, 1858. After receiving his B.S. degree in 1859, he attended the Virginia Military Institute in the succeeding two years. Upon the outbreak of the war, he joined Wilcox's brigade, later serving in Longstreet's division and emerging with the rank of adjutant-general. Some interesting facts about Senator Harris's later career appeared in an editorial in the *Kansas City Star* on March 30.

### MR. HARRIS'S AVAILABILITY.

If the Kansas Democratic delegation should decide to go to St. Louis under the "favorite son" banner of ex-Senator William A. Harris it would attract more favorable attention and arouse more popular interest than any previous delegation from that State to a National Convention. It could not be charged that the Sunflower State was making a "grand-stand play." Mr. Harris is not that kind of man. His availability for the presidency, and his especial fitness in view of existing political conditions, will have been thoroughly understood and appreciated by the entire country by the time the convention meets, if, in the meantime, the Kansas delegation is instructed to present his name. There will be no other candidate with stronger claims. And, unless new names are added to the list of "possibilities," there will not be another man before the convention possessing the all-round availability of the Kansas statesman.

Mr. Harris comes from good Virginia stock. His father was in public life. He served in Congress, was public printer in Washington, edited a newspaper, and became interested in the Isthmian canal proposition when his son was still a boy. Mr. Harris is a college graduate, and at the time the Civil War broke out was a student in a military institution under the tutelage of "Stonewall" Jackson. In everything he has undertaken he has been



thorough. His record as Congressman and United States Senator is one that may be referred to with pride. He has distinguished himself as an engineer. He is a practical farmer. He has not made farming an affectation or a mere recreative avocation. He knows every turn of the business. He is an authority on all that pertains to fine stock-breeding. His name is worth more on a Shorthorn pedigree than that of any other man in the United States. He is well-known in Europe through the fine animals bred at Linwood farm.

It was because of his identification with agricultural interests that Mr. Harris was drawn into politics. He participated in the Farmers' Alliance movement, which led on to the Populist party. He was urged for Congressional nominations twice before he accepted. When he was finally nominated by a State Convention for Congressman-at-large he was in Europe, and his consent was not asked. He accepted because the thing had been done. But he has more than justified the confidence of his friends in urging him into official positions, and he would do so again, even if nominated for the presidency.

Although a gentleman in all that pertains to the most complimentary application of the term—a man of culture, repose and force—Mr. Harris is what would be called a plain citizen—the type of man the conservative and progressive elements of the country seek when choosing leaders.

And the following editorial from the *Times*, of the same city, a few days later, shows plainly enough which way the wind is blowing in Kansas City:

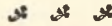
It may be true that the Solid South is for Judge Parker at this time, but if the opportunity presents itself it will be considerably more solid for Colonel William A. Harris, who fought under Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson.

The principal difference between Judge Parker and ex-Senator Harris, so far as their reputations before the country are concerned, is that the former has made himself widely known as a Presidential candidate while the latter is known by a record that eminently qualifies him for the Democratic nomination and any responsibilities that such a nomination might impose. Judge Parker is well advertised, but his qualifications have not been demonstrated. Mr. Harris is known for his qualifications, not for his effort to secure the Presidential nomination. If the St. Louis Convention should arrive at a point in its proceedings when it might be necessary to choose between these two men, there would be no possibility of a mistake in naming the Kansan.

It now seems quite certain that a great majority of the delegates to the Wichita Convention will be free to instruct the Kansas delegation to the St. Louis Convention for ex-Senator William A. Harris for the Presidential nomination. And it also seems settled that the convention will give such instructions, or no instructions whatever. To fail to take advantage of the opportunity presented in the availability of Mr. Harris, the Democrats of

Kansas would be derelict in their duty to the party and to the State. And it is not going too far to say that they would fail in their duty to the country. No other State in the Union, considering the men so far mentioned for the Democratic nomination, has a candidate possessing Mr. Harris's personal qualifications and political availability. His conspicuous ability for the duties of the statesman has been demonstrated in a splendid official career. He is a man of the people, and would appeal to all classes; but he is a gentleman of fine quality and commanding dignity. There is nothing in the candidacy of Mr. Harris to which any faction in the National Convention could honestly object.

A more extended sketch of the Senator's career is given on another page of this issue.



The appended clipping from the Augusta (Ga.) *Chronicle*, one of the most influential of Southern papers, shows that the movements of Champe S. Andrews are being watched with interest by onlookers outside the realm of the Fraternity:

A Cleveland boom—or at least a boomlet—has at length been launched, sliding, so to speak, from the Tammany ways Wednesday evening, and Champe S. Andrews having performed the act of christening.

James W. Gerard presided over this gathering, and the speakers were Louis W. Osterweis, Thomas W. Churchill, Dr. H. A. C. Anderson and Champe S. Andrews. All spoke in pretty much the same vein, but Andrews, in special, after lauding Mayor McClellan's administration, spoke as follows:

"The Panama canal is not an issue in this campaign. We have too long been a party of obstruction and criticism. The Democratic party has more young men and first voters in its ranks than ever before, and we must go forward on new issues. The platforms at Kansas City and at Chicago did not present a single issue that we were justified in going before the people on. The party needs now, as it never did before, some man to rise up by force of character to lead it.

"The candidate of the party this year will not be named by any boss, any chain of newspapers or any barrel, but he is going to be named by the affections of the Democratic party. The tariff is now a live issue, and we have got with us the only man who ever led the party to victory since the Civil War, and he did it on that issue, and that was Grover Cleveland. His character has been sifted, and he comes back to us stronger than ever before, and he will not be able to say 'no' to the demands of his party."

A few days later a "Georgian" wrote to tell readers of the *Chronicle* something about the young man described as having launched a Cleveland boomlet:

CHAMPE S. ANDREWS.

*To the Editor of The Chronicle :*

SIR : It will be of interest to many of your readers to know who Champe S. Andrews is, of whom mention was made in your editorial columns of February 27. In *The Chronicle* of that date there appeared an editorial headed, "Cleveland Boom Launched," in which the speech of Champe S. Andrews was quoted at some length. This young man is the scion of a well-known Georgia family. Five generations of his people lie buried in Washington, Ga. He is the grandson of the late Judge Garnett Andrews, of Washington, and the son of the late Col. Garnett Andrews, of Chattanooga, Tenn. He is a nephew of Miss E. F. Andrews and of Mrs. Maude Andrews Ohl, both well-known in literary circles throughout the South. He is a young Southerner, who is rapidly pushing to the front in America's great metropolis, and the South in general, and Georgia in particular, may watch his career with growing interest and pride.

GEORGIAN.



The present Secretary of the State of Idaho, Hon. Wilmot H. Gibson, was a member of our Pennsylvania Omega chapter at Allegheny College, graduating in 1893. A sketch of his character and career appeared in the *Idaho Magazine* of March 14:

During the incumbency of the present Secretary of State the expression has become so common that it has almost passed into a proverb, "Gibson is a gentleman." This compliment has been earned by the treatment of the high and the humble with uniform courtesy and consideration, a compliment that is the more to be prized because it has spontaneously burst from the lips of almost every person who has come in official contact with the Secretary of State. It is indeed refreshing to meet a high official who, after he has been safely inducted into office, has as warm a grasp, as ready a chair and as eager a disposition to oblige as when he was on the "husting," but Wilmot H. Gibson is, by common acknowledgment, such an official. Moreover, he has proven himself quite equal to all the higher demands of his office, so much so indeed that he is now generally regarded as a young man of unusual ability, strength and discretion.

A handful of facts portray the youngest member of the State administration thus: Born on Christmas day, 1870, in western Pennsylvania. Reared on a farm. Graduated from Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, in June, 1893, completing a four years' course in science and civil engineering, after only three years of study.

Shortly after his graduation, Mr. Gibson was wedded to Miss Merta Drake, of his native State, and a son has come to cheer their fireside.

In February, 1894, Mr. Gibson became an Idahoan by adoption, establishing his home at St. Anthony, where he, in turn, successfully followed merchandising and his profession—civil engineering.



During 1899-1900 Mr. Gibson served as chief clerk in the office which he now occupies as the official head. In 1902 he was nominated for the position he now holds, and during the campaign ensuing he proved himself one of the most earnest and effective advocates of Republicanism in Idaho, and he was elected by one of the largest majorities given any candidate on the entire State ticket.

It is due Mr. Gibson to say that he has demonstrated that he has many of the larger qualities of an administrator, and that his solid achievements in office are their own best commentary on his signal fitness for his trust, and for the credit his services have reflected on the Republican party and the State.

In a word, Mr. Gibson is an unassuming young man of high character, is strong, both in body and mind, is morally and politically clean, and is thoroughly imbued with twentieth century ideas of progress and government. He is straightforward in all matters of public concern, accords to others the same rights and privileges he expects for himself, and the warmth and glow of his geniality make friends of all who have occasion to transact business in his department of our State administration.



It is announced that **George D. Booth**, of our Tennessee Zeta chapter, who was elected to a college presidency soon after his graduation last June, will shortly forsake the educational field for the pastoral duties of his chosen vocation. The clipping is from the *Bristol Herald*, April 6:

Rev. George D. Booth, President of King College, announces that he has accepted a call to become the assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, Tenn., of which Rev. W. M. Anderson is the pastor.

Rev. Mr. Booth has given general satisfaction in his work as President of King College, which is a Presbyterian institution, and the news of his resignation, to enter the active ministerial service again, will be the source of much regret to the many Bristolians and the people of this section who have heard him preach and felt the power of his teachings.

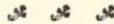
The church to which he goes is one of the largest in the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly.

Rev. Mr. Booth announces that he will divide his time between his church work and the work of King College until that institution closes next June, when he will enter actively upon his new duties. While a young man, Rev. Booth is a speaker of considerable note, and his sermons are pungent and powerful, ever presenting the profound truths of the Bible as he views them.



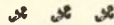
Lieutenant **Henry T. Bull**, Thirteenth Cavalry, U. S. A., was a member of Massachusetts Gamma, '99, and Tennessee-Omega, 1901:

Cavalry yellow will shine gaily at the wedding of Miss Sally Franklin Wainwright and Lieutenant Henry Tilghman Bull, at St. Andrew's, Tuesday next. The maid of honor will be Miss Anna Breck Aspinwall, while little Marjorie Bull, the groom's sister, will be flower-girl. The best man will be the bride's brother, Mr. Dallas Bache Wainwright, Jr. The six ushers are all of the Fifteenth U. S. Cavalry, now at Fort Myer. They are Lieutenant Clarence C. Culver, Lieutenant Victor S. Foster, Lieutenant Francis H. Cameron, Jr., Lieutenant William C. Tremaine, Lieutenant Francis A. Ruggles, and Lieutenant Milton G. Holliday. Master Teackle Wallace, the little son of Mr. Samuel B. Wallace, and Master Lawrence Wainwright will be ribbon-holders. The Rev. Mr. Aspinwall, assisted by the Rev. George Calvert Carter, the pastor of St. Andrew's, will perform the ceremony. The very names of the bride, "Sally Franklin" Wainwright, and her father, Dallas Bache Wainwright, are the clues to an interesting history. Miss Wainwright is the four times great-granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin and bears the name of his only daughter. In fact, she is doubly the descendant of the great diplomat, for both father and mother trace their lineage back to him. Richard Bache, a great-great-grandfather, was the first Postmaster-General of the United States.—*Washington Life*.



Every one who was at Washington last Christmas will remember "Pesky" Garwood, Colorado Zeta and Chi, whose tall figure, good address and stentorian tones made him readily conspicuous on the convention floor:

BOULDER, COLO., March 19—(Special).—Omar E. Garwood, for five years Secretary of the University, has resigned his position, the resignation to take effect April 1. He will go to Pueblo to practice law and will enter into partnership with one of the most prominent lawyers of that city.—*Denver Republican*.



#### FOUNDERS' DAY IN LOS ANGELES.

At Levy's last evening the Southern California Association of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon College Fraternity celebrated the forty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity by holding its annual Founders' Day banquet. Twenty-five were present at the banquet. This day is celebrated every year by about sixty-five active chapters, and almost the same number of alumni associations.

The Fraternity was founded at the University of Alabama in 1856, and when the war began possessed some fourteen chapters. One of its chapters at the Georgia Military College initiated forty men, every one of whom entered the Confederate service, and thirty-eight of the forty became officers.

One of them, George P. Harrison, was made a brigadier-general at the age of twenty-five.

After the war the Fraternity's career was somewhat similar to that of the South during the reconstruction period. In the early eighties the Fraternity went north of the Mason and Dixon line, and by systematic and careful extension, the best State and sectarian institutions of the North and West were entered, until to-day the organization is one of the strongest and most representatively national Greek-letter organizations extant.

The Southern California Association has a membership of fifty men, coming from chapters all over the country.—*Los Angeles Herald, March 10.*

## Jottings of the Old Grads.



### HARVARD.

'95. W. J. Pelo is now in the Harvard Graduate School, specializing in economics. Dr. Edward Mellus, at one time editor of THE RECORD, has accepted a position as physician at the State Hospital for the Insane in Worcester, Mass.—'98 and '99. J. A. Denison and R. A. Bidwell have formed a partnership for the practice of law in Springfield, Mass.—'99. J. C. Vedder has been obliged to leave the Philippines through illness, and is now in Canton, China, with the American-China Development Co. He expects to return to the United States in the spring.—'01. Joseph Guild has left the office of S. M. Weld & Co., cotton brokers, in Boston, and entered the New York office, 22 William St., of the same firm. S. G. Davenport has given up his position with Kendall, Taylor & Stevens, architects of Boston, and gone to New York. C. L. Thurston is chief clerk of the department of manufactures at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis.—'02. H. S. Baker is now with Bobbs, Merrill & Co., publishers, of 5 Temple Court, New York.—'03. Mac Allaster Moore is in a railroad office at Canandaigua, New York.

### WASHINGTON AND LEE.

'70. Hon. Ernest B. Kruttschnitt has been elected a member of the Tulane Educational Fund's Board of Administrators of Tulane University. This is a much coveted position among citizens of Louisiana.—'73 Prof. James H. Dillard, of Tulane, has become President of the New Orleans Public Library Board.—'77. James H. Dillard, now Professor of Latin at Tulane, has just been elected President of the Louisiana Industrial Institute, at Ruston, La., a school of some 700 students.



## OHIO WESLEYAN.

'01. George S. Mytinger has graduated from the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati. He was the only man from his college to receive an internship at the Cincinnati Hospital, the competitive examination for which is open to the students of the Miami and Ohio Medical Colleges.—'04. Wesley Page has gone to Hartford, Conn., to enter upon his new duties as secretary of the boys' department and assistant physical director of the Y. M. C. A. of that city.

## CINCINNATI.

'93. Louis C. Fritch is in Chicago, in charge of special work with reference to the new terminal facilities to be installed by the Illinois Central R. R.—'96. L. D. Oliver has again taken up the practice of law in Cincinnati.—'97. William Dickson is state manager of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, of Tennessee. He is located at Knoxville. On October 28th, of last year, he was married to Miss Birdie Hurley, of Bristol, Tenn.—'99. Clifford Stegner is engineer with the Ellis Concrete Construction Co., of Cincinnati.—'01. Gordon Green is in charge of some mines at Placerville, Arizona.—'02. Edgar Hannaford has returned to Cincinnati, and is now manager of the Cincinnati office of the American Engineering Specialty Co., which controls the patents of Warren Webster & Co.

## WASHINGTON.

Arnold D. Alt is in the insurance business in St. Louis.—'02. Francis T. Cutts is assistant engineer of distribution in the St. Louis city water-works, with office in the city hall, St. Louis.

## TULANE.

Ex-'02. James Brownrigg Dillard will graduate from the United States Military Academy this spring. Next fall, in all probability, he will see service in the Philippines.

## VANDERBILT.

'99. Dr. William T. Berry has been recently elected one of the adjunct professors of surgery in the Birmingham Medical College. John F. Williams is practicing law in Birmingham, Ala., with great success. Dr. Leonard R. Ellis, of Hot Springs, Ark., has been appointed city physician of that town.—'00. George P. Jackson is now finishing an A. B. course of study at the Chicago University.—'01. Marvin E. Holderness has been elected bursar at Vanderbilt University.—'03. W. R. Simmons has a lucrative position with the Watkins Construction Co., at Leeds, Ala.

## Association Letters.

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### Cincinnati, Ohio.

SINCE our last letter there has been no event of stirring importance except the Founders' Day Banquet, which took place at the Grand Hotel, Wednesday evening, March 9th. Nearly sixty Sigma Alphas assembled to partake of the spread, over which Dolph Ginter, as president of the association, presided. Up to within a few days before the banquet, we had hoped to have Brother Levere with us, and while we regretted his unavoidable absence, his "phonographic speech" was certainly a decided innovation and greatly appreciated.

We might recount in detail the many enjoyable features of the banquet, but as this subject has probably been thoroughly covered by the active chapter's correspondent, it would be but repetition to do so here. Suffice it to say that the banquet was the largest and one of the best yet held in Cincinnati.

In closing this letter, we may say that as alumni, we have had the opportunity of looking over some of the high-school men who will attend the University next year, and that there is some good Sigma Alpha material among them. In fact, there seems to be no reason why the chapter should not be even more success-

ful than last year in picking out a crowd of good fellows to wear the purple and gold.

AL. F. LEUE.

24 April, 1904.

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### Memphis, Tennessee.

AT the annual meeting and election of officers for this Association, held on the last Thursday of June, 1903, it was decided, after the business part of the meeting was over and "remarks for the good of the order" had begun to circulate, that the best way to keep up spirit and life in the Association and bring out the stay-at-homes, was to offer some inducements in the way of comparatively free beer and small talk during the winter.

The first smoker was a great success and it was decided that on the last Saturday night of every month the Association should hold similar jollifications. These informal meetings have served their purpose well; for the fellows have been drawn more into touch with one another, the brothers who come here to live have found valuable associations in business and social progress, and the way has been opened to concerted action in behalf not only of the building up of the Association itself but of the Convention as well. The pro-

gramme at these meetings in the private banquet hall at the Gayoso Hotel usually opens with a series of songs, composed and led by Brother Barrow, after which, over unlimited steins and an ample menu, whatever business of an unofficial nature there is to be transacted is looked after, and then the visiting brothers are expected to tell all they know. Conversation invariably swings around to the Convention, and if what the out-of-town brothers say in regard to the number of delegates is so, Memphis will entertain the largest S. A. E. Convention on record. After this the toastmaster has little difficulty in getting a talk from any one, very often having to decide floor space between several disputants. The stay-at-homes begin to get glad that they came and find themselves recounting deeds of days ago, or kidding with some Freshman whose horns are just beginning to sprout. Midnight generally finds a singing, jolly band of brothers—wreathed in

the folds of smoke and good fellowship—reluctant to part from the associations and good comradeship of “frat” life, and eager for the next meeting to come around.

On the evening of Thursday, April the twenty-first, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association composed of Messrs. Jones, Barrow, Cavett, Buckingham, W. H. Joyner, E. E. Joyner and G. D. Raine, Jr., met in the office of Brother Scruggs and selected the various committees to serve during the Convention. Each and every detail will be carefully looked after, and if the delegates and brothers knew what a good time is in store for them they would fall to packing their trunks considerably ahead of time.

Our Association now numbers sixty-five members and will be materially increased during the summer months.

T. N. BUCKINGHAM.

24 April, 1904.



# THE ACTIVE CHAPTERS

## Initiates.



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

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
<b>PROVINCE ALPHA.</b>		
	<i>New Hampshire.</i>	
Dover.....	William L. Quimby.....	Boston, '06.
	<i>Massachusetts.</i>	
Boston.....	James Harris Broderick.....	Colorado Mines.
Brockton.....	Leon Irving Thomas.....	Worcester, '07.
Cliftondale.....	Alvah J. Shepherd.....	Boston, '05.
Pittsfield.....	Henry Wadhams Denny.....	Worcester, '07.
Somerville.....	Fisher K. Rice.....	Boston, '05.
Springfield.....	John Boedeker.....	Cornell, '04.
Worcester.....	Billings Mann Stevens.....	Worcester, '05.
“.....	Herbert Haines Wiggins.....	“ '06.
<b>PROVINCE BETA.</b>		
	<i>New York.</i>	
Essex.....	C. H. Knapps.....	St. Stephens, '07.
Fredonia.....	Howard M. Clark.....	Purdue, '07.
New York.....	Herbert Lacy McClintock....	Columbia, '06.
“.....	Arthur Aigeltinger.....	“ '07.
Oxford.....	S. C. Martin.....	St. Stephens, '07.
Syracuse.....	Howard Hagen McChesney....	Boston Tech, '07.
Troy.....	F. H. Simmonds.....	Columbia, '07.
Waverly.....	Percy Lang Lyford.....	Cornell, '06.

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
PROVINCE BETA - Continued.		
	<i>New Jersey.</i>	
Orange.....	Walter Francis Leo Barry....	Pennsylvania, '07.
	<i>Pennsylvania.</i>	
Gladwyne.....	Frank Phillips Kendrick Barker.....	Pennsylvania, '07.
Haverford.....	Albert Weimer Hemphill....	Boston Tech, '06.
Norristown.....	Robert Emmett Ross.....	Pennsylvania, '07.
Philadelphia.....	Frederick Harold Gaston.....	" "
".....	Thomas Philip Hamner.....	" '04.
".....	W. W. Hood.....	Cumberland, '04.
Pittsburg.....	Alexander Spear.....	Colorado Mines, '05.
York.....	William Henry Blaney.....	Pennsylvania, '04.
".....	George Lewis Miller.....	" '07.

## PROVINCE GAMMA.

	<i>District of Columbia.</i>	
Washington.....	Dudley Seymour Bright.....	Pennsylvania, '07.
".....	Walter Chapin Foster.....	" "
".....	William Shomo Nicholson....	" "
	<i>Virginia.</i>	
Danville.....	Thomas J. Rison.....	Purdue, '07.
	<i>North Carolina.</i>	
Charlotte.....	Hamilton Chamberlain Jones, Jr.....	North Carolina, '06.
Raleigh.....	William Heck Pace.....	" " "
Tryon.....	Ralph Barkwell Engel.....	" " "
Wilmington.....	Robert Edward Ca der.....	" " "
Winston.....	Agnew Hunter Balerson.....	" " "
".....	Eugene Earl Gray, Jr.....	" " "
".....	John Porter Stedman, Jr.....	" " "
	<i>South Carolina.</i>	
Columbia.....	Andrew Crawford, Jr.....	Sewanee.

## PROVINCE DELTA.

	<i>Michigan.</i>	
Flint.....	Claude H. Stevens.....	Adrian, '07.
	<i>Ohio.</i>	
Alliance.....	Vincent Lionel Fishel.....	Mt. Union, '06.
".....	Clare Herbert Daugherty....	" '08.
".....	Charles Solomon Thompson....	" '07.
".....	Stanley Check Millard.....	" "
Cincinnati.....	Herbert Persons.....	Cincinnati, '07.
".....	Walter Wichard Schwaab....	" "
".....	Noble Ford Veazy.....	" "
".....	Edwin Bush Keyt.....	" "
".....	Edward Michael Hurley.....	" "
".....	Frank Woodward Forshee....	" "
".....	Eric Reuesch Twitchman....	" "
".....	Stewart Rose.....	" "
".....	Harry Steyner.....	" "

Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
PROVINCE DELTA — Continued.		
Cincinnati.....	Harry Fry King.....	Cincinnati, '07.
".....	Edward Nippert.....	".....
".....	Stuart Read Miller.....	Boston Tech, '07.
Columbus.....	Louis Joseph Hegelheimer..	Ohio State, '06.
Elyria.....	William F. Sudro.....	Michigan, '06.
Galion.....	Pual Monroe.....	Ohio Wesleyan.
".....	Roy Reblit.....	".....
Greentown.....	Arthur Newton Miller.....	Mt. Union, '08.
Wilmington.....	Dwight L. Custis.....	Adrian, '06.
<i>Indiana.</i>		
Kokomo.....	Willis B. Dye.....	Purdue, '07.
Upland.....	S. Arthur Dulling.....	Adrian, '07.
<i>Illinois.</i>		
Aurora.....	Walker Squire.....	Northwestern, '07.
Chicago.....	Herman E. Reams.....	Illinois, '07.
".....	William E. Webber.....	Purdue, '06.
Davenport.....	John W. Gilchrist.....	Illinois, '07.
Franklin Grove.....	George W. Hewitt.....	Purdue, '07.
Lincoln.....	Raymond J. Emerson.....	Illinois, '06.
Mulford.....	James H. Hazlett.....	Boston, '05.
Rossville.....	Forrest D. Redden.....	Michigan, '07.
Taylorville.....	Troy L. Long.....	Illinois, '07.
Urbana.....	John W. Kirkpatrick.....	".....
<i>Wisconsin.</i>		
La Crosse.....	Percy D. Bentley.....	Ohio Wesleyan.
Milwaukee.....	Robert Kirk Thompson.....	Wisconsin, '05.
".....	Stewart Lambert Clark.....	"..... '07.
".....	Edwin Charles Milbrath.....	".....
PROVINCE EPSILON.		
<i>Georgia.</i>		
Atlanta.....	S. R. Atkinson.....	Georgia Tech, '08.
Perry.....	J. G. Holtzclaw.....	"..... '07.
Rome.....	H. H. McClure.....	"..... '08.
Savannah.....	L. L. Colburn.....	"..... '06.
<i>Alabama.</i>		
Birmingham.....	James Bivins Burgin.....	Southern.
Flora.....	William Owen Turnipseed.....	".....
Greenville.....	Laban Henry Scott Chap- pelle, Jr.....	".....
Lapine.....	C. Coleman Daniels.....	".....
Newbern.....	Isaac Frank Bilbro.....	".....
Sylacauga.....	William James Cannon.....	".....
Vincent.....	O. P. McGrand.....	Alabama.



Home Town.	Name of Initiate.	Chapter Initiating.
<b>PROVINCE ZETA.</b>		
<i>Missouri.</i>		
Columbia .....	Archibald Allen .....	Missouri, '05.
St. Joseph .....	Louis G. Schumaker .....	Illinois, '07.
<i>Nebraska.</i>		
Fairburg .....	William H. Nider .....	Nebraska, '07.
Kearney .....	Eliot V. Groves .....	" '06.
" .....	Alfred L. Nye .....	" '06.
Lincoln .....	William Brockly .....	" '06.
" .....	Allen W. Field .....	" '07.
Omaha .....	Frank I. Putnam .....	" '07.
" .....	Claude H. Robertson .....	" '07.
Sterling .....	John R. Heilman .....	" '07.
York .....	Herbert M. Crawford .....	" '07.
<i>Arkansas.</i>		
Dermott .....	John Crawford Crenshaw .....	Central, '06.
" .....	James Llewellyn Crenshaw .....	" '07.
Pine Bluff .....	F. B. Ezell .....	" '07.
" .....	Louis Garrett Howson .....	" '07.
<b>PROVINCE ETA.</b>		
<i>Colorado.</i>		
Denver .....	Ralph W. McCrillis .....	Michigan, '06.
" .....	Theodore W. Quayle .....	Colorado Mines, '07.
<i>South Dakota.</i>		
Springfield .....	George G. Snow .....	Michigan, '06.
<i>Utah.</i>		
Salt Lake City .....	Andrew Martin Howat .....	Colorado Mines, '07.
<b>PROVINCE THETA.</b>		
<i>Mississippi.</i>		
Columbus .....	Harrison Johnston, Jr. ....	Michigan, '04.
Louisville .....	O. A. Bennett .....	Cumberland, '06.
Okolona .....	Archie McDonnell .....	Southern.
<i>Texas.</i>		
Cochran .....	James Bowie White .....	Texas, '06.
El Paso .....	Arthur Wilson Eckman .....	" '07.
Fort Worth .....	J. H. Hendrick .....	Cumberland, '05.
Houston .....	Shearer Bonner .....	" '05.
Mexia .....	John Sessions Bonner .....	Texas, '07.
Waxahachie .....	John Marshall Eskridge .....	" '04.
<b>PROVINCE IOTA.</b>		
<i>Kentucky.</i>		
Danville .....	Robert Hardin Bright .....	Central, '07.
Flemingsburg .....	Thomas Fort Andrews .....	" '06.
Point Lick .....	David Elmore Frierson .....	" '07.
<i>Tennessee.</i>		
Fairfield .....	J. C. Walker .....	Cumberland, '06.
Madisonville .....	Robert H. Stickley .....	" '05.
Memphis .....	R. E. L. Martin .....	Emory, '08.

NOTE.—The initiates of North Carolina, Cincinnati and Southern Universities in the foregoing list were reported in the December RECORD, but could not be classified at that time because of the correspondents' failure to supply the necessary data. For a similar reason a few recent initiates are omitted from the present classification. Missouri Beta asks us to note that in the December roll of initiates Winterman, '06, of that chapter, was misprinted Winkeman, '00, and Henkerman should read Hempelman. It is well-nigh impossible to keep this list entirely clear of errors, but we are always glad to make corrections when they are pointed out to us.

## 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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PERHAPS the coming of spring means more to the members of Maine Alpha than to any other of the chapters, for just as soon as the last bit of frost disappears, work upon our new chapter-house will commence. And the work commenced before you will read this letter will be continued throughout the summer. Upon our selected site by the river a new house will grow up. It will be amply large and commodious, and if our other hopes are fulfilled it will have most of the characteristics that go to make up an ideal fraternity-house.

But whether or not our house will be a perfect mansion or a building with which men of contradictory ideas might find fault, Maine Alpha, when it reassembles next fall, will appreciate the privilege of owning their quarters, and will make them true headquarters of fraternity spirit.

We have lived long enough scattered throughout a dormitory to hate and deplore that sort of life. We have been forced long enough to rush men under a disadvantage, to appreciate a change for the better.

Not only will we appreciate this change, but I believe that we shall be well fitted for life in our new home. We shall certainly be strong enough; for at present we have a membership



of twenty-eight, which at any moment could be increased. Better still, only four of our present members graduate next June; the remainder will be here to help us in the fall. That members of Maine Alpha are not influential enough, energetic enough or congenial enough to do credit to a house of its own are facts which we will never consider for a moment.

If this letter contains a trace of boastfulness it is entirely unintended. Far is it from the mind of Maine Alpha, with eight other very prosperous and successful fraternities here as rivals, and throughout the country a host of brother chapters honored and respected, to show conceit. Our feelings at present are only those inspired by the success at last of our long-predominant aim for a fraternity-house. You will all agree that our aim has been a worthy one. A visit to Orono this summer would show you whether or not its culmination will be worthy of being enrolled among the best of homes of  $\Sigma A E$ .

MERTON R. LANETT.

12 April, 1904.

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

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**A**S THIS year draws near its close we can say without hesitation that it has been as prosperous as any in our history.

Since our last letter four new men have been initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and we have others pledged who will ride the Sigma Alpha goat before the spring term has closed.

We have had several open nights during the last few months which

have been enjoyed by all, while "Auburndale" and alumni night meant as much as ever to our chapter.

OSCAR J. ALDRICH.

13 April, 1904.

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

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**A**NOTHER "Auburndale" has come and gone since the last letter to THE RECORD, and as a result the names of Stuart Read Miller and Albert Weimer Hemphill have been added to our chapter-roll.

At present we are trying to dodge the awful aspect of coming final examinations by looking forward with more cheerful anticipation towards Junior week, with its Tech show, Junior Prom and glee club concert. Again we have members taking principal parts in the show, and still retain men on the musical clubs.

The tournament committee arranged a contest with the Harvard chapter in bowling. Tech "did them up brown," but as we are hoping to arrange a baseball game with them later, we think it would perhaps be wise not to crow too much.

William H. Eager has been elected third marshal of the Senior class, which is one of the greatest class honors attainable at Tech, and we are hoping for further honors on the track from W. B. Boggs.

On the thirtieth of March, members of the Boston Alumni Association met at our house and helped give us a jolly evening by their singing, playing, and general good fellowship.

GEORGE W. PRENTISS, JR.

$\Sigma A E$  House, 203 Newbury St.,  
12 April, 1904.

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

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SINCE our last letter, both province and chapter fraternity life here has been very active and enjoyable. Our winter dance came off very successfully in February, the house being very prettily decorated and the girls unusually entrancing.

On the twelfth of March our chapter had the honor of entertaining the delegates to Province Alpha Convention. Considerable work was accomplished at the session. Amongst other matters, the charge of all our future Auburndales was given to a province committee, and at present it seems likely that hereafter the fall joint-banquet will be held in Boston, and the spring initiation, as before, in Auburndale. Gilmer Davis will have charge of the next volume of the province directory.

On March 26th, at the spring Auburndale, the successful efforts of the chapters were manifested, in that twelve new brothers were added to our Fraternity, seven of these being from this chapter. The dinner, as always, was most enjoyable.

On the thirtieth of March our chapter met the Technology chapter in a bowling match in Boston and Iota-Tau carried off the honors.

On the night of April 1st, the Boston Alumni Association had a reunion at the Technology chapter-house and, thanks to their cordial invitation, many of the active members of this chapter were present, and spent a very pleasant evening in making a closer acquaintance with the older men.

In closing, Massachusetts Gamma

wishes to renew its standing invitation to brother Sigmas to come around and see us whenever they come to Cambridge. If they come this spring they will have a chance to see some grand baseball by our chapter team.

LAWRENCE T. WINSHIP.

Σ A E House, 20 Prescott St.,  
15 April, 1904.

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

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SINCE our last letter things have been going on much as usual. The alumni night, which was held on the 20th of February, was quite a success. About twenty of our alumni were present, and although we had no particular entertainment for the evening, we had a very enjoyable time, and one which I think every one hopes to repeat, either as an active member or as an alumnus. Instead of giving our dance this year on Washington's Birthday, as usual, we postponed it and had a house dance on the 8th of April. It was rather small, but very pleasant.

As spring approaches we commence to think of baseball and of our annual game with Gamma. We are, as usual, hoping to beat them, and intend to make at least a good try for the victory. We expect this year to play tennis, also, and have been putting a few finishing touches on our court so as to be able to get into good form.

Our spring vacation occurs next week, and as after that we have only four weeks before examinations, we

shall have to begin our spring and summer rushing in the near future. As we lose only four men by graduation this year, and as nearly all of the underclassmen intend to return

in the fall, we ought to start out with good prospects for a successful year.

FREDERIK K. HILL.

Σ A E House, Humboldt Ave.,

13 April, 1904.

### PROVINCE BETA.

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

OUR ten days' Easter vacation is just over. Some of the fellows stayed here to work during the holiday and the rest went home to have a good time. They are all at it again now, especially the Seniors, who are plugging away trying to make sure of their sheepskins in June.

We are looking forward to a big province convention for the last three days in April, and shall be greatly disappointed if all who can do not attend.

The baseball team has returned from the South after a fairly successful trip. Brother Lefebvre is regarded as the star of the pitching squad, and every one is expecting him to show up well in the big games. The memorial-day regatta is the crowning event of our spring athletic season. The second Varsity eights of Harvard, Syracuse and Cornell will row a two-mile race on Cayuga Lake. The Navy ball will be held the night before in the armory, and the musical clubs will give their regatta concert the night after.

We regret to note the departure of Irvin Blakeslee, '05, and Fred Fenger, '06, both because of failing health. Blakeslee tried to resume his work after the Christmas holidays, but

had to give it up and go home to rest. They will both be back next year, though, as good as new, and we shall certainly be glad to see them. We take pleasure in introducing a new brother, John Boedeker, initiated March 26.

Several brothers from other chapters have called on us recently. If these men knew how much pleasure it gives us to meet them and to show them around they would never pass Ithaca without paying us a visit.

Nearly all of our fellows have had time to give themselves up to short attacks of the traditional "spring fever," but the chapter catalogue editor and the correspondent have had to keep alert and spend their time answering questions and filling out blanks for Brothers Levere and Harrison. To these chapter officers the prospect is still gloomy, for we hear that Brother Kress, too, is mailing circular letters.

During the summer we hope to receive recommendations for a number of really good men.

CHARLES P. WOOD.

Σ A E House, "Hill-Crest,"

13 April, 1904.

New York Mu, Columbia University,  
New York.

SINCE our last letter it has been rather quiet for New York Mu. We have taken in one more man



from the Freshman class. We have had our alumni with us at social meetings, and the last "alumni night" proved a special success.

There is at present no special activity among us. We are looking forward with pleasure to our annual chapter trip up the Hudson, which is to take place this year on May 28.

Although we lose several men this year by graduation who have been of material benefit to the chapter, we intend to do our best to make up for their loss by putting forth all the more earnest effort in next year's rushing season.

A. STUART MYERS.

Σ A E House, 354 W. 120th St.,  
20 April, 1904.

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

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THE last chapter-letter of the college year may naturally be expected to be more or less retrospective. Although an occasional cloud has tended to dim the serenity of perfect success, yet we can look back over the year as having been most successful and felicitous for the chapter. Our relations with other societies and with the student-body generally have been most harmonious.

New York Sigma-Phi has received her share of honors, both of those bestowed by the faculty for meritorious effort, and of those which represent the esteem and confidence of our fellows.

On February 10th A. H. W. Anderson, '01, was ordained deacon by Bishop Griswold, of Salina. The reverend brother has been lay-reader at Great Bend and Larned, Kan.,

and now becomes minister in charge.

We lose no men by graduation, and an occasional recommendation for admittance to our mystic circle next year gives us encouragement for the coming season.

WALLACE F. THOMPSON.

Σ A E House,  
16 April, 1904.

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

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THE spring term finds Pennsylvania Omega the same in numbers as last term. Turner did not return, but this deficiency has been made up by pledging Charles O. Peters, of Albion, Pa. While we are somewhat smaller in numbers than for several years, the chapter is in good shape, as all the men have the interests of Σ A E close at heart, and we are well represented in college activities. The college basket-ball team has just closed a very successful season, winning ten out of the twelve games played. We had one man on the team—Lockwood.

Track and baseball are the centers of attraction at present, and we are sure of having three men on the nine, and have others working for the track team, of which Brother Smith is manager.

The *Kaldron*, our college annual, is nearing completion. We have two brothers on the staff—Frost, editor-in-chief, and Smith, associate editor.

Berton S. Nixon, from our Saint Stephens chapter, now playing with the Royal Slave Company, made us a very pleasant visit on April 12. F. E. Smith, '03, was also here for a short stay with us.

The Pan-Hellenic banquet, comprising members of  $\Phi$  K  $\Psi$ ,  $\Phi$   $\Gamma$   $\Delta$ ,  $\Delta$  T  $\Delta$ ,  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$  and  $\Sigma$  A E, was held on the evening of April 13, at the Budd House of this place. The affair was a decided success and shows the spirit of harmony existing between the Greeks at Allegheny.

In conclusion, I will say that Pennsylvania Omega extends to all Sigma Alphas who happen around this part of the country a very cordial invitation to look us up.

H. G. SELKREGG.

$\Sigma$  A E House,  
14 April, 1904.

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Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson College, Carlisle.

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DICKINSON lately sustained a very severe loss in the destruction by fire of Denny Hall, one of our finest buildings. Work on a new structure is being pushed as rapidly as possible, and will be completed next September or October.

The Dickinson *vs.* Franklin and Marshall debate was won by F. & M., which gives to this institution the championship of the Pennsylvania League.  $\Sigma$  A E was represented by Towers, '04. Although defeated on points, Dickinson was superior in oratory.

The musical clubs, among whose members are seven Sigmas, have just returned from a six days' trip. They report a pleasant and profitable time.

The baseball season opened to-day, Dickinson defeating Mercersburg.  $\Sigma$  A E is well represented on the team by Lininger, '05, and Duncan, '06. In track work, Fancher is out for the hurdles, Seedler, Milburn and Nuttle

for the distance runs, and Hinchman for the hundred. Hinchman's chances for the relay team are excellent.

Brother Metzger, '00, was recently married to Miss Anna Hines, of this city. They will live in Decatur, Ill.

M. GARFIELD MASON.

$\Sigma$  A E House,  
13 April, 1904.

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

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THE most important event in our fraternity life this year was our house-warming, to which we devoted two days, March 18 and 19. On Friday evening we held a dance, and on Saturday evening a smoker. About seventy-five persons were present on each occasion, many being from a distance. Every effort had been put forth to make this the most enjoyable affair we have ever had, and every one agreed that it was. The house was given over to the use of the girls and chaperones on the night of the dance.

The smoker was attended by most of the members of the faculty, representatives of the other fraternities, alumni, and others. Those of our alumni who were present were: Miller, Dodge, Hewitt and Frey, '03; Stout and Gibbs, ex-'05. Brothers from other chapters were: Mathews, Illinois Theta, and Browning, Heidenreich and Wise, Pennsylvania Zeta. Since then we have had pleasant visits from Rex, '99, and McClure, ex-'05.

Since our last letter we have lost Miller, '07, who left last month and is reading law with his father. Sankey, '06, and Dodge, '07, are promis-

ing candidates for the baseball team, and Stair, '07, and Campbell, '07, are out for the track team. Rhoads is on the board of the '06 *La Vie*, the Junior annual. Jack Elder, '04, is captain of the baseball team, and valedictorian of his class. It seems fitting to give him special mention in this last letter that appears before his graduation, as he has occupied an unusually prominent place in athletics and in every other department of college life, thereby winning many honors for himself and his Fraternity.

Owing to the constantly increasing number of students and the development of the college in other ways we anticipate plenty of good fraternity material next year, and would appreciate any information concerning desirable men who may be coming here.

ROBERT F. PATTERSON.

Σ A E House,  
14 April, 1904.

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Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University, Lewisburg.

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THE opening of the spring term found the brothers, with one exception, on hand, ready to go on with the work and pleasure of college and fraternity life to the close of commencement week.

Murdock, ex-'04, who started the fall term with us, but dropped out to accept a position with the American Car and Foundry Co., has been promoted to a position in the New York office, where he expects to be permanently located.

The student-body seems to have been seized with a mania for dramatic productions. An opera, "The

Musical Enthusiast," is to be given on the evening of April 15th. Brother Perrine, '04, is leading comedian, and Belford, '05, has special solo parts to render. A comedy, "The Cheerful Liar," is to be produced within a short time. Pennsylvania Zeta will be represented there by Smithgall, '06. The cast for the play given each year at commencement time, by members of the Senior class, has just been selected, and Perrine, '04, and Browning, '04, have been assigned leading parts.

Since our last letter we have been favored by visits from two of our alumni, L. T. Fetzer, of New York City, and James Brown Martin, professor of Music in Allegheny College; and also from Brothers Smith, Campbell and McCamant, of Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta.

Several of our brothers attended the house-warming given by Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta on March 18 and 19. They reported a grand time, and those who did not attend were made to feel what pleasures they had missed.

Spanogle, ex-'06, paid us a very pleasant visit at the opening of the term, when on his way home for his Easter vacation from Cornell University, where he is pursuing a course in electrical engineering.

At the commencement this spring Pennsylvania Zeta will lose by graduation seven of its members. Johnson, '04, however, expects to return next fall, so that the actual loss will be only six. At the close of this term we expect to initiate a number of Freshmen, thus the roll of the chapter will not be much reduced.

We are all looking forward to the



night of June 21st, when the chapter will hold its annual symposium. All brothers are most cordially invited.

WALTER S. WILCOX.

Σ A E House,  
11 April, 1904.

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

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THE opening of the spring term finds Pennsylvania Delta in a very prosperous condition, all the brothers and pledged men having returned. We have added to our list of pledged men Earl Eicholtz, of Philadelphia, and Raymond Seiber, of Gettysburg, making a total of eight pledged men. We lose three men by graduation this June, two of whom will return next fall to pursue their course in the Theological Seminary. Five men will be initiated this spring.

We have recently enjoyed visits from Babylon, '03, who is with the Westminster Hardware Company; Jacobs, '03, who is a professor of chemistry at the Millerville State Normal; and Mincemoyer, ex-'06, who is with the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia.

For the coming province convention we have selected as our delegate, Pfahler, '06.

The college glee and mandolin clubs have returned from a very successful trip through Pennsylvania and Maryland. We have one man on the glee club and two men on the mandolin club.

As to athletics, we are well represented in baseball, having two men on the Varsity.

L. LESLIE LAMMERT.

12 April, 1904.

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

FOUNDERS' DAY, March 9, 1904, was celebrated by Pennsylvania Theta with her third annual banquet, held at Kugler's. When the appointed hour arrived forty-seven Sigma Alphas sat down to the festive board, and remained there till the wee small hours. Floyd C. Furlow, ex-E. S. A., acted as toastmaster and kept the assembly in the highest of spirits while toasts were rendered as follows: "Graduate Connection," William H. Gillespie; "Butts and Bumps," Robert Ross, our "youngest," the sole initiate of the night before; "Sugar Pills," Albert R. Garner; "Sig Alph Hallmarks," Calvin O. Althouse; "Alas! a Lass," H. Edgar Barnes; "Alumni Associations," H. Wilson Stahlnecker; "Soap Bubbles," Mossmer Nields; "Storiettes," by "The Also-Rans"; and last but not least, "Pour Prendre Congé," from Don M. Larrabee.

Pennsylvania Theta has just completed a step full of importance to her, and, we hope, of interest to all the Fraternity, namely, the occupation of our new house at 3705 Walnut street. The old house at 3741 Spruce street was full of tender memories, but it had to go in the onward march of improvement; and any visiting Sigmas who remember the old house will have to admit that we have made a wonderful change for the better. The new house leaves nothing to be desired—enough said.

In the Varsity world we are much in evidence. Howes is center fielder on the Varsity ball team, and Barry is pitching for the Freshmen. Hammer, Rutschman and Carpenter were

in the track team picture; Ross, Gaston, Foster and Lamberton are also doing good work on the track. Ward is on the Freshman crew.

The Mask and Wig Club's "Alice in Another Land," has been holding the college eye just at present. Fowler and Mendenhall are both in the chorus.

We are still looking for the right men, and the fact that we have two

new pledged men and three others in view will show that our search is not in vain.

We are eagerly looking forward to Tuesday the 19, on which date we shall have a house-warming in our new home.

A. EVERLY CARPENTER.

Σ A E House, 3705 Walnut Ave.,  
14 April, 1904.

P R O V I N C E   G A M M A .

Virginia Omicron, University of  
Virginia, Charlottesville.

WE wish that some of our distant brothers could have been with us on the night of March 9. Our Founders' Day Banquet, copies of the menu of which were sent to all our chapters in lieu of an invitation, was a glorious success. Our toast-list, for the originality and brilliance of which we are indebted to our E. A. and toastmaster, Martin, has been very highly complimented. We wish to thank all who has made acknowledgment for their expressions of good will.

We are much honored in our initiates into the class fraternities. Kellam and Thomson have just made Φ Δ Φ (law), L. Donaldson Λ Π (academic), and Chaffee Ν Σ Ν (medical), which has recently "lifted" the local chapter of Π Μ.

In athletics, we are restricted at this time of the year to the track, having no baseball men. On the track, however, we have three wearers of the V, including Captain Shelton.

"The Arcadians" has been selected as the name for the new University dramatic club. The Easter play was the two-act comedy, "Mr. Bob," presented by an all-male cast. It was quite a success, the female roles being taken splendidly. The preliminary music was rendered by Brother Crawford, the star of last year's performance.

We enjoyed having with us recently Charles P. Wood, of Cornell, one of the most promising fraternity men in Σ A E. He stirred up some interest among us in that song-book project, which will, we hope, be fruitful of results.

Though unable to announce my successor, I am compelled to say adieu. Any correspondence for the chapter may be addressed to me here until July 1, after that to 17 West Clay street, Richmond, Va. I will see that it reaches my successor in office.

To all the chapters a pleasant summer, and a profitable one.

T. MCN. SIMPSON, JR.

14 April, 1904.

**Virginia Sigma, Washington and Lee University, Lexington.**

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THE progress of this University is to be especially commended during the last year, the results being noteworthy. The student-roll has been increased greatly, and a greater activity in all affairs is to be noted. The new engineering building is to be dedicated during commencement week, and the dormitories will be completed and ready for occupancy by the opening of the September term.

A banquet is to be given after finals, and some sixty Sigma Alphas are expected to gather around the table.

The prospects are that Brother Osburn, as president of the Final ball, will make a decided success of the affair.

Our track-team has a meet scheduled with V. M. I., and Sigma will be represented by Dunlap, Rankin and Thomas. Lee is to take a leading part in the play "David Garrick," soon to be represented. As the leading character in the dramatic club's last presentation, "The Private Secretary," Lee made the hit of the occasion. Thomas is manager of the track-team.

The brothers are looking forward to the appearance of the new catalogue with much pleasure.

CHARLES C. THOMAS.

25 April, 1904.

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

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IT is indeed hard to realize that another college year is nearly over—a year which has been in many

ways one of the most prosperous that North Carolina Xi has ever enjoyed. The chapter is now composed of nineteen active members, several of whom we shall be grieved to lose next year. We are working hard to land the pick of the present Freshman class, who will not be eligible until next year when they are Sophomores, for old  $\Sigma A E$ , and indications point to a great success in this line.

Since my last letter the social side of the chapter has been exploited by dances and banquets, the one on Founders' Day being the best of them all. Twenty-two covers were laid, and all present pronounced it the event of the season. In addition to the "good cheer," the toasts were exceptionally fine. In a few days the chapter will give a small informal hop to several visiting young ladies.

Thus far the Varsity baseball team has not made an especially good showing in the few games that it has played, but it has yet to play the big games; and if it can only duplicate the record of last year's team, which defeated Georgetown and won two out of three from Virginia, it will have done itself proud.  $\Sigma A E$  is represented on the team by Worth, third base, and Engel, right field. Worth is also manager. In track athletics, Carolina will send a relay team to compete in the intercollegiate contests at Pennsylvania, and if indications count for anything it will make a good showing. One of the four will in all probability be an  $\Sigma A E$ . A dual meet has also been arranged with Virginia to take place early in May.

The college campus is soon to be



beautified by the erection of two new buildings, a \$25,000 gymnasium and a \$12,000 Y. M. C. A. building. The former is a gift of Judge W. P. Bynum, of this State, as a memorial to his son, who died while a student here. Work on the Y. M. C. A. building has already commenced, and both buildings will be finished and ready for use by next fall. Chapter Xi also hopes to commence work on her new chapter-house at no very distant date. Our former house has been sold to Beta Theta Pi, although they have not yet moved it from our lot. They have bought an attractive lot not far from ours, and will in a few days move their new acquisition to that place. I sincerely trust that with this impetus I may be able to report in my next letter that Chapter Xi has been installed in her long-desired new chapter-house. A few days ago the chapter was incorporated, and no doubt things will hustle along when our beloved alumnus and province president, Alf Berkeley, visits us on the 20th.

FRANCIS A. COX.

Σ A E House,  
11 April, 1904.

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North Carolina Theta, Davidson  
College, Davidson.

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COLLEGE life has had many pleasant interruptions since our last letter. First there was Junior Speaking and the Junior reception, followed by Senior Speaking and the reception given that class. These occasions were highly enjoyed and very pleasantly broke the routine of college duties.

The remarkable success of our

baseball team has also contributed much to enliven campus life. Our team defeated the nines of Charlotte, Lenore College, Gilford College, Furman University, and for the first time in the history of our athletics won a game from the University of North Carolina. This game was expected to be one of the hardest of the season, and when we won by a score of seven to nothing, the enthusiasm of the students was unbounded.

North Carolina Theta, of course, has had her share in all these things. There were two Sigmas who spoke at Junior Speaking and six at the Senior oratorical exercises. In athletics she holds a high place.

Our chapter expects to have her Founders' Day banquet next Saturday. The celebration was necessarily delayed, but is now anticipated with keen delight.

Field Day exercises have been also postponed, so that I shall have to leave it to my successor to tell you of the honors won on that day by our chapter.

C. A. CORNELSON.

8 April, 1904.

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South Carolina Gamma, Wofford College, Spartanburg.

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THE last term of the collegiate year is nearing its close, and the result of our year's work is very gratifying to the chapter. Success in practically every department has been the record of the members of South Carolina Gamma.

In athletics we have been especially prominent, having three men on the Varsity baseball team this spring. All, at third base, was the crack in-

fielder of the team. Richardson and Brabham held the positions of right and left fielders respectively.

The conditions which surround fraternity life at Wofford have improved considerably since our last letter to THE RECORD. It is now probable that the existence of fraternities here will not be cut off by the trustees. We are, however, looking

forward to the decision of the board, which will be announced in June, not without some fear.

As the initiating season has been changed from the fall until June, we shall have some lively times when the final examinations have been passed.

M. W. BRABHAM.

Σ A E House, 94 E. Cleveland St.,  
5 April, 1904.

## P R O V I N C E   D E L T A .

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

THE opening of spring finds athletics the main topic, both in the chapter and in the University. The indoor track team has just passed through another season without defeat, and the showing made since outdoor training has begun leads us to believe that the University will occupy its accustomed position when the season closes. It is somewhat early to make any prophecy in regard to the baseball team, as their outdoor work was begun only a week ago, and the majority of the candidates are new men. The chapter will not be represented on the Varsity, but will have representatives on five of the class teams, one of these holding a captaincy. Interfraternity games are also on the calendar. Only today we met Delta Upsilon, and "we are theirs" by the margin of just one run.

The Founders' Day banquet surpassed any held in recent years. After reaching the brothers' hearts in the axiomatic way, the occasion furnished toasts from Brother Young, pastor of the Baptist church, and

Brothers Webster, Sabin, Finch, Leighley, Holmes, Decker and Armstrong of the alumni.

The Junior hop being now a matter of history and only sweet memories of that pleasant occasion remaining with us, thoughts of a May house-party are uppermost in the minds of the society-inclined brothers, and preparations for the event are already being made.

April ninth was the day set for the election of officers for the University Democratic Club, and the fight developed into a most interesting Hearst-Parker contest. Brother George Shidler, Nebraska Lambda Pi, '03, candidate for the vice-presidency on the Parker ticket, ran ahead of his ticket, and defeated his opponent over two to one.

RAYMOND A. KERR.

Σ A E House, 1402 Washtenaw Ave.,  
9 April, 1904.

### Michigan Alpha, Adrian College, Adrian.

IN the basket-ball season which has just closed, Michigan Alpha furnished the captain, Hughes, who played the position of centre, and

out of seventy-one baskets scored during the season has now to his credit thirty-two. His opponents have only scored four baskets in all. We also had the captain and centre of the second team, Greene, who did good work and subbed for the first team.

The final contest of the indoor athletic club of Adrian was held March 24, 1904, in the college gymnasium. The gold medal was awarded to Hughes as the champion indoor athlete of Adrian College.

In the preliminary oratorical contest of the Star Literary Society fortune smiled upon us again, as Hughes and Miller won first and second places respectively.

We have bright prospects of having a good representation in the baseball team this spring.

G. W. RAMSEY.

11 April, 1904.

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Ohio Sigma, Mount Union College,  
Alliance.

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**M**OUNT UNION COLLEGE has recently received a gift of \$20,000 to be added to her endowment fund. This gift comes from the estate of Richard Brown, who had been a faithful member of the board of trustees up to the time of his death.

Ohio Sigma has been enjoying a successful year thus far. This last term she initiated three men—Clare H. Dougherty, Arthur M. Miller and Charles J. Thompson. These men, together with the two or three we expect to initiate next term, will fill the vacancies which our Seniors will make for next year.

At the reorganization of the Ath-

letic Association Ohio Sigma received due consideration. The offices of Secretary of the Association, Student Manager of Athletics, Secretary of the Board of Directors, and Student Member of the Purchasing Committee are held by Sigma Alphas.

The prospects of Mount Union College for a good baseball team are bright. The writer is the student manager of the team, and Ohio Sigma will be represented by three or four men.

We are anticipating a fine time at our reunion in June. We are expecting a large number of the "old guard" back to the Mount to enjoy the pleasures of commencement week, and a grand old time with the boys in  $\Sigma$  A E. We hope no member of Ohio  $\Sigma$  who can possibly attend will fail to avail himself of this opportunity to renew the friendships of his college-days. Any member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon who happens to be in this neck of the woods June 22 or 23 is cordially invited to join us in our festivities.

With best wishes for Sigma Alpha Epsilon elsewhere,

IVIN E. RIEDINGER.

$\Sigma$  A E House, S. Union Ave.,  
30 March, 1904.

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Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan Univer-  
sity, Delaware.

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**O**HIO DELTA has entered upon the spring term of this college year with bright prospects and the highest hopes of success.

Keller returned to us from the Province Convention, at Minneapolis, filled with a live enthusiasm which he quickly succeeded in spread-



ing among the rest of us. Many valuable hints on the practical business running of a chapter he picked up from the delegates' discussions, and they will not be wasted upon us.

With our first baseball game but a week away, we are hoping that our team will be a winner; and surely our outlook for one was never better. The interfraternity league also attracts a good deal of attention, and as the fraternity teams seem pretty nearly evenly matched, the rivalry is keen. This year we start off with the Phi Gams, and intend to make them our first stepping-stone towards winning the championship cup.

Our place in athletics in the State will be materially bettered after this year, especially in basketball and track work, for the University is drawing up plans for a new \$75,000 gymnasium, for which ground will be broken during commencement week.

One of the social events most looked forward to this spring is the Pan-Hellenic banquet, to occur next Friday evening. This is an innovation at Ohio Wesleyan, and we all sincerely hope that it will draw closer the bonds of good fellowship between the Greeks of the University.

We are glad to have with us again for the spring term Clarence Wright, who has been out the first two terms of the year teaching school in his home town.

Several alumni have made pleasant visits with us since our last chapter-letter. Some had time for little more than to shake hands all around and become acquainted with the new

faces among us, while others stayed for several days. We are sure that we heartily wish the visits of all of them could have been longer.

LAURENCE R. DAVIS.

Σ A E House,  
9 April, 1904.

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

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As the last term's work draws to a close Ohio Epsilon realizes that she can record a most satisfactory year. Although we started in the fall under a slight disadvantage in not returning as large a number of men as we had expected, by hard work we added eleven names to the chapter-roll. Our men have taken their share of college honors, and perhaps a little more; and while such honors do not indicate a chapter's true strength, still they are good evidence that the men are not "dead ones" in college life. We will graduate one man from the academic department, two from the engineering and three from the law, and will in all probability return sixteen men next fall. The men that go out will be missed, of course, but the fact has been well impressed upon the younger men that the future of the chapter rests entirely with them, to make or unmake it as they choose.

The forty-eighth anniversary of the founding of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was celebrated by Ohio Epsilon and her alumni with a banquet at the Grand Hotel, Cincinnati, on March 9th. Fifty-six Sigma Alphas, who represented eight chapters of the Fraternity, gathered around the festal board, over which G. A. Gin-

ter, president of the Cincinnati Alumni Association, presided. We had promised ourselves the pleasure of hearing a toast from our Eminent Supreme Archon, but in this we were disappointed, for Brother Levere had serious trouble with his eyes at this time and could not come down. He did the best thing possible under the circumstances, however, and sent us a phonographic record of his response, and with this we had to be content. George Kress and many of the "old boys" sent words of greeting. The toasts were enthusiastic and spontaneous, and there was in the air that feeling of good-fellowship for which Sigma Alphas are famous.

Our attention is now largely taken up by the University carnival, which is given by the students for the benefit of the social settlement and athletics. The fraternities are represented by a minstrel show made up of the talent to be gleaned from the various chapters. We are represented by "Bob" Humphries, musical director, Bert Lyons, accompanist, Ford Veazey, on the end, and five of the chorus.

At the province convention in Minneapolis, Ohio Epsilon's delegate, Walter J. Heintz, was honored by election to the vice-presidency of the province.

The competitive examination for the eight internships in the Cincinnati City Hospital was held during the past week, and George Mytinger, Ohio Delta, succeeded in landing fourth place. He is the only man from Miami Medical College to get an internship this year. Brother Mytinger intends to take work in the

biological department of the University next year in connection with his hospital duties, and will, of course, affiliate with this chapter.

Our athletic hopes at the University have once again been raised and we are promising ourselves such teams as we had along in '97 and '98, when our football team defeated Dartmouth. The cause of these hopes is the selection of Amos Foster, the Dartmouth full-back of last year, and selected for the same position on the All-America team, as director of athletics at the University. He will not take charge of our athletics, however, until next fall.

EVERETT VAN MATRE.

16 April, 1904.

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Ohio Theta, Ohio State University,  
Columbus.

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THE chapter is still maintaining its prosperous condition. Since the last issue of *THE RECORD* we have initiated Louis Joseph Hegelheimer, '06, of Columbus, and our present enrollment reaches eighteen. We lose this year by graduation and otherwise several of our most devoted and earnest workers. Crocker graduates from the engineering college. Kerr completes his course in the law school. McCampbell will attend Rush Medical College next year. Martin, who completed his classical course last year, will take up the practice of law with his father at Lancaster. Van Ness will attend the law school of the University of California. Davis will pursue his calling as a chemist. This will be a wide gap to fill, but the chapter has in tow already a sufficient number of good

men to recruit the ranks to its usual number.

We celebrated Founders' Day with a very delightful banquet at the chapter-house. The alumni present were Brothers Marshall, Steeb, Clark, Miller and White. Brother Frost of the Champaign, Illinois, chapter was with us also. Crocker presided as toastmaster, and wit, wisdom and fraternal spirit abounded. One very important event grew out of the meeting. At the suggestion of Brother Miller, a committee was appointed to provide plans and means for the erecting of a permanent chapter-house. The committee is composed of Steeb, chairman; Marshall, Miller, Clark, Foss and Kline. With such a committee to devise ways and means, the ultimate constructing of a chapter-house seems practically assured.

The news of the death of Brother James Francis Peck, at Nashville, Tennessee, last month, was a source of great sorrow to the chapter. Brother Peck was a graduate of the Ohio Medical University, and was located at Tiffin, Ohio.

Brother Wilson, who is employed by the Pennsylvania Railway Company, has been transferred from Pittsburgh to Columbus, and is living at the chapter-house. Brother Judson has returned from Mexico to accept a special apprenticeship with the Hocking Valley Railway, and is located at Columbus. Brother Rodebaugh, whose home is at Columbus, is on an extended trip to Texas and California. Brother J. D. Martin called on the chapter last week. He is with the Pennsylvania, and is located at Dennison, Ohio.

The University has been very successful in obtaining appropriations from the present legislature. A general appropriation bill has been passed granting \$750,000 total for the next two years, and at present there are bills before the assembly appropriating \$100,000 for the erecting of a new chemical building, \$75,000 for agriculture and live stock, \$25,000 for equipage, and \$40,000 for mining and ceramics, which are reasonably certain of passage. The physics building, provided for in past appropriations, is now in course of construction.

DAN C. JONES.

Σ A E House, 1550 Neil Ave.,  
20 April, 1904.

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

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**S**INCE our last appearance in THE RECORD, Chadwick, a pledgeman, has passed through a very dangerous attack of typhoid fever, and will not be in school during the remainder of this year.

Owing to Chadwick's sickness our banquet was postponed until April 8th. The night will long be remembered by all who were there as one of the happiest events in their fraternity life.

Many social events were given last term, the chief of which were for the Σ A E girls.

ALBERT KING MORRIS.

13 April, 1904.

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**Indiana Beta, Purdue University,  
Lafayette.**

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**A**S Indiana Beta nears the end of this year, it is with great pleasure that she looks back over the



progress of the year and the benefits which we have derived from it. One incident alone marred the year, and that was the irreparable loss of Samuel Squibb, our pledged man, killed in that fatal wreck in Indianapolis last fall.

These first two weeks in April have been very busy days for the likely Freshmen at Purdue, because the time of restriction for initiating Freshmen has just expired.

Since writing the last letter, we have initiated five men—Thomas J. Rison, '07, of Danville, Va.; George W. Hewitt, '07, of Franklin Grove, Ill.; Howard M. Clark, '07, of Fredonia, N. Y.; William E. Webbe, '06, of Chicago, Ill., and Willis B. Dye, of Kokomo, Ind. This makes a total of eight men that have been initiated into the mysteries of Minerva this year in Indiana Beta, and swells our numbers to twenty-five strong. After the usual initiation "stunts" and ceremonies were over, a banquet was given, followed by a strong list of toasts. The rest of the evening was given up to a general social time and, taking it all in all, it was an initiation that Indiana Beta will not soon forget.

Purdue students are all glad that work has actually been begun on the new physics building. It has been promised us for some time, and now at last the ground is broken preparatory to the excavations. This will strengthen the physics department very materially.

The interest of the student-body is now centered on baseball and track activities, in both of which we hope to be successful. The present outlook is very bright, and with good

training our hopes ought to be realized. Indiana Beta is represented on the baseball squad by Collins and Rhodes, both of whom are making a good showing.

Among the interfraternity doings, the Pan-Hellenic dances have figured prominently. The Seniors and Juniors have each given their "Pan" dances, and that of the Sophomores is soon to follow. The time for the opening of the interfraternity baseball games is near at hand, and Indiana Beta intends to work hard for the banner. Great interest is taken in these games by all the Greeks and many of the "barbs."

We are looking forward to the happy times awaiting us this spring, chief among which is our annual house-party, which will take place some time in May. This is a source of great pleasure and benefit to the chapter.

Next June we lose by graduation four of our brothers, T. G. McDougall, E. W. Hyde, R. C. Canterbury, and I. E. Artz. It is with great regret that we see these brothers leave our active chapter life, because they have done so much in building up the strength and reputation of Indiana Beta.

THOMAS W. MACARTNEY.

Σ A E House, 102 Thornell St.

12 April, 1904.

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Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern  
University, Evanston.

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**B**EFORE this edition of THE RECORD is published Illinois Psi-Omega will be located in a new house at 2126 Orrington Avenue. Our new home is a large and conven-

iently located house, able to accommodate at least twenty of our men. Four or five of our boys intend to stay in the house during the summer vacation. We intend to open the new home with an informal dance and a dinner party.

This week the interfraternity baseball league begins its schedule. Of the nine fraternities in school eight have entered the league. No man on the Varsity squad is allowed to play in these games, and so we all have a fair chance. The pennant was won by Sigma Nu last year.

In June five of our number will graduate, four from the liberal arts department and one from law school. In losing these men Illinois Psi-Omega loses five of her strongest men, both in the college social circle and in scholarship.

On the evening of April 15 the Northwestern debating team defeated the Michigan team, in the finals of the Central Debating League. This makes two years in succession that Northwestern University has won this debate.

We are all anxiously awaiting the publication of the catalogue, upon which Brother Levere has been working so diligently.

NOAH G. KLOVE.

Σ A E House, 2126 Orrington Ave.,  
17 April, 1904.

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Illinois Beta, University of Illinois,  
Champaign.

**D**R. ANDREW S. DRAPER has handed in his resignation as president of the University of Illinois, and has gone to New York to fill the highest office in that State in educational lines. During the twelve years

Dr. Draper has been here he has reorganized this institution and has lifted it from a second-rate college to a position among the foremost of the colleges and universities of the country. On March 29th the fraternities and sororities made him an informal call in a body to express the sentiments of regret which were universal among the student-body.

On Sunday, March 13th, we celebrated Founders' Day. Two pledged men and several of our alumni and visiting brothers feasted, toasted and smoked with us on that occasion. On April 1st we initiated two men, T. L. Long, '05, and R. J. Emerson, '06, into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

In the interfraternity baseball contest we hope to make an excellent showing, and stand good chances of winning the championship pennant. Our first game is with Phi Gamma Delta.

We are now making elaborate preparations for our annual dance to be given in Elks' auditorium on April 15th, and the annual banquet the following night in the Beardsley hotel. We shall have with us many of our alumni and several brothers from other chapters. We have every reason to believe that these two events will be as successful as any that Illinois Beta has ever given.

GEORGE G. TAYLOR.

Σ A E House, 201 E. Green St.,  
11 April, 1904.

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Illinois Theta, University of Chicago,  
Chicago.

**W**E began the spring quarter on April 1 with the loss of three men, Brothers Moore and Early, who

will return in the fall, and Workman, who probably will not be with us again. Fairweather, who has been ill with typhoid fever, is not yet able to return, and will not be with us until the fall quarter. However, we were encouraged by the return of Walker and Matthews, who were not in school during the winter quarter. Brother Matthews has taken up his track work, and we expect him to do us proud in the spring meets. Since our last report we have initiated three men and have at present one pledge.

On March 9th this chapter attended the Founders' Day banquet, given by the Chicago Alumni Association. On Friday evening, April 15, occurred the great social event of the college year, the Pan-Hellenic promenade. The fraternities feel that this event was in every way a success; and though it was the first of its kind ever given here, it will probably be repeated and will take the place of the individual annual fraternity balls. All the fraternities were represented except D. K. E., who did not wish to give up her ball. Our chapter was well represented and was supported by a large attendance from the chapter at Northwestern University.

On March 9th we received the glad news of the birth of Raymond Devotie Mock, the son of Harry Mock, of Indiana Alpha, one of the men who helped to found our chapter last year. But on April 13 our hearts were saddened by the death of the child's mother, Vetha H. Mock, whom we had all learned to honor as a loyal friend of this Fraternity.

GUY F. WAKEFIELD.

Σ A E House, 6116 Lexington Ave.,  
16 April, 1904.

### Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

THE College of Medicine at Minnesota will be greatly improved by the new \$100,000 laboratory of pathology and hygiene authorized by the last legislature. One of the doctors has just returned from abroad, and he will use the ideas gathered in Europe to make the laboratory thoroughly up to date.

We recently had a very pleasant visit from Brother Urni Duncan, now connected with the Englewood branch of the Chicago Y. M. C. A.

Dunn and Smith have just returned from a week's trip with the college band. Strong, who made second place on the gym squad, went to New York with the squad, where they met the team of Columbia University.

The winter has held on so long that it has delayed baseball practice. We have three men trying for the team, and expect to land at least the positions of pitcher and second base.

Brother Blecker, of Colorado Chi, who is married and living in Minneapolis, visited us a couple of days ago. He is contemplating studying medicine here next year.

Our articles of incorporation, which are largely copied from those of the Illinois Beta Association, are in the hands of our attorney, and we expect to be incorporated by the first of May.

Our Junior miners are getting ready for the yearly trip of the Junior class to the Western mining district. They will leave in about a fortnight and will go to California for a six weeks' stay.

C. N. HENSEL.

Σ A E House, 112 Church St., S. E.  
13 April, 1904.



Wisconsin Alpha, University of  
Wisconsin, Madison.

SO FAR this year Wisconsin Alpha has been pushing steadily forward. Being the newest national fraternity at Wisconsin, we feel we have more than held our own. We are twenty-six strong, including three new men we put through on March 28th. There are also four pledges on the waiting list, anxious to ride the goat before school closes. A goodly number of men leave school this year, but our alumni are already scouting around for fresh material.

Claude M. Vail has left college for good. He expects to go into journalism.

It has been our pleasure to have Dr. E. W. Wenstrand with us for a few days. Dr. Wenstrand is now located in Milwaukee, and has hopes of forming an alumni association there in the near future.

Another brother from afar recently spent a short time with us—Evan E. Young, who hails from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he is now practicing law, and who had some very wild and woolly tales of the Northwest to relate.

It will be our misfortune to lose Brother William Lloyd Davis in a few days. He starts for Kalispell, Montana, to take charge of the public schools in that city. Brother Davis has done much for Wisconsin Alpha.

The fraternities, like all the other student organizations, have caught the baseball fever. The interfraternity baseball league has arranged a schedule of games, which are now being played. This year  $\Sigma A E$  puts in a strong bid for the cup.

There seems to be a general movement of the chapters here to build houses. Phi Kappa Psi is now well fixed in her new home. Sigma Chi is breaking ground for a new \$10,000 house to be finished in the fall. Phi Delta Theta is drawing up plans for building in the immediate future. Wisconsin Alpha is still very young, but she is nevertheless "making eyes" at some schemes to build within a reasonable length of time.

Since the last letter some of the brothers have gained more or less recognition in university life—Robert H. Whyman and Ralph T. Craigo have been elected to the honorary engineering fraternity, Tau Beta Pi. Fred R. MacKenzie has been chosen an editor of the Wisconsin *Literary Magazine*. George R. Gove, leader and director of the mandolin club for the last two years, has returned from a very successful trip through the West with the Varsity musical organizations.

One of the biggest affairs the students have yet attempted will be the jubilee banquet given in the gymnasium April 23. Plates will be laid for over one thousand two hundred people. Former Governor Peck, of *Peck's Sun* fame, will deliver the principal toast.

The co-eds have taken advantage of leap year in giving a leap-year dance on the sixteenth of April. The fair ones are making out the programmes and standing all expenses. The faculty, however, have put their veto on the idea of the girls calling for the young men, and that attractive feature will necessarily be dispensed with.

The event of the year for the en-

gineering students was held April 14 in the form of a minstrel show. The performance was a huge success, Brother William Bradform doing one of the stellar "stunts."

Wisconsin Alpha hopes to meet

brothers from all over the country in St. Louis this summer.

A. R. COLBURN.

Σ A E House, 615 Lake St.,  
14 April, 1904.

## P R O V I N C E   E P S I L O N .

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

**G**EORGIA BETA has had hard luck in the way of losing men all during this year. We have been working hard, nevertheless, and hope to have a good beginning for next year.

Of the college honors Georgia Beta has her share. We have four men on the baseball team and two subs. On the track we are represented by three brothers. In literary lines we have three Sophomore declaimers and a Sophomore debater. All the brothers are taking great interest in fraternity and college affairs.

We hope all the other chapters of the Fraternity are having success and prosperity.

C. H. COX.

Σ A E House,  
20 April, 1904.

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

**G**EORGIA PSI is approaching the close of what has been in many respects her most successful season in several years. The chapter has been small (as is the case with all the other fraternities here), but vigorous and enthusiastic.

On March 9th the active members of the chapter, together with a num-

ber of alumni, enjoyed the annual Founders' Day banquet. Col. Claude Estes filled the toastmaster's chair and gracefully introduced the successive speakers, who responded heartily to the toasts so dear to the heart of every Sigma Alph. Some of those present had not attended a banquet of the Fraternity for several years, but agreed that if they had been fully aware of all that they had missed they would never have failed to be present at a single one in the past.

On April 7th the University of Georgia and Mercer played the first game of a series in this city. In addition to the three men on the Georgia nine, several of the Beta boys accompanied their team, and spent a most delightful evening with us after the game. We hope to have the pleasure of welcoming other brothers on visiting teams during the baseball season. Brother Wilberforce, of New York Alpha, also looked in on us last week.

We are now beginning to plan our summer campaign for new men. This plan resulted most successfully last year and we hope, by hard and consistent work, to secure next fall a large number of the best men for Σ A E.

ROOSEVELT P. WALKER.

10 April, 1904.

Georgia Epsilon, Emory College,  
Oxford.

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FOR the fourth and last time during the session of 1903 and 1904, Georgia Epsilon sends greetings to her sister chapters. We are now, on nearing the end of this college year, congratulating ourselves on the success of Georgia Epsilon during the present session. Not by any one or two men has this been attained, but by the concerted work of every man in the chapter, along with an unusual amount of fraternity spirit among the brothers. At the beginning of the fall term we were somewhat disheartened by the fact that we only succeeded in landing three good men. Since the year has passed it seems that it was very providential that we did not get as many men as on the two preceding years. It made each brother feel that, as there were not so many men in the chapter, the success of the year depended upon what he, individually and with the other brothers, would do. It proved to us that overconfidence is one of the worst evils that can possibly come to a chapter.

Now that the track teams are at work, and a great deal of interest is being taken in them by college men everywhere, we are glad to say that Georgia Epsilon has two men on the Emory team, which is working hard to meet the University of Georgia and the Georgia School of Technology in May. Barron is doing stunts at the broad jump and hundred-yard dash, and Crovatt is performing with the pole and figuring in the 440-yard dash.

The baseball season is now in full

swing, and our men are very conspicuous on the diamond. McCamey, one of this year's initiates, is considered the best twirler in school. He pitched a one hit game last Friday and thereby won the game himself, as his support was rather weak. We have three men on the Junior team, three on the Sophomore and two on the Senior.

This is also the time of the year when the boys are discussing the representation on the commencement stage. We will be represented among the Seniors by Thomson. The speakers' places in the two upper classes are awarded on class-standing. Thomson was one of the eight men to be awarded a speaker's place in the Junior class last year. Martin, E. B., will hold up his end on the Sophomore stage, and he too was one of last year's speakers.

On the twelfth of March Georgia Epsilon celebrated Founders' Day with a banquet in the chapter-house. This was the most elaborate celebration Georgia Epsilon has ever had. Several of our alumni were with us on that occasion.

By far the most delightful social event Georgia Epsilon has ever had was a banquet given on the eleventh of April, at the Porter Hotel, Covington, Ga., to the young ladies of Oxford and Covington. The banquet board was very elaborate, the colors of the Fraternity being worked into the decoration scheme very prettily. After a delightful menu, interesting and witty toasts were given by several of the brothers. Merry feet were then kept going to the strains of a splendid orchestra until the wee small hours had ar-



rived. The evening ended with a rousing  $\Sigma$  A E yell.

J. EVANS STRATFORD.

$\Sigma$  A E House,  
13 April, 1904.

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Georgia Phi, Georgia School of  
Technology, Atlanta.

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**D**URING the past term our chapter has suffered by the loss of two members, but there are still twenty-six names on our roll, and Georgia Phi can still boast of having the largest chapter in college.

We are nearing the close of one of the most successful years of our history, and although we lose seven men by graduation, we will have left nineteen who will return in the fall to uphold Georgia Phi's reputation in the future.

We celebrated Founders' Day in appropriate manner. Our chapter dance was given on the night of the 8th, and about twenty couples enjoyed the occasion.

The Tech is gradually moving to the front in athletics, and we shall probably have one of the best ball teams this spring ever put out by the institution. Up to the present time we have played four games with college teams, winning all. The track team is showing up splendidly, and the chapter has several members who are prominent candidates for places.

Since our last chapter-letter the  $\Pi$  K A fraternity has installed a chapter at Tech. The new chapter numbers seven men, and we gladly welcome them among us. This is the ninth fraternity to be established at this institution, and all of them are

in a flourishing condition at the present time.

In closing it is pleasant to state that Garrard Haines has been appointed assistant manager of the track team, and Charles H. Strong is president of the Tech Athletic Association.

CHARLES H. EDMONDSON.

9 April, 1904.

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Alabama Iota, Southern University,  
Greensboro.

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**S**INCE our last letter Alabama Iota has been most delightfully entertained at an informal stag banquet given to the chapter by Brother E. L. Crawford at his home here. The dining-room was beautifully decorated with royal purple and old gold, and the hearty reception extended to us by our host and his young wife soon made each brother feel thoroughly at home, and the evening was given over to the enjoyment of a pleasant discussion of local fraternity affairs. Brother Crawford has recently come here to assume the duties of pastor of the Methodist church, and his presence adds much to the strength of our chapter in Greensboro.

The chapter has certainly enjoyed a year of prosperity. Everything seems to have worked together for our success. Every brother is filled to overflowing with fraternity love and pride, and congeniality reigns supreme among us. Our meeting-room has recently undergone extensive repairs, and now we can boast of the most beautiful hall in college.

We are anticipating with much pleasure our annual picnic, which

will be given on the 7th of May. This has always been one of the most pleasant occasions of the entire year and we feel sure that this year will prove no exception to the rule.

Brothers Frank Gamble, Ben Threadgill and E. B. Dunlap have recently paid the chapter a visit. We always welcome those brothers back among us who have labored so earnestly for the promotion of the cause of Σ A E during their college days.

Our showing for next year is better than we could anticipate for some years past. Ten men in every way qualified for work will probably be upon the ground at the opening of school, and the results of their work are pretty well assured.

J. D. CHAPPELLE.

30 April, 1904.

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Alabama Mu, University of Alabama,  
University.

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THE Lenten season is over and college will soon close, so that from now on, jollities will be frequent. The dancing committee has granted the petition of Alabama Mu for a dance on the 29th, and we anticipate good times galore on that occasion. Several of the alumni will be present.

The banquet last month was a complete success. The table was purple with violets, the flower of Σ A E. The members enjoyed several excellent addresses by active members and the local alumni, and after all else was over, the hall rang with the thrilling and inspiring songs of the Fraternity.

Our baseball team this year, as usual, is composed of fine material,

and is easily the equal of any nine which they are booked to meet. They play their most formidable rivals this week, but are confident of success. Truman Smith upholds his past record as a star player.

A large attendance at the summer school is expected this year. So many applications have already been received that the city will be taxed to its utmost to accommodate the students. It is hoped that the railroad line, which parallels the right bank of the river, will be completed before the opening of the session, and the summer students will enjoy many a refreshing trip along the beautiful banks of the Warrior.

RITTENHOUSE M. SMITH.

11 April, 1904.

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

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ALABAMA ALPHA-MU now has nineteen men on her roll, having lost Brother Hobbie, who has left college since our last letter.

In the election of the officers for the class german clubs we secured more than our quota, getting four out of the seven in the Freshman class alone, and being well represented in the others. McElderry has been chosen leader of three dances. This in a measure proves our social standing in college.

The chapter celebrated Founders' Day by an informal banquet tendered by the old men to the new. Toasts were responded to by several members, and the entire evening was full of good cheer and fraternity enthusiasm.

We are making preparations to

give a big dance during commencement. Last year our dance was conceded to be one of the very best, and we fully expect to sustain our reputation this year.

We will lose five of our best men by graduation this year, but the summer and fall months will not find us idle, and by diligent and strenuous rushing we expect to initiate as many new men as we have the misfortune to lose by graduation. So our chapter for next year will be as large and strong as at present.

In a short while we shall depart from the old college—most of us—to separate for the holidays; but I am sure that every member of Alabama Alpha-Mu will look back with pleasure upon the good old times spent in

each other's company, and will look forward to the reunion in the fall as a happy event. The graduates will leave us to return no more as active members. May their alumni record be as full of pleasure and profit as each and every one affirms his active membership to have been.

Every member of Alabama Alpha-Mu is full of fraternity enthusiasm, which is indicative of a successful rushing season and a congenial year to all concerned. Should any brother happen to be in our vicinity, nothing would give us more pleasure than a visit from him.

C. E. BATTLE, JR.

Σ A E Hall,  
21 April, 1904.

## PROVINCE ZETA.

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

As the end of the year approaches it is well to look back and compare it with what we hoped to make it when we first came back in the fall. Taken as a whole, the year has been a successful one for Missouri Alpha. We were fortunate in the rushing season in getting those men whom we thought desirable, and we were fortunate in finding that these men were even of better stuff than we had expected. We have rented, furnished and successfully operated the most expensive chapter-house in town, our men have been thoroughly congenial, and we have maintained our old standard of absolute harmony within the chapter.

These and other things have made

the year successful, but on the other hand, we have left undone many things which we hoped to accomplish. We had hoped to raise entirely, or at least in part, the sum still due upon our lot, but have not been able to do so. We had intended to emphasize many of those little features which go to make up the policy of the Fraternity, but in many cases we have let things go on as before; nevertheless, even with some mistakes and things undone, we can say without prejudice that Missouri Alpha has gone forward and not backward.

We are at present enjoying short visits from Brother Dalby, of Sedalia, and Brother Brown, of Kansas City. The former is now in business with his father, while the latter will finish his course next year in medicine in Kansas City.



During the last month two Pan-Hellenic movements have been started here. The first was an interfraternity baseball league, in which all the fraternities here have joined, and will play for a cup furnished by the league. The winner of the cup for the coming year has not yet been decided, since only a few games of the preliminaries have been played.

The second movement is one which has for its object the elimination of active rushing, or even of talking of fraternities to any Freshman until the last week in November. At this time written invitations are to be extended by the individual fraternities to any men whom they may desire for membership. The friends of the movement claim that it will give the fraternities a more dignified position in the school and will insure them against the possibility of initiating during the rushing a man whom they would not initiate later. Its opponents claim that the scheme has been tried at other places and has failed, causing a good deal of hard feeling to exist between fraternities; that it will react financially against the chapter-houses, and that it will result in diminishing the chapter-roll of each fraternity here represented. As yet it is too early to be able to state definitely what the outcome will be.

It may be well to state here that Phi Delta Theta has bought a house to be used by them during the coming year. For the benefit of our alumni who are familiar with the town, I will mention that it is the Gorth property. Phi Delta Theta does not intend to make this a permanent home, but has bought it more

as an investment, thinking that the property will increase in value and can be readily sold again when they find it possible to build. As far as is known, no other fraternities here have any definite plans for owning chapter-houses except ourselves.

When the May RECORD comes out we shall—most of us—be thinking about leaving school, some of us for the last time. It has always been said that the Seniors take an important part in the conducting of a chapter, and that the Senior fallacy is the belief that the chapter will certainly go to pieces when some of the younger men are in control; however, in the present case, we who graduate are confident that the chapter will be more energetically and more successfully conducted next year than this, and our only regret on leaving is based upon personal grounds. We are sure that next year will find the boys as zealous in guarding the honor and position of our chapter as ever, and we confidently commend it to their care.

Wishing for Missouri Alpha and for Sigma Alpha Epsilon everywhere a most successful year in 1904-1905,

LEE E. PHILBROOK.

Σ A E House,

14 April, 1904.

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Missouri Beta, Washington University,  
St. Louis.

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ALL the Sigma Alphas in this city are looking forward with great anticipation to July 14, Σ A E Day at the World's Fair. On that day we are hoping to meet Sigmas from all over the country. The whole university is anxiously awaiting the

opening day of the World's Fair; for after April 30th the students will take a lay-off and will try to forget their studies. It will take more than mental persuasion to get work out of the students while the fair is on. We want all Sig Alphas who come to St. Louis for the fair to be sure to look us up at our house. We should like to have our quarters used as much as possible as a meeting-place and rendezvous for all the men of the Fraternity.

Our Founders' Day banquet was held at the Mission Athletic Club on the evening of March 9th, and was highly enjoyed. The success of the banquet was due to the efforts of the local alumni association, who had it in charge. The chapter greatly enjoyed the visit of Brother Mathews, of Illinois Theta, who was with us on two occasions in March.

Rushing for next fall is very lively among the fraternities now. We have pledged one man and have several other good men in sight.

R. MORGAN SAYLOR.

Σ A E House, 2824 Washington Ave.  
13 April, 1904.

Nebraska Lambda-Pi, University of  
Nebraska, Lincoln.

SINCE the last issue of THE RECORD Lambda-Pi has initiated three men—Coryell, Lahr and Cramb. We now have thirty active men, eighteen of whom live in the chapter-house. We will lose Ware, Townsend and Greenwald by graduation this year, but they are all men who will do us much good even out of school.

On March 4th we gave a dance for

our Alumni, a great many of whom were here for our Founders' Day banquet, which took place the following evening. Sixty Sigma Alphas were present on the latter occasion, and it was one of the most successful banquets the chapter ever gave. Crooks, '03, acted as toastmaster. Besides our own alumni there were with us Sanford, of Michigan Iota-Beta, president of Province Zeta; Brady, Indiana Beta, and Winship, Colorado Zeta.

Sigma Tau, a local Junior-Senior fraternity of which Brother Ware is a charter member, was formally organized this year. It promises to be one of the most successful honorary fraternities in the University.

An interfraternity baseball league has been formed, and any doubts as to the respective merits of the various fraternities on the diamond will soon be cleared away.

The Pan-Hellenic Congress will give its annual barbecue in the near future. The Pan-Hellenic dance, the last dance of the year, will be given in the latter part of May.

R. S. WHEELER.

Σ A E House, 1228 R St.,  
30 March, 1904.

Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas,  
Lawrence.

AT this time of year—the time of the spring letter—with no rushing experiences to relate and warm weather setting in, outdoor athletics become the principal point of interest in the chapter letters. The baseball season has opened, and at Kansas the national game is the central point of interest at present.

The Varsity is practicing hard and is expecting to make a good showing this year. The interfraternity schedule has been made out and the first two games will be played the last week in April. Several of the fraternities have strong teams and an interesting series of games will be played. The class and school teams have organized also and will open their schedule on the 16th of April, when the Sophomores play the Freshmen. Gofford is captain of the Sophomore team this year and Roy Filkin has the managership of the Seniors.

There has been quite a revival of interest in track athletics here this spring, which is due partly to a much better schedule and trip which have been offered to the team, and partly to the unexpected showing of the indoor track team in Kansas City this spring. We meet Missouri University and Washington University of St. Louis at St. Louis in May, and the trip makes quite an inducement to hard work.

The first social event of importance since before Lent was the party given by Kappa Kappa Gamma last Friday evening. At this time we enjoyed a visit from Brother Forrester, who was up from Kansas City for the party. Invitations are also out for the Pi Phi Annual on the 22d. Another important event in

University circles will be the Junior Prom, expected to be given next Friday evening, the 15th. Brothers Hine and O'Neil are members of the Junior Prom committee, and Hine is at present expecting to take part in the Junior farce to be given that night. Sigma Alpha Epsilon will give an informal dance for her own members on the 16th of April.

On the afternoon of the 9th of March we had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Bunting. Much to our regret, however, he was unable to stay for our Founders' Day banquet in the evening. There was no one but the members of our chapter present at our celebration on Founders' Day, but we had a banquet at our house in the evening and a number of interesting and instructive toasts.

We are very sorry to have to write of the departure of one of our members. Brother Holliday found it impossible to remain in school longer, and left for his home in Indianapolis last week. Brother Holliday was one of our strongest men, and we are very glad to have the history of our chapter in the catalogue and province annual as memorials to his work for our chapter and Fraternity.

ASTLEY B. PURTON.

Σ A E House, 94 Vermont St.,  
14 April, 1904.

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**Colorado Chi, University of Colorado,  
Boulder.**

**T**HE termination of spring vacation finds us with seventeen men to see the chapter to the close of one of its most successful years.

College interests are now naturally turning to the track and the baseball diamond, and every one expects our teams to do great things in their respective lines. We have four men on the baseball team, and several in



the track squad from which the team will ultimately be picked.

The Glee Club, under the leadership of Brother Jones, has just returned from the most successful trip in its history. In addition to Jones, we had three men in the club.

The chapter wishes to compliment Brother Levere on the record-book he has compiled and distributed amongst the chapters. It was something that was very greatly needed, and this book certainly fills the bill.

We are, as a chapter, very enthusiastic at present about a new house, as through the constant efforts of Brother Lazell and other alumni, we can now count on being in a house of our own within the next year.

Since our last letter, Sigma Phi Epsilon has established a chapter here. This makes the seventh fraternity in the University.

ARTHUR R. MORRISON.

Σ A E House, 1121 Thirteenth St.,  
11 April, 1904.

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Colorado Zeta, Denver University,  
University Park.

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THE spring term has opened here again, and with it comes increased activity on the track and field, as well as along the line of studies attending the approach of final examinations.

All but two of our chapter are back, Harry Allen failing to return and Charles Hawke entering at Colorado College.

During the spring vacation the glee club toured the northern part of the State, singing to crowded houses everywhere. We of Colorado

Zeta feel proud of the club, because of the fact that of the sixteen members seven are Sigmas. The manager is also a Sigma.

The University will not put out a baseball team this year, but all the energies will be put forth to place a winning track team in the field, to land the State intercollegiate cup. Two of our chapter have made the team, as it is picked at the present time.

A great affliction has come upon our chapter and upon our Fraternity in the death of Brother Edward Stauffer, who passed away on March 1st, at St. Anthony's Hospital, in this city. The funeral was held the following afternoon in the college chapel, six of the brothers acting as pall-bearers. Brother Stauffer graduated in the class of 1903, taking the degrees of A. B. and A. M. He was always a faithful and consistent worker, and his character may well be summed up in the words of one of the leaders of the Methodist church in Colorado. He said of Brother Stauffer, "I never knew a better man."

Colorado Zeta is already laying plans for the summer and fall rushing season, and when the autumn rolls around again we hope to land a goodly bunch of fellows within the precincts of our cherished fraternity.

W. D. STEELE.

11 April, 1904.

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Colorado Lambda, State School of  
Mines, Golden.

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OUR last letter to THE RECORD before the brothers scatter for the summer finds every one hard at

work—at least making a respectable try for the finals, which are now close at hand.

Commencement this year takes place early in June, when we lose Larsh, Lee and Robinson by graduation. They will receive the degree of E. M., this being the only degree conferred by the Colorado School of Mines at the present time. Larsh and Lee are two of our oldest men, and were originally members of the "Lofter's" local.

The school is to be represented at the St. Louis exposition by an assay and chemical laboratory, which will be located in the Building of Mines and Metallurgy. Students of the institution are to have charge of the furnaces and do chemical determinations, etc. Several of our boys have been selected to be there, and any Sigmas taking in the mines exhibit are invited to look them up.

On April 15th the annual smoker, consisting of athletic events and a subsequent dance, takes place. It is given in the interest of the athletic association, and, excepting the Junior Prom, is the big event of the season.

Baseball is now receiving full attention, and we hope to be on hand with the material and have several representatives on the team. We have gotten up an  $\Sigma A E$  nine, and have several games scheduled.

Brother Levere is certainly to be congratulated upon his work in getting up the new record-book. He has given the chapters a means of handy and reliable reference and the Fraternity an efficient method of permanent record.

We have not taken in any new

men recently, but are going to initiate one of our last term's pledges to-night. Here's hoping that the trusty old Sigma goat may be in good form, and the initiation such a one as will install everlasting patriotism in the neophyte who is so honored by old  $\Sigma A E$ .

ROBERT McCART, JR.

$\Sigma A E$  House,  
8 April, 1904.

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California Alpha, Stanford University, Palo Alto.

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**A**PRIL at Stanford finds us approaching the end of the semester. College closes on the 12th of May and after a few days of commencement the campus is deserted. We lose two men by graduation this year, and one other, Blake, expects to go to Harvard next year.

This has probably been California Alpha's most successful year. We have had prominent men in all college activities. For instance, in the recent intercollegiate field meet with Berkeley, Harry Lanagan made ten points for Stanford, coming in first in both high and low hurdles. Both events were the most spectacular affairs of the meet. The *San Francisco Chronicle*, speaking of Lanagan's achievement, said: "As Lanagan won the second set of hurdles, and his brother, the graduate football coach, caught him proudly by the bare arms and escorted him toward the dressing-shed, the Stanford partisans rose en masse and yelled in delirious joy."

In baseball, two of the brothers, Blake and Sales, made their "S." Sales pitched two very exciting games

against California, and although we were unsuccessful in the last game, Sales carried off the honors. Sales is considered the best pitcher Stanford has had since the days of Mc-Millan.

Another important college event in which the brothers took especial pride was the Junior farce. It was written by Brother Thorpe, and one of the leading parts was taken by Barnett. "The Man from Mizzoury" was the most successful college farce ever produced here. It was a musical comedy and all the music was written by Thorpe. Since the production, several of the selections have been printed by publishers and have sold well wherever Stanford men and women are found. Thorpe was also the author of the "Junior Plug Ugly," another musical comedy which was a decided success.

The alumni banquet on the 14th went off in great style. There were some seventy-five present, including all the active members of Beta and Alpha. Among others, James Neill, of Georgia Beta, delivered a splendid toast on "Fraternity Ideals." When Neill was in San Jose, the brothers all went down to his production of "Pud'n' Head Wilson." The jurors in the last act were made up of active members of this chapter.

In summing up our activity for the year it is particularly pleasing to all of us to look back and see the important places the brothers have filled. We have the coach of the football team; two men on the Freshman team; the editors of the *Daily Palo Alto* and the *Stanford Alumnus*; three on the Glee Club; two on the Man-

dolin Club; two men on the track team; the pitcher on the baseball team; the author of the "Junior Plug Ugly" and the musical comedy, "The Man from Mizzoury"; the leader of the orchestra and the band; three men in "Sword and Sandals," the dramatic organization; one in Phi Delta Phi, the law society; one in the Quadrangle Club; six men in college farces, including three leading men; one editor on both the *Sequoid* and *Chapparral*; the manager of the *Sequoid*; one on the Sophomore debating team, and two in the finals of the intercollegiates.

It might be interesting to say here that in the recent field meet, Doll, of Stanford, broke the world's record in vaulting at 12 feet, 11-10 inches. Doll comes from a wonderful family of athletes. Five brothers have been at Stanford, and all have made good in some branch of activity. They play as important part in Stanford athletics as the Poesdo at Princeton. The Dolls are all members of Beta Theta Pi.

As this is California Alpha's last letter this year, she extends best wishes to all sister chapters, and again renews her invitation to wandering brothers.

GEORGE D. LYMAN.

Σ A E House,  
23 April, 1904.

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California Beta, University of  
California, Berkeley.

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CALIFORNIA BETA closes for the summer on the fourteenth of May, after a most successful and prosperous year.



We graduate one man this year, Arthur Halloran, from the mining department. He is a man who has been very prominent in college circles and, above all, an enthusiastic and hard-working Sigma Alph. For the past six months he has held the important position of editor of the *California Journal of Technology*, a paper published monthly by the students in the scientific departments. He is also captain of one of the companies in the military department.

One of the most enjoyable evenings spent by us this year was on the 15th of March, when James Neill, of Neill and Morosco Co., presented us with boxes at "Ye Liberty Play House," in Oakland.

We formed a party of the brothers and their girl friends, and after enjoying the show came out to the chap-

ter-house, where an elaborate supper was spread, Brother and Mrs. Neill being the guests of honor.

I might add that the Sigmas from California Alpha and Beta are doing pretty well in the matrimonial way. In the course of the past fourteen or fifteen months sixteen brothers have taken the sacred vows, and one more soon to become a benedict.

California Beta looks forward to a most successful opening in August. Twelve old men will be back, four pledged men will enter, and we have a number of good men in sight.

We extend a most hearty invitation to all Sigmas who may be visiting in California, to come to our chapter-house at Berkeley and spend a few days with us.

FRANK B. KELLOGG.

Σ A E House,  
25 April, 1904.

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## P R O V I N C E   T H E T A .

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Louisiana Epsilon, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

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NO LETTER RECEIVED.

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Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, Tulane University, New Orleans.

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**T**HE time has again come around when the eminent correspondent must betake himself to a secluded place and write his assigned chapter-letter for *THE RECORD*. Tau-Upsilon reports little in the news line, but preparations are active for many things. To begin with, the University is intensely interested in baseball, for Tulane confidently expects to have a team well worthy of our

college. The team, by the way, is coached by one of the most loyal Sigma Alphas who ever wore our badge, Edward McGehee. Brother McGehee is one of this chapter's alumni, and is coaching the team without compensation. Tulane has taken up the alumni system of coaching, both in football and baseball, and it has proved an unqualified success.

When the football season opened things looked desperate, as there was hardly enough money in the treasury of the Athletic Association to pay for a coach. One of the alumni, an old Varsity man, came forward and volunteered his services. The team he brought out proved a

very good one, and won much glory. It has been decided to repeat the same experiment, if possible, in baseball, and Brother McGehee is the volunteer this time. This is the first year since its existence that Tau-Upsilon has not had a man on the Varsity nine. But we may claim some credit for its existence, as one of our chapter is coaching it.

By the time this letter will have been published, our chapter and alumni will have given their first annual banquet, which is scheduled to occur on the 16th of April. Hitherto we have given a dance, but this year we decided to substitute for it a dinner.

Theta Nu Epsilon at Tulane is now a thing of the past. That society has become inactive. The rest of the fraternities seem to be in a state of prosperity, however.

At the academic department this session, which is the main source of fraternity material, there have been 238 students, of which 100 are in fraternities. Very few fraternities initiate law or medical men unless they are exceptionally good fellows.

Tau Upsilon takes pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large their latest find, George H. Mills, '07, who we are sure has all the necessary qualifications for making a loyal Sigma Alph. Brother Mills was initiated during the latter part of March. This gives us a chapter of fifteen.

Our outlook for next year is good, although six men will be lost by failure to return to college and by graduation. But, with our two pledges and other prospectives, we hope to make good the deficiency.

WILLIAM KERNAN DART.

7 April, 1904.

Mississippi Gamma, University of  
Mississippi, University.

THE second term has been a quiet one for the chapter. Elmer was called home by illness in his family, but is with us again after a month's absence. No new names have been added to the roll of Mississippi Gamma since our last communication through THE RECORD, but the chapter is steadily developing internally. Though all of our men are young, both in age and fraternity experience, all are enthusiastic and anxious to display our loyalty to Σ A E in working for her prosperity. The most interesting event this season was the fraternity victory in the legislature. A desperate attempt was made to abolish fraternities, but the societies proved themselves too strong for the "antis," and won a more complete victory than was expected. We believe that fraternities are now safe in the University.

The fraternities in the University with active membership are as follows: Δ Ψ, 17; Δ K E, 17; Φ Δ Θ, 15; K A, 15; Z Ψ, 12; Φ K Ψ, 12; Σ A E, 8; Δ T Δ, 6. The laws of the University prohibit the entrance of any more fraternities.

Much interest is now being taken in the baseball season. Having two men on the team, Elmer and Johnson, G. M., we are as well represented as any other fraternity.

We look forward with great pleasure to the approaching National Convention at Memphis, and if possible are going in a body. This being our last letter for this session, we wish for all sister chapters a glorious success in winning many good Freshmen

for next session. We are going to work with a determination to succeed.

ROY L. HEIDELBERG.

6 April, 1904.

Texas Rho, University of Texas,  
Austin.

TEXAS RHO, at the beginning of the present college year, was severely handicapped by two serious difficulties: the failure to return of no less than eleven of our sixteen men of 1902-3, and a new faculty regulation prohibiting rushing first-year men until after January 16th. This regulation was especially injurious to our chapter because of its weakened condition, and by reason of the inability of any of our alumni to be present when the rushing season did commence.

Among the men who failed to return were some of the most influential in the last year's chapter. They include Prendergast, elected captain of this year's football team, and probably the greatest tackle the Varsity has ever had; Bartholomew, president of the Students' Association; Joel Samuel, Kirkpatrick, Moore, and others.

Of the five men who did return two were unable to do much active

work because of the pressure of post graduate studies. However, we had one unexpected blessing in the acquisition from Missouri Alpha of Brother Andrew W. Hockenull, one of the most influential and popular men in our law department.

We have, in spite of all our discouragements, worked hard to put our chapter back into its old position, and have to a large extent succeeded. We have now ten men, the initiates including some of the best material in college.

The chapter greatly enjoyed the visit of Brother George S. Keepers, Illinois Psi-Omega, who was sent by the national Fraternity to assist us. Unfortunately Brother Keepers did not reach us until after the pledging season had passed. With his assistance, however, we were able to pledge two splendid fellows, besides the two we had already secured.

The chapter hopes to have with us next year W. T. Bartholomew and Scarbrough, Tennessee Omega, who will both be in Austin during the "open season for Freshmen." We expect to have a chapter-house next session. The condition of the chapter during the first of this year forbade our retaining our former house.

ED. COWEN CONNOR.

10 April, 1904.

### PROVINCE IOTA.

Kentucky Kappa, Central University,  
Danville.

SINCE our last letter, nothing of great moment has occurred. Kappa is still enjoying a most pros-

perous career, and the even tenor of her way remains uninterrupted.

At present we number sixteen active members. We miss Crenshaw, '07, of Dermott, Ark., who discontinued his work and returned home.



Our last initiate is F. B. Ezell, of Pine Bluff, Ark., whom we gladly receive into the fold.

All the brothers seem imbued with the true principles of our order, and each day brings out more spirit and earnest endeavor to further the influence of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The baseball squad is now in the midst of its practice, and among the number are five Sigma Alphas, one having dropped out by reason of injuries. In the games played to date, three Sigma Alphas have played and showed up well. The prospects are bright for a winning chapter team, while we are sure to capture many honors on the tennis court.

Class honors, also, are still falling to our lot. At the election of the staff for the annual of 1905, both of our Juniors were elected associate editors. McQueen has been elected a carnival director from the Sophomore class. At the intercollegiate oratorical contest, Central was represented by Letcher, who won second honor, and by his creditable work gained no little glory for Central and  $\Sigma A E$ .

One of the most enjoyable entertainments ever given by a chapter here was a box-ball party we gave recently. It was voted by all present a great success.

We lose by graduation this year four men. The chapter will suffer as a result, for seldom are four more enthusiastic men graduated. Though a loss to us, they will be a gain to the ranks of our alumni.

We have enjoyed visits lately from several brothers: C. W. Daniels, Tennessee Eta; W. C. Grimes, Kentucky Kappa, '98, and E. C. Stockton, Kentucky Kappa, '03.

Nowhere are Sigma Alphas more heartily welcomed than here at Central, and we hope all brothers coming this way will stop with us.

DONALD MCQUEEN.

12 April, 1904.

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Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Russellville.

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NO LETTER RECEIVED.

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Kentucky Epsilon, Kentucky State College, Lexington.

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LITTLE of interest to the general Fraternity has happened since our last letter.

Social life, as usual, continues quite gay. The latest attraction was the Junior Promenade, an event always looked forward to with the keenest anticipation. Our big gymnasium, in which the promenade is always held, was divided into equal sections for this occasion, and a section given to each of the fraternities here represented, which they decorated each in their own colors and according to their own tastes. Some very pleasing and artistic designs resulted.

Our basket-ball team this year is well up to the standard and bids fair to hold the championship which last year's team so gallantly won. In every game so far they have easily been the victors. The honor and glory of old  $\Sigma A E$  is most ably upheld by ex-captain Grady, who retains his former position behind the bat.

An interfraternity league has been organized here, from which all first and second team men are barred. A

great deal of enthusiasm has been manifested and some very interesting and highly exciting games between the different fraternities have been played. We find the scheme to be very beneficial indeed in inducing greater congeniality among the Greeks.

Kentucky Epsilon has recently suffered quite a blow by the departure from college of L. A. Buck, one of the most efficient men ever upon her roll.

We were very much pleased indeed to see so many brothers from Kentucky Kappa when their team played here last Friday.

We wish every  $\Sigma A E$  to remember there is always a welcome for him in Lexington.

FRANK M. STONE.

14 April, 1904.

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*Tennessee Zeta, Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville.*

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**T**HE life of the chapter during these spring months has been unusually quiet, though none the less pleasant on that account.

A short while ago, Brother Booth, President of King College, Bristol, Tenn., and one of the most active men of our last year's chapter, came over and paid us a short visit, giving a lecture here on "Seeing Things." We all rejoiced greatly to see Brother Booth again and clasp his hand once more in the familiar grasp.

Baseball has now taken the attention of the students in an athletic way, and we are glad to be able to say that  $\Sigma A E$  will very probably be represented on the Varsity nine by two players, Pickering and Briggs.

The question of the removal of this school to Atlanta, Ga., has never yet been settled. At the time of this writing the board of directors is deliberating on the question. What the final outcome will be is hard to say, though it does not seem very probable that the removal will be effected.

As the commencement season approaches, we are looking forward to seeing some of our alumni back again to enjoy the merry season with us. We earnestly hope that any one coming within our reach will make himself known to us.

SCOTT C. LYON.

13 April, 1904.

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*Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Lebanon.*

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**D**URING the last two or three months we have been rushing men almost as in September, and have secured several of the students who came in with the new term. Besides the three mentioned in our last letter, we have recently initiated J. H. Hendrick, law, '05, and O. A. Bennett, '06. We are already planning a hard and extensive campaign for next fall, and now have several desirable men in view.

Our chapter-house fund and our enthusiasm are both gradually growing, and we feel sure that we will be able to do something definite in that line in the next few weeks.

We recently were visited by Brothers Williams, Tigert and Ferrell from Tennessee Eta, who came here with their college team to play ball. W. B. Holmes, from Nashville, and the Webb brothers, were all in Lebanon

on business recently, but were unable to meet us in our halls.

Frank McGregor, until a few months ago a resident of this town, died in Nashville, February 15th, while en route home from Texas, where he had been for his health. By his death the chapter loses one of the most highly valued of its local alumni.

A. W. SMITH.

15 February, 1904.

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Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville.

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SINCE our last letter to THE RECORD, Tennessee Nu has devoted its time to the strengthening of chapter organization and the development of more instructive and interesting chapter meetings. We have introduced weekly talks upon the founding, extension and general history of the Fraternity. These, supplemented by quizzes upon general fraternity matters, have proven to be of great advantage.

We celebrated Founders' Day with a banquet at one of the city hotels. All of the boys and quite a number of alumni who reside in Nashville were present, and songs to the glory of  $\Sigma$  A E rang out until a late hour. Former Eminent Supreme Archon J. Washington Moore acted as our toastmaster, which guaranteed gracefully conducted ceremonies. The affair was also made an opportunity for increasing the enthusiasm already aroused in the matter of purchasing a permanent home for Tennessee Nu. All indications point towards the happy consummation of our hopes.

$\Sigma$  X opened her new chapter-house

on April 8th with a reception, to which the other fraternities of the University were invited. This house is the finest now at Vanderbilt, but other chapters are said to entertain hopes of removing this enviable reputation from them.

The baseball season has now opened with us, and we expect, as usual, to put out a winning team.

A. F. BLANKS.

$\Sigma$  A E House, 2221 West End Ave.  
9 April, 1904.

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Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

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TENNESSEE KAPPA takes great pleasure in presenting to our brothers John H. Caldwell, in whom we are sure we will find an earnest supporter.

Although this year has been somewhat quiet, yet we have been very successful, as we began the season with only six men and now have enrolled twelve congenial members.

On April 4th University Day was held in behalf of the students, faculty and trustees. Several speeches were made in connection with Tennessee history, and a very handsome portrait of Charles James McClung was presented the University. Mr. McClung was a charter member of the school and helped to lay out the city of Knoxville. He is the great-grandfather of six members of Tennessee Kappa. One of the most popular features of the day was the announcement of a gift of \$10,000 to the institution.

The greatest interest is being taken in baseball this spring, and our prospects for a good team are very fair.



Σ A E is holding her own well, having two men on the team and several other candidates. The hardest games we have scheduled are probably with Cumberland, Sewanee and Alabama Universities, all of which we realize we can win only by steady work. The annual Field Day will be held May 14th, when we hope to make some new records.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to any visiting Sigmas who may come our way this spring.

MATT. G. THOMAS.

12 April, 1904.

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

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AT the opening of the Lent term, all of Tennessee Omega's old men returned with the exception of three. The chapter is in good condition and the greatest amount of enthusiasm is being shown by the men. We are glad to welcome Brother Hicks, an affiliate from Louisiana Epsilon, and to introduce Brother Andrew Crawford, Jr., Columbia, S. C., who has recently been initiated into the mysteries of Σ A E.

F. S. Houghteling, former Eminent Correspondent, completed his course in December, and will return in June to receive his B. A. degree.

The summer girls have not as yet made their appearance here, and social life at Sewanee is at a standstill. Baseball is the only recreation indulged in, and in that line Σ A E is well represented, having the captain of the team, J. W. Croft, and out of the pitchers, W. J. Scarbrough.

G. W. DUNCAN, JR.

Σ A E House,  
25 April, '04.

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

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ON March 9th Tennessee Eta celebrated Founders' Day most fittingly with a banquet given to Σ A E girls. The toasts were interesting and witty, and a general good time was the order of the evening.

We are now meeting in our newly-decorated hall, which is beautiful and extremely Σ A E. A wainscoting of purple encircles the walls forty inches high, and above this the walls are purple, paneled in old gold. In each panel is a lion's head supported by a festoon of fleur-de-lis. The ceiling is a large gold panel bordered with purple, with a wreath and Φ A in each corner and a centerpiece of two crossed-pin designs. Taken all in all it is a handsome and striking room.

We have three men on the nine this year, including Williams, the captain. We are also well represented on the Commencement Literary Society programs.

We lose two good men this year, Peeples and Medling. Ragsdale will also finish, but will be back for post-grad work. We expect to return eleven men.

Rev. P. P. Hale, of Owensboro, Ky., has accepted the chancellorship of the University.

We recently enjoyed a visit from Brother Lucien A. Buck, of Kentucky Epsilon, secretary-treasurer of "Baby Iota." Fry, of Tennessee Eta, was also with us.

Sigma Alphas will always receive a warm welcome in our city.

G. C. ANDERSON, JR.

12 April, 1904.

## Here and There.



Though not formally so, a recent marriage in Charlottesville was virtually an S. A. E. affair. On the afternoon of March 29, Miss Harriet Pendleton Bibb became the bride of Dr. James Park McCallie, Virginia Omicron, '03. The groom's best man was his brother, Spencer M. McCallie, Tennessee Zeta, and Illinois Theta, of the University of Chicago. Among the ushers were Messrs. H. D. McCallie and T. McN. Simpson, Virginia Omicron, of the University of Virginia, and E. L. McCallie, of our chapter at Davidson College.

Dr. McCallie was a student at the University of Virginia, 1896-1903, taking his B.A. and M.A. in 1900, and Ph.D. in astronomy in 1903. For three years he was Vanderbilt Fellow, and for two years assistant in astronomy. Besides being an S. A. E., he was a member of Lambda Pi, the academic fraternity.

"Captain" McCallie is now instructor in mathematics in the Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana.



We have received the following note from our correspondent at the University of Virginia:

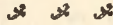
In a clipping from the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, published in the March RECORD, there is a numerical list of college graduates in the last Congress. I take it that this means college alumni, not necessarily degree men. Virginia is underestimated to such an extent that I believe a correction is but proper. Dr. J. M. Page, chairman of the faculty, informs me that he counted fifteen representatives and six senators who are University of Virginia men; and, of course, there was more likelihood of an error of omission than of one of commission. In addition, there are two senators-elect who are Virginia men.

T. MCN. SIMPSON, Jr.



Dr. George H. Kress, Ohio Epsilon, '96, the present exchange editor of THE RECORD, and editor-in-chief of the *Manual*, has re-

cently been appointed assistant editor of the *Los Angeles Medical Journal*, and has charge of the regular department treating of tuberculosis.



We have received the following letter from Messrs. Roehm & Son, the Fraternity jewelers, which offers a timely suggestion to Fraternity men visiting Detroit:

March 12, 1904.

*Mr. H. S. Harrison, Record Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Richmond, Va.*

DEAR SIR: As we have at all times of the year calls from fraternity men who wish to meet local brothers, we thought that possibly something like the following inserted in the next issue of THE RECORD might be of general interest:

Roehm & Son, Detroit, our official jewelers, have on file the names of all local members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, together with their addresses, for the convenience of visiting Sigs. Their store is in the very center of the shopping district, and fraternity men are cordially invited to make that their headquarters for the receiving of mail, writing letters, meeting friends, etc.

Those who wish to go sightseeing will be instructed as to the most advantageous and pleasant trips. Detroit is a beautiful and famous summer town much visited by tourists. Most railroads allow stop-over privileges to through passengers.

Respectfully yours,

ROEHM & SON.



Maine Alpha will move into her own house with the opening of college next fall. The site has been selected, the plans decided upon, and the work will be pushed rapidly forward during the summer. Pennsylvania Theta has just moved into a new house at 3705 Walnut street, which is described as being decidedly superior to her former home on Spruce street. Thanks to the activity of her alumni, notably Edward Lazell, secretary of Province Eta, Colorado Chi sees a reasonable prospect of being in its own house at the opening of the new college year. Our Cumberland chapter reports its building fund to be growing merrily, and sees a good chance of putting some cherished plans into operation before long. Other chapters, too, give evidence that they have grasped the significance of the building idea, and we may hope, with some confidence, for





GRAVE OF NOBLE LESLIE DEVOTIE.  
Buried at Columbus, Ga., 1862.



THE DEVOTIE LOT AT COLUMBUS, GA., SHOWING THE DOUBLE GRAVE IN WHICH NOBLE LESLIE DEVOTIE IS BURIED.

The Monument over his father's grave was placed there by the Georgia Baptists, at a cost of over \$500.



additions to our house-list during the next college year. Texas and Tennessee, finding themselves unexpectedly small in membership, were temporarily out of houses this year, but will undoubtedly be comfortably situated again next autumn. North Carolina and Minnesota have taken out articles of incorporation, those of the latter being modeled after the Illinois Beta Association.



Attention is called to the notice published elsewhere by Missouri Beta, asking all members of the Fraternity who visit the great Louisiana Purchase Exposition to make the chapter-house at 2824 Washington avenue their headquarters. The authorities of the fair have set aside July 14 as Sigma Alpha Epsilon day, and it is hoped that all brothers who are planning to be in St. Louis during the summer will shape their arrangements so as to allow them to be on hand for that day. There will be some sort of a program during the day, with addresses from prominent alumni, a rousing banquet in the evening, and a good time generally. A large turnout is confidently looked for. Men who visit the fair at this time, or any other time, will find it both convenient and pleasant to take advantage of the hospitality of Missouri Beta.



Gordon Matthews, of Jonesboro, president of the Little Rock Alumni Association, and the special representative of the Fraternity in the matter of agitating the repeal of the Arkansas Anti-Fraternity law, was married on April 12 to Miss Bertha Kennedy, of Bonham, Texas.



The following chapters have, despite many reminders, requests and entreaties, refrained from sending in their remittance on account of THE RECORD tax for graduates of 1903:

Massachusetts Gamma, Georgia Beta, Virginia Sigma, Illinois Psi-Omega, Ohio Epsilon, Alabama Alpha-Mu, Kentucky Kappa, Tennessee Kappa, Tennessee Lambda, California Alpha, Colorado Zeta, Colorado Chi, Louisiana Epsilon and Texas Rho.

A communication on this subject from any of the above will be perused with real interest.



Pennsylvania Theta's new ornamental badge, cut of which is shown on the opposite page, is made of solid brass and mounted on a backing of heavy quartered-oak. The enamel is of the regulation colors, gold, black and white. The placque was made especially for our Pennsylvania chapter by Charles I. Clegg, the fraternity jeweler, of 616 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, from whom we have received the following letter:

PHILADELPHIA, April 29, 1904.

*Mr. H. S. Harrison, Richmond, Va.*

DEAR SIR: Mr. E. C. A. Moyer has written us desiring us to forward you the half-tone of the brass placque, which we made for the University of Pennsylvania. The brass mounting of this was twenty inches long—with the wooden background it came to over thirty inches. The mounting was made in the exact proportions of the pin, the raised center being domed and quite high, the whole brass work being one and a half inches in height above the wood. It weighed about twenty-five pounds. We state this to show you how strong and heavy it was. The cost of this would be \$25.00, and we can furnish the small one, slightly larger than the half-tone illustration mounted on the wooden shield, for \$4.00. We hope the reproduction in the magazine will make sales for us.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES I. CLEGG.

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The following, which is self-explanatory, may be of some interest to our readers:

CHICAGO, March 9, 1904.

*Mr. Henry S. Harrison, Editor The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Richmond, Va.*

DEAR SIR: We are compiling information for our 1904 College and School Directory of the United States and Canada. Among the various other features of this directory, we expect to have a complete list of the college fraternity papers of the country, a list which is nowhere else to be found, and the publication of which has been suggested to us by various advertisers in college papers. We also expect to have a complete list of the local chapters of the various fraternities.

We should very much appreciate a sample copy of your publication from which to gain the desired information about it. We would also like to ask



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whether it contains a roster of the local chapters of your fraternity. We would like to get this data, as otherwise our list of Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapters will be incomplete.

The directory will go to the printer on or about the 15th instant, so that we would appreciate an early reply.

Thanking you in advance for the favor, we are,

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For the clever drawings which appear for the first time in this issue as "headpieces" for three of our regular departments, we are indebted to Eustace Hale Ball, Cincinnati, '03, who is now studying at Harvard in affiliation with Massachusetts Gamma. In the September RECORD, we shall hope to complete this series of departmental designs with three other drawings from the pen of Brother Ball.



On account of unavoidable delays, the statistical information about our various chapters, which was announced for this issue of THE RECORD, can not be published until September.



There is a letter in this issue from every chapter in the Fraternity from whom a letter was due, with the exception of two. Louisiana Epsilon and Kentucky Iota are responsible for the spoiling of a perfect showing.



A feature of the recent convention of Province Beta was the baseball game between the visitors and New York Alpha.

Immediately after luncheon, two large drays filled with Sigma Alphas left the S. A. E. lodge bound for "Rogue's Harbor," a delightful resort on Cayuga Lake, several miles north of Ithaca. They arrived at the Harbor between three and four o'clock, and proceeded directly to the ballground, where no time was lost in getting the game started. Walter Foster, the shrewd manager of the visiting team, had made a deal with Fritz Pitcher, New York Alpha's great catcher, with the result that Fritz lined up with the visitors. Captains Frost and Wood agreed that the side making

the most runs would be looked upon as the winner. President Kent, of Province Beta, was chosen as umpire, and in order to make the opening most auspicious, he was asked to throw the first ball across the plate—it was a “ball.” The game was clean and fast, there being no errors, except when necessary. At the end of the ninth inning, the score was a tie. In the tenth inning, a base on balls followed by a single, a steal and a sacrifice gave the winners the deciding run, making the score eight to seven in their favor.

The umpire covered himself with glory, and Miller, who came all the way from Wisconsin to play second base, proved that his services were well worth the trip. The spectators were almost blinded by the *brilliant* head-work of Jack Frost. Stow turned out to be one of the heaviest hitters ever seen on those grounds.

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Thurston, N. Y. Mu . . . . . lf	Vawter
Hinchman, Pa. Sigma-Phi . . . . . cf	Robinson
Culbertson, Pa. Alpha-Zeta . . . . . rf	Stow

After the game, a jolly crowd, made up of men from twelve colleges, sat down to supper at the Elmwood Inn. There was lots of spirit and lots of good singing; a dozen different college yells were given and very appropriately welded together with “Phi Alpha Alicazee!”

CHARLES P. WOOD.

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