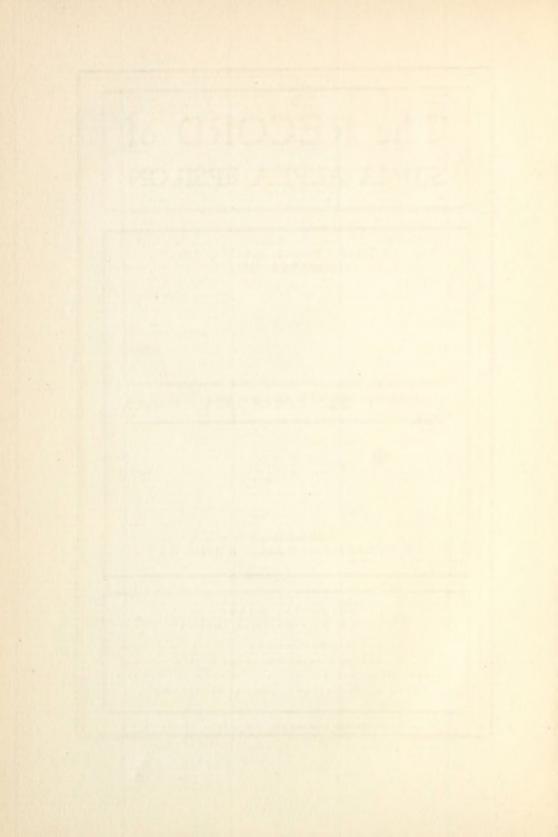


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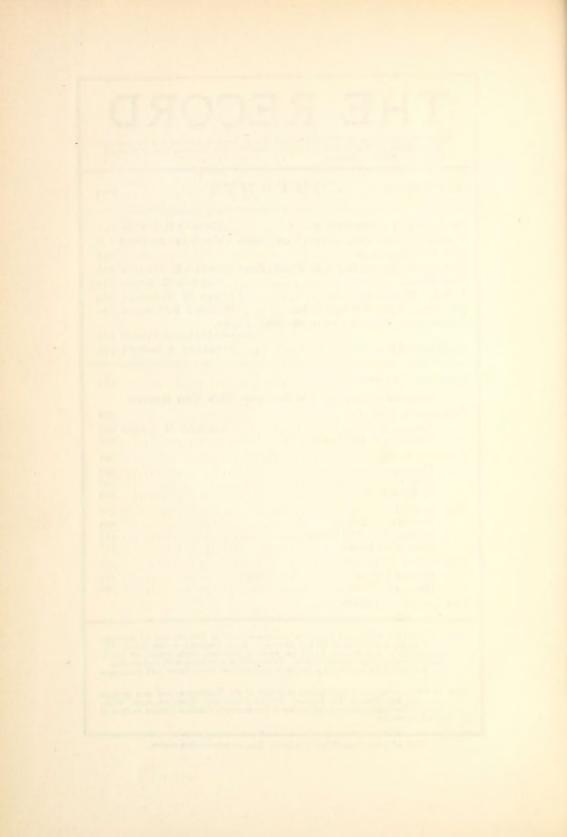


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Some Manual Correspondence.

By George H. Kress, Ohio Epsilon '96. Editor of the Manual.

HE editor of the Manual herewith presents the results of some of his investigations regarding the establishment and re-establishment of a number of our chapters. He has regretted that circumstances beyond his control have prevented him from making as complete an investigation as he would have desired. What little has been done demonstrates how fertile this field of work is, and it is to be hoped that the general convention which is to meet at Memphis during the Christmas holidays will take steps to provide adequate appropriation, if there be need therefor, so that the early history of the Fraternity may be properly investigated. Sigma Alpha Epsilon may be said to have better reasons for sparse accounts of her early history than any other fraternity; because her career was long cast in a section of our country which suffered most severely during and after the war. As a result chapters became inactive and records were scattered; and those who would criticise would do well to remember these things.

No effort will be here made to present a continuous narrative, but the letters received by the editor of the *Manual* will be introduced with such remarks as may add somewhat to their general interest. Here and there scattered through this correspondence are data which are entirely new to him, and which are not contained, so far as his knowledge goes, in any of the publications of the Fraternity. The *Manual* will contain pages for references to such articles as these, so that members who so desire may make that publication an historical index of much broader scope than its comparatively small size would suggest.

The first group of correspondence which will be presented concerns our ante-bellum chapters. If a proper effort were made, this period, concerning which our knowledge is at the present time so meager, could be greatly cleared. Will the Memphis Convention give this work the attention it deserves?

The first chapter to receive a charter from the Mother Chapter was the "Nashville," placed in the Western Military Institute, the undergraduate department of the University of Nashville. When the war opened, the students left for the front and the chapter became inactive in 1861. It was revived in 1870, one of the two charter members being Jacob McGarock Dickinson, who is at present the counsel-general of the Illinois Central Railroad, and who made the closing argument for the United States before the Alaska Boundary Commission. Judge Dickinson sends the following letter:

I PARK ROW, CHICAGO, July 18, 1904.

George H. Kress, M.D., 602 Johnson Building, Los Angeles, Cal.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : In reply to your questions, I have to reply as follows:

(1) Chapter Nu, University of Nashville, was reorganized about 1870 through the instrumentality of A. H. Lusk, [class of 1871, deceased.—K.] an Σ A E from the Kentucky Military Institute.

(2) The first members initiated were J. Hill Eakin and myself. We were initiated at the same time.

(3) I do not recall the exact date of the founding, but it was, as stated, when Mr. Lusk initiated Eakin and myself.

The chapter grew with some rapidity for the size of the University. Prominent among the members were C. S. Briggs, now a prominent physician in Nashville; J. P. Curd, principal of Smith Academy, St. Louis; and Thompson Plunkett, now a Presbyterian minister. The chapter became the strongest in the University. Yours fraternally,

J. M. DICKINSON.

The exact dates of the establishment of our ante-bellum chapters can not be accurately fixed. The minutes of the Mother Chapter, which have come down to us, mention the granting of charters to the University of Nashville, the University of North Carolina, Union University (known to-day as the Southwestern Baptist University) and the College of William and Mary. In his article on the Georgia Military Institute, which appeared in the December RECORD of 1903, the editor of the Manual placed the Georgia Military Institute chapter seventh on our roll. The catalogues place its establishment in 1857, while the writer believes that it took place in 1858. A letter from one of the members of that chapter places it definitely in 1858. Our Baylor University chapter was placed before Bethel College, or eighth on the roll, but inasmuch as it was established in the fall of 1858 it should probably be ninth. Baylor University, of Independence, Texas, was chartered by the Republic of Texas on February 13, 1845, and in 1848 came under the control of the Baptist State Convention. When the Rev. Rufus C. Burleson resigned as president of the University in 1861 he removed to Waco, where he was elected president of the newly organized Waco University, which was controlled by the Baptist General Association. In 1886, the Baptists decided to unite these two schools to form the "Baylor University of Waco," and since that time the college has made such steady progress that there was an enrollment last year of some 783 students.

Judge John N. Henderson, whose reminiscences are printed below, is one of the judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas, and was a member of the class of 1862 of Baylor University. Dr. Benajah Harvey Carroll, to whom he referred his letter, and whose reply is also printed, is dean of the Department of Theology and professor of the English Bible and Biblical Theology of Baylor University; but his name is not on the roll of members of our "Independence chapter," or Texas Theta of Baylor, as given in the Sixth Catalogue. The names of James Arnold, Lucius Brown, J. C. Carltons and O. C. Petway, all mentioned by Judge Henderson, are also missing from the roll of members. Our knowledge of our Baylor chapter has always been meager, on which account the letters by Judge Henderson and Doctor Carroll are all the more valuable:

WACO, TEXAS, July 29, 1904.

Mr. George H. Kress, Los Angeles, Cal.

DEAR SIR: My old schoolmate and brother in $\Sigma A E$, Judge John N. Henderson, of our Court of Criminal Appeals, forwarded to me for emendations the enclosed document addressed to you. But as I was not a charter member, I can not add materially to his account, which I take pleasure in verifying in every substantial particular.

Mr. Timothy L. Dunklin, class valedictorian, was most instrumental in establishing the chapter in old Baylor University at Independence, Texas.

There are at present no Greek-letter societies in Baylor University of Waco.

Judge Henderson, who replies to your inquiries, is one of the soundest and most respected jurists of Texas. Fraternally,

B. H. CARROLL.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, July 7, 1904.

Mr. George H. Kress, Los Angeles, Cal.

DEAR BROTHER: A chapter of Σ A E Fraternity was established at Baylor University, located at Independence, Washington Co., Texas, in the session of 1858-59. Baylor University was then under the auspices of the Baptist denomination of Texas, and was one of three sectarian institutions in the State which provided a collegiate education for young men. Its founder and president was the late Dr. Burleson, an eminent divine, and one of the most noted educators of the South.

During the ten years before the war between the States the University was in a very flourishing condition; and here were educated a number of distinguished men—divines, lawyers, physicians, and of other avocations, whose careers are indelibly intertwined with the history of the State. After the close of the war the institution was removed from Independence to Waco, where it still flourishes, ranking with the first universities of Texas. According to the recollection of the writer, the fraternity was introduced into the University in session of 1858-59, T. L. Dunklin, of Waco, being mainly instrumental in its establishment. This brilliant young man was a Mississippian by birth, who previous to his coming to Texas had attended the University at Oxford, and subsequent to his graduation at Baylor the law school at Lebanon, Tenn.

When the war between the States begun he enlisted as a private soldier in Hood's Texas Brigade, and gave his life for the cause he believed just, on the bloody field of Second Manassas. James Arnold, of Waco, a distinguished educator, and Lucius Brown, of San Marcos, an eminent lawyer, were also among the charter members of the Fraternity. J. C. Cortson, of Freestone county, Texas, one of the most distinguished students of the college, was a member of the Fraternity, and bid fair when he left the institution to take high rank in the State he loved so well, but this bright promise was doomed, as he fell mortally wounded at the battle of Mansfield. O. C. Petway, a gifted son of the Old North State, belonged to the society, became a colonel of a North Carolina regiment, and led it gallantly during the war. Whether or not he is still living is not known to the writer. Rev. B. H. Carroll, now of Waco, and one of the most eminent divines of the South was a leading member of the brotherhood. Baylor University, during its whole history, has produced no student more noted for learning or more distinguished for eloquence than he. He, too, like others of the Fraternity, left the halls of his Alma Mater for the bloody field of war. He made a gallant soldier during the four years of the struggle, and at the end of the conflict he entered the ministry as a Baptist preacher, and is now justly regarded as one of the leading divines of the South.

There were many others, perhaps not as distinguished as those mentioned, who were members of the Fraternity, but who, inspired by its precepts of nobility and fearless integrity, achieved honorable distinction, and who have left their impress in the development and civilization of the State.

That the Fraternity which has in the past inspired so many noble lives, and pointed the way to much of splendid achievement, may long continue to exist is the fond wish of the writer. Yours fraternally,

JNO. N. HENDERSON.

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The union of two colleges has occurred on a number of occasions, but usually one or the other name is retained. Washington and Jefferson College, of Pennsylvania, is such an example, and in recent years the amalgamation of old Centre College, of Danville, Kentucky, and Central University, of Richmond, Kentucky, is another instance.

The Southwestern Baptist University of Jackson, Tennessee, was formed by the amalgamation of Union University and West Tenaessee College and, as S. A. E. has been usually credited with three chapters in these institutions (for we had chapters in each), whereas there should be but one, I took some pains to investigate their relationship, and to send the result of my investigations to the presidents of the board of trustees and faculty of the Southwestern Baptist University, asking them whether my statements were correct. Their signatures to my letter sets at rest once for all the status of the institutions and shows clearly why S. A. E. should be credited with one chapter at these institutions.

Dr. George H. Kress, Los Angeles, Cal.

JACKSON, TENN., April 4, 1904.

DEAR SIR: In answer to your inquiry concerning the relation and connection of (1) Union University of Murfreesboro (chartered 1842, began work 1848) and (2) West Tennessee College of Jackson (chartered 1846, began work 1847) and (3) Southwestern Baptist University of Jackson, we beg leave to state that the Southwestern Baptist University is the successor of both Union University and West Tennessee College. The property of Union University was transferred (in 1869) to the Tennessee Baptist Educational Society to be held in trust for educational purposes, under and by the direction of the trustees of Union University. West Tennessee College was under control of the West Tennessee College Board of Trustees.

In October, 1873, the General Baptist Association of Middle Tennessee and North Alabama passed resolutions favoring the establishment of a central university for the Baptists of the Southwest. This plan met with the approval of trustees and associations governing both Union University and West Tennessee College, and in April, 1874 a meeting was held at Murfreesboro, Tenn., at which the Tennessee Baptist Convention (comprising the Baptists of the entire State, thus unifying Baptist church and educational efforts) was formed; and this Tennessee Baptist Convention elected a committee of nine (three members from each great division of the State) and they decided upon Jackson as the seat of the new university, and Southwestern Baptist University as the new name; and the properties and endowments of Union University and West Tennessee College were transferred into the hands of the newly organized board of trustees of the Southwestern Baptist University, which institution is therefore the legitimate successor of both Union University and West Tennessee College, the alumni of both these older institutions being looked upon and counted as among the alumni of the Southwestern Baptist University.

> Respectfully, etc. G. C. SAVAGE, Pres. Board of Trustees, S. W. B. U. G. M. SAVAGE, Pres. S. W. B. U.

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In connection with the relationship of Union University and Southwestern Baptist University as given above, the story of the founding of the chapter at Union University is of interest. The minutes of May 30, 1857, of the Mother Chapter at Alabama, state: "The Corresponding Secretary also read a petition signed by D. M. Thompson, R. H. Spencer, F. M. Middleton, R. M. Simmons, Wm. J. Westbrook, of Union University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, for a chapter of the S. A. E. Fraternity. It was moved and carried that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to inquire of the Nashville Chapter, whether in its opinion, it is expedient to establish a chapter at the Union University, hoping that all local prejudices would be laid aside. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write to the students of Union University that a definite answer would be given them in a short time."

The minutes of July 4, 1857, read: "It was moved and carried that a charter of the S. A. E. Fraternity be granted the students from Union University, petitioning for the same. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to forward the pledge of the Fraternity to those students, in order that they might sign their names to it. Their signatures being obtained, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send the constitution to them."

The letter below is from Josephus Greene Westbrook, of the class of '59 of Union University. Jesse W. Sparks, of Texas, who is referred to as a leader among the charter members, is not listed in the roll of members of the last catalogue, and H. P. Halbert, who is mentioned as coming from the University of Nashville, is not on that chapter's roll. Halbert became captain of the Seventeenth Mississippi Infantry, C. S. A., and was killed at the battle of Gettysburg. The name of D. M. Thompson, mentioned as a signer of the petition to the Mother Chapter, is also missing from the catalogue. Brother Westbrook's letter is as follows:

WEST POINT, MISS., July 19, 1904.

George H. Kress, M.D. :

Yours received to-day. It has been so many years, and such years of stirring events, that not having any written or printed data I can only answer your questions from memory.

April 1st, 1857, I entered Union University in the Junior class. In the Calliopean Society, there was a club applying for a charter from $\Sigma A E$. I joined the club and we obtained a charter in the fall term.

The members whom I remember were F. M. Hammond, Jesse W. Sparks, Ed. Strode, D. K. Merelund, John Pendleton, L. F. D. Reese, J. G. Westbrook, U. I. Westbrook and Frank Middletown. Most of these were charter members.

No brother from established chapter, so far as my memory goes, aided in establishing the chapter. H. P. Halbert from Military School at Nashville, I think, was a member there and joined us.

Jesse W. Sparks was a leading member of the group of charter members. The club met at the fall term, 1857. Then we received a charter from M.

N. Clements, Secretary of the Σ A E chapter at the University of Alabama.

I think the chapter organized with seven members; others joined later on.

S. F. D. Reese, Trenton, Ky., can give you full and reliable account of the society. He has written and printed sketches of most of the members.

I graduated in 1859, taught a year and was in the Confederate army four years. The school was later on moved to Jackson, Tennessee. We had a chapter there. There were not many chapters of $\Sigma A E$ in my time, and all were in the South.

I saw a catalogue some years ago and found the Fraternity greatly enlarged, with chapters in the North and West, and seemingly in a very flourishing condition.

I do not know of any of the charter members alive, unless S. G. D. Reese is one. Many of our chapter lost their lives in the war. Reese can write you about them. J. G. WESTBROOK.

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In the RECORD of December, 1903, I contributed an article on our Georgia Military Institute chapter. The letter herewith presented is written by Lawrence A. R. Reab, a member of the class of 1865 of G. M. I. The notable careers made by our Georgia Pi members may be understood by reading his reply to some inquiries:

AUGUSTA, GA., April 18, 1904.

Geo. H. Kress, M.D., Los Angeles, California.

DEAR BROTHER:—In compliance with your request conveyed in your letter of January 10, 1904, and for which I ask your humble pardon for long delay in replying, I beg to state that my business occupies all my time, which is my only excuse for not replying sooner. I will, however, endeavor to answer your inquiries.

I was a cadet at the Western Military Institute at Nashville, Tenn., at the commencement of the Civil War, and when the Confederate army came through Nashville, I left and entered the Georgia Military Institute at Marietta, Ga., being a Georgian from Augusta, and a mere boy of sixteen years. I entered the 3d class (or Sophomore) and was shortly appointed 1st Corporal of Co. A, there being two companies but divided into four at battalion drill.

The cadets of older age left rapidly to enter the Confederate army as officers, and I was rapidly advanced to acting 1st Sergeant, Co. A, of the battalion about May, '62. The remaining cadets old enough, formed a company of cavalry to enter Hunt's Regiment of Morgan Kentucky Cavalry, and left for home to meet in Atlanta, Ga., to join the Hunt Regiment in Kentucky or Tennessee. After reaching, home, many of them were sent back by their parents to the Institute, and with those that remained formed the nucleus of a corps of cadets (Battalion Georgia Cadets, C. S. A.) that afterward served in active service opposing Sherman's march through Georgia. I did not return to the Institute, but enlisted in the 12th Georgia Battalion of Artillery, as sergeant in rank, commanding a piece of artillery at seventeen years of age. I served through the remaining portion of the war, my company being merged into the 63d Georgia Regiment on account of the loss of our horses. I was captured at Kennesaw Mountain, on June 27, 1864, at 8 a. m., in the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. I was eleven months in prison at Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill., and was exchanged April, 1865.

I often think of my first service as a military boy at Marietta and how I was captured in sight of the college. I went up on Kennesaw Mountain the day before my capture and the battle and looked over Marietta and the Military Institute.

But enough of my war record. Let me answer your other questions. I can better answer several by referring to page 539 of the RECORD, December, 1903. [This refers to my G. M. I. article.—K.] I beg to say the Mr. John W. Reynolds referred to as Orderly Sergeant Corps Cadets is a good friend of mine and an Σ A E, and is connected with our superior court of this county as one of its officers. He said he was going to write you in reply to your letter addressed to him on the same subject requested of me. He served in the Confederate army as Lieutenant of Infantry with distinction and is one of our worthy citizens.

Ist. As well as I can remember, the buildings had two wings with colonial pillars in front, occupied as chapel and lecture-rooms, as well as dormitories. Dormitories also extended in two rows in front and on side, consisting of two-room cottages, occupied respectively by Co. A and Co. B, each accommodating four to six cadets.

2d. Drill grounds were beautifully sloped in front of main building and ample and grassy, class-rooms ample, and lots of hard work, and some fun in the French class room.

3d. Annual camp in June. The only one I attended was at "Big Shanty," Ga., near Kennesaw Mountain, where we were assigned to drill a brigade of Georgia troops encamped there, preparatory to their going to the front.

4th. Examinations were held annually in July.

5th. Social features: Annual ball in chapel.

6th. Two literary sccieties: Lyman Hall and Synemoletic.

7th. Athletic diversions : A gymnasium, but not patronized much, as we had enough exercise drilling, especially at that time, as we were preparing ourselves for active service.

8th. No miscellaneous organizations to my knowledge.

9th. Can't remember exact time of my initiation. I know and well remember it was at night.

10th, "Standing of chapter with other students." I can only answer that it required a man of good standing and character to be an $\Sigma A E$.

12th. "Tell all you know of part the battalion of cadets took in opposposing General Sherman." Answer: I was not with them but was opposing General Sherman at the same time as a member of the 63d Georgia Regiment.

I refer you to page 339 of THE RECORD, Vol. 23, No. 4, Dec. 1903, for information as to members, or rather cadets of the Academy. Of those who distinguished themselves in the Confederate army, and who were at school with me, I mention:

Geo. M. Blount, Adjutant Battalion Cadets, afterwards Adjutant-General Confederate Army; Jas. H. Shorter, Lieutenant Corps Cadets and Ordnance Officer; James H. Mead, First Sergeant Captain Confederate Army, killed in action; Sam Wynn in my company in army; Francis Fountaine, Sergeant-Major Battalion Cadets and Captain in C. S. A.; L. A. R. Reab, Sergeant Twelfth Georgia Battalion Artillery.

I trust I have given you the desired information, and have not been too personal in doing so. But you requested me to say all I could, and I have done so. Yours fraternally,

L. A. R. REAB.

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George Paul Harrison, Jr., of the class of '61 of G. M. I., became a brigadier-general in the Confederate army, and was one of the youngest soldiers in the service to attain that rank. At one of the Atlanta conventions some years ago, General Harrison appeared upon the scene and told how, after having lost sight of S. A. E. for years, he had picked up the newspaper the day previous and seen an announcement of the Atlanta Convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and how all that day S. A. E. rung in his ears, so that, unable to do any work, he put away his law-books and took the train for Atlanta. He is at present the general counsel of the Western Railway of Alabama. His letter is an indication of his continued loyalty:

OPELIKA, ALA., May 10, 1904.

Dr. Geo. H. Kress, No. 602 Johnson Building, Los Angeles, Cal.

My DEAR BROTHER: In reply to yours of the 4th inst. beg to say that I have received your previous letter and likewise THE RECORD containing the G. M. I. article, which I enjoyed very much. I have thought several times that I would try and write you an article, but the truth is I have been so busy that I have not had time to do it. There are some errors in the article which you publish, but on the whole I expect it is about as good as could be expected so long afterwards. While I can not promise you positively to write the article requested I will bear it in mind and if favorable opportunity offers will comply with your request. In the meantime if there is any particular information that you desire I will take pleasure in giving it to you if I can. I am still a devoted Sig and always ready to serve the Fraternity.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours in $\Sigma \land E$,

GEO. P. HARRISON.

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Christopher C. Sanders, of the class of 1860 of our Georgia Pi chapter of the Georgia Military Institute chapter, became colonel of the Twenty-fourth Georgia Regiment, C. S. A. He is at present the president of the State Banking Company of Gainesville, Georgia, and in answer to some questions relating to the establishment of the Georgia Pi chapter (note that he states the chapter was established in 1858 and not in 1857 as has been generally believed), writes as follows:

GAINESVILLE, GA., July 22, 1904.

G. H. Kress, M.D., Los Angeles, Cal.

My DEAR BROTHER: Yours 14th July came duly. The Georgia Military Institute chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon was established in Marietta, Ga., in the spring of 1858. (Perhaps 23d February, 1858.)

Brother J. S. Lanier, University of Nashville chapter, and Brother Vaughan of the University of Alabama chapter, aided us in obtaining our charter.

J. S. Lanier, the prime mover, was active, intelligent, and possessed an exceptionally lovable disposition, and by his personality at once gave tone and character to the chapter. It pains me that I have lost sight of him. I saw in him the elements of a noble and lovely disposition, and if he is living, I know he has bettered mankind. [I have a letter from Mrs. J. S. Lanier stating that her husband has been dead four years, although our last catalogue does not indicate his decease.--K.]

I have been absent from home so much, that your letters I intended to have answered are out of reach. If you will again give me the questions in full, if you have time before publication, I will give immediate attention and write fully. I am sorry your former letters can not be found. Some one has misplaced them.

Fraternally,

C. C. SANDERS.

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The following letter from Dr. James Hurt Shorter, Georgia Military Institute, '63, who was ordnance officer of the Third Georgia Cavalry, C. S. A., is of special value in that it mentions a general convention held at Nashville, Tennessee, concerning which there is no mention in the historical sketch of the Fifth Catalogue. We believe there is one other letter in the general archives which also mentions this convention:

MACON, GA., August 17, 1903.

Dr. Geo. H. Kress, Los Angeles, Cal.

DFAR BROTHER Σ A E: Your letter came some days ago, and I gladly write all the information I can.

The corps of cadets "G. M. I." went to the war as a body. You have a very correct war record, as mentioned in your letter.

Some of our chapter have also made a reputation post-bellum, notably Mr. Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway, one of the great systems of the country. . . . Our gatherings were enthusiastic and most interesting to all. I can safely say that our membership was composed (the leading men in the college. Many of the fine fellows found a soldier's grave.

I was delegate from our chapter to the last general convention in the early part of the war. We met in the Hall of Representatives, in the State-House at Nashville, Tenn. We had a most enthusiastic conclave, and I remember well meeting many bright men, representing chapters from about a dozen Southern colleges.

Fraternally yours,

JAS. H. SHORTER.

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Virginia Kappa of the College of William and Mary was the last Grand Chapter before the war. One of its prominent members was Robert Chilton Atkinson, who became a lieutenant in the C. S. A., and at the close of the war entered the University of Virginia where, with John Bagby of Columbia College, Washington, D. C., he reorganized the Omicron chapter. His letter refers to our chapter at William and Mary and to the re-establishment of Omicron:

ST. LOUIS, May 27, 1904.

Mr. Geo. H. Kress.

DEAR BROTHER: Your favor is just to hand. I regret that I am not able to give you information concerning details. The passage of time has so faded the figures on the negative that reliable prints can no longer be produced.

I left the College of William and Mary in May, 1861, to enter the Confederate army, and don't know what took place thereafter.

Dr. John H. Bagby and I did organize Omicron chapter at U. of Va., none of that chapter having returned, and all the books and papers were lost. Bagby and I found each other out about the same time and went about reorganizing the Omicron chapter. We had seventeen of the best men at the University Va. The only Master of Arts of that session, Roper, was a member of that chapter. Several members took B. L., and one of them, Joseph Hutchinson, of Texas, (afterwards a member of the 53d and 54th U. S. Congress) took B. L., and the Jefferson Society Medal.

I think T. K. Forniss of Alabama, brought the Kappa chapter to William and Mary. The first members that I knew of were T. K. Forniss,* Frank H. Alfriend,* George H. Poindexter,* Norton Newton,* and Alexander Tunstall. (*Deceased.) These men initiated me, except Forniss who did not return that session.

At that time there were no chapters in Northern states. . . Alex Tunstall is the most prominent physician in Norfolk, Va. T. R. Argyle was also a William and Mary Kappa and died in 1861 in camp. Harry Truehart, of Va., may still live. I have not heard of him since the war. I did not attend the Nashville Convention. I don't remember how Virginia knew of the new chapter in Georgia. There was a Georgian named Hill, a member of the Omicron chapter at U. of Va. in 1865-66. He may have organized the new chapter in Georgia. Bagby was from Rho chapter of Columbian.

I have never attended any convention, save the one which met here some years ago. I was toastmaster at the banquet and felt like a fossil among the ''kids.'' I have no catalogues. The color of the enamel was black. The badge was large.

Fraternally,

ROBERT C. ATKINSON.

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At the close of the war our chapter at Columbia College, Washington, D. C. (later known as Columbian University, and after September 1, 1904, to be known as George Washington University), was the only chapter in active existence, for the Georgia Military Institute became inactive when the battalion of Georgia Cadets was mustered out in May, 1865. Rho chapter of Columbian was the eleventh on the roll, and a letter from John A. Wright, of the class of '59, states that the chapter was established by Jewett Gindrat DeVotie, Alabama Mu, '60, he having left Alabama to complete his college course at Columbian. In establishing the new chapter, Brother Wright says that Jewett received the aid of his brother Noble, who was the leader of our Founders.

It may be parenthetically observed that the name Washington City Rho is a misnomer, for the Athens Convention of 1884 changed the chapter nomenclature by prefixing to the Greek letter the name of the State. The name Washington City Rho was given, therefore, by our catalogue editors, and for the sake of uniformity, and in accordance with the custom of other fraternities having chapters at Columbian who use a similar nomenclature, the prefix should be District of Columbia, rather than Washington City. Some additional information concerning this chapter, District of Columbia Rho, is to be gained from an extract from a letter from John Thomas Griffin, '59, who is at present the president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Portsmouth, Virginia:

I remember that the rules of Columbian College did not permit the organization of any secret societies, and the Columbian chapter was organized in the city of Washington beyond the limits of the college because of this rule. Afterwards the chapter elected Prof. Edward Tristoe a member, and the chapter was recognized by the college authorities, and meetings were held in the college buildings. At this time the college had not been made a university and was known as Columbian College.

Yours fraternally,

JNO. T. GRIFFIN.

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Down at the University of Alabama is a young alumnus of S. A. E., who is secretary to the president of the University, and to the courtesy of this young brother from our Mother Chapter, the editor of the *Manual* is indebted for much information. The following letter is especially worthy of preservation:

UNIVERSITY, ALA., June 11, 1904.

Dr. George H. Kress, Los Angeles, Cal.

DEAR BROTHER KRESS: As I explained to you in the card, your inquiries concerning the early history of our fraternity could not have been received by me at a more unpropitious time for a satisfactory reply. In school affairs, the opening and close are the two busiest times of the year. When these two periods nearly coincide, as is the case with us this year, on account of the inauguration next week of a summer school, the rush is unusually strenuous.

Herewith, I am enclosing the tabulated data that you asked for. Some of the questions I can not answer till I see some of my friends up town. This I shall try to do this afternoon, and in event I am successful, you may expect a second installment within a few days.

In 1855, President Basil Manley retired and was succeeded by Professor Langdon C. Garland. In his first report to the Board of Trustees, submitted July 14, 1856 (Commencement time then, by the way), President Garland recommended that the matriculation pledge be so amended as to prevent students from joining any of the Greek-letter societies then in existence at the University, or that might be later established. His objections to fraternities, briefly stated, were (1) they diverted attention from the regular debating societies; (2) their meetings, which usually occur up town, were often the scenes of riotousness and drunkenness; and (3) they were the cause of objectionable cliques and coteries. His report is very voluminous, and I have not had time to read it through. The Board saw fit to adopt his suggestions concerning fraternities, and no more men were initiated

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after this date, though they continued a precarious existence for a while longer. Military drill was not a part of the curriculum at this time. Inspection of students' rooms was occasionally made, however, by the several officers of the University. It was a system of cat-calls, given among the students as a warning of the approach of a college officer, that caused the so-called "Doby's Rebellion," reference to which is made in the 1893 Catalogue. It was confined to the Sophomore Class, and not a general insurrection, as is there stated. Two of our founders, Foster and Cockrell, went home with the rest, but later returned to college and graduated. This was in the latter part of 1854. One of those who was dismissed was Hiliary A. Herbert. [Secretary of the Navy under Cleveland.—K.] He never graduated.

The enrollment by classes in 1856 was as follows: First class (I use the nomenclature then in vogue), 41; Second class, 44; Third class, 29; Fourth class, 15. The smallness of the graduating class is explained by the general dismissal of students just referred to.

I shall try to answer your other questions in my next letter, at which time I hope to also be able to forward you some pictures of the University.

Hastily yours,

GEO. HERBERT JONES.

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When S. A. E. was founded, Noble Leslie DeVotie stated the object of the meeting, and Wade H. Foster acted as recording secretary. At that first meeting, Abner E. Patton was elected temporary president, and Jno. W. Kerr the temporary secretary. At the second meeting Jno. W. Kerr was regularly elected president; John B. Rudulph, vice-president; Noble L. DeVotie, corresponding secretary; E. A. Patton, treasurer, and S. M. Dennis, recording secretary. In a desire to obtain information concerning the late John W. Kerr, a letter was written to his family, and the following reply received from his son, James P. Kerr, an attorney in St. Louis:

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 22, 1904.

Dr. George H. Kress, 602 Johnson Building, Los Angeles, Cal.

My DEAR SIR: Your letter of a few days ago, requesting information concerning the life of my father, John Webb Kerr, was received in due time.

I have gathered such facts as I could upon short notice and trust this account will be satisfactory.

John Webb Kerr was born on March 5, 1835, at Clinton, Green Co., Ala. He came of genuine old Coventry Scotch stock on his father's side, and his mother was a Webb of North Carolina.

At the age of eighteen he entered the University of Alabama, graduating therefrom a few months after his twenty-first birthday.

It was during his last college year at University of Alabama that he, with DeVotie, Cockrell and others, founded the Σ A E Fraternity.

From the University of Alabama he entered the Cumberland Law School at Lebanon, Tenn. The year following this he spent at Cambridge, Mass., where he completed his law studies at Harvard University.

His first practice was in Dubuque, Iowa. After this, two years were spent in Arkansas, then he settled in St. Louis, practicing here until his death, on September 14, 1898.

In 1882 he married Miss Minnie Holmes of Dubuque, Iowa, who, with two children, survives him.

He was for many years a member of the Presbyterian church.

The color of his Σ A E badge was purple, I think.

At the time of the Fraternity Convention here in '97, he wrote an account of his life, which you will find in your magazine of about March or April, '98. I must caution you against an error occurring therein, however. The magazine has it that he married a Mrs. Kim. That is incorrect and was due to the editor's inability to decipher my father's handwriting (for which I can not blame him). If you refer to the magazine, you may be able to get some facts there that I have not included in my notes, but be careful of the error I mentioned.

I am afraid that we have not a picture of him during his school-days. I wrote to his sister for it, but it seems that the picture was lost at his mother's death. In the event of its turning up, I will forward it to you.

If this is not full enough, let me know, please, and I will see what can be done further in the matter.

I have purposely refrained from eulogium, for those matters are, I take it, sacred in their nature and deep feeling imposes silence upon us.

I will send you a picture of my father, taken a year before his death. Am glad to be of any assistance to you in any way, and will help you further, if you so desire. Very sincerely yours,

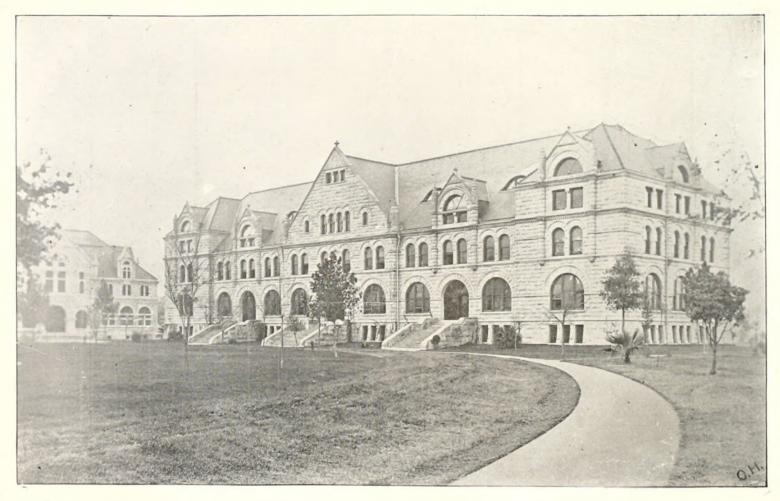
JOHN W. KERR.

4123 Evans Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

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The letters next to be printed will deal with the general subject of Northern extension.

(To be continued.)



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LOUISIANA TAU-UPSILON CHAPTER OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

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Tulane University and Louisiana Tau-Upsilon.

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OT since 1897, when the chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Tulane was first installed, has the Fraternity in general heard much concerning their most Southern chapter, save in chapter letters and convention reports. In the seven short years of its life at Tulane, Louisiana Tau-Upsilon chapter has gone forward with great strides. It has initiated sixty-two men in its career, and it is at present one of the leading fraternity chapters at Tulane.

If it had not been for a retired merchant named Paul Tulane, Tau-Upsilon chapter would have in all probability never been in existence. It is true that Paul Tulane was dead when the Tulane charter was granted, and it is not on record that he ever heard of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, great as it was then. But Paul Tulane gave something over a million dollars to educate the youth of Louisiana, and thus gave a new impetus to education and to fraternity life in the Pelican State.

In 1881 there was a university at New Orleans called the University of Louisiana. This university is not to be confused with the Louisiana State University, an entirely separate institution. This old university was supposed to be supported by the State, but at that period the State had a hard enough time supporting itself, let alone a large university. The shadow of reconstruction was just fading away, and law and order was just being re-established in Louisiana. The University of Louisiana had doddered along since 1836, leading a hard life, and at one time during the Civil War leading no life at all. It had proved a stumbling-block to two fraternities, Phi Kappa Sigma and Phi Kappa Alpha, who had established chapters there and who had thereby added more stones to their graveyard.

Now, Paul Tulane was possessed with the benevclent idea of

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making a great university out of this skeleton of a university, and made a liberal donation to it. The burden was taken from the shoulders of the State, the name was changed, a new system was started, and the old University of Louisiana, under the name of Tulane University, awoke and tested its unknown strength. There was a "boom-time" at once. Students began to attend the University and donations commenced to pour in. Colleges of Law, Medicine, Arts and Sciences, and Technology, were established, each one of them being well attended by students. In 1886 a woman's department was added to the University and was known as the H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College. To-day there are 1,369 students and professors, of which about eight hundred are male students.

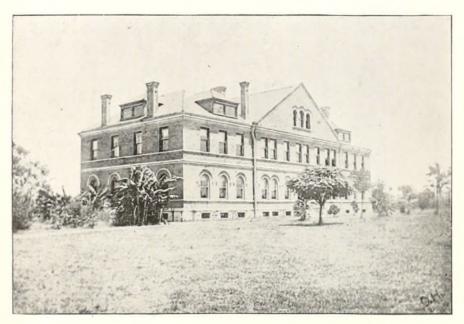
There are eleven fraternities now at Tulane, with three professional fraternities, four sororities and one inter-sorority. Kappa Alpha (Southern) was the first to see the promising outlook for a fraternity at Tulane. In 1882 it established its Psi chapter, which is now in a flourishing condition. The fraternities followed in this order: Sigma Chi, 1886; Alpha Tau Omega, 1887; Delta Tau Delta, 1889; Kappa Sigma, 1889; Phi Delta Theta, 1889; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1897; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1898; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1900; Sigma Nu, 1902; Pi Kappa Alpha, 1903.

The medical fraternities practically all came in together, in this order: Phi Chi, 1903; Phi Kappa Rho, 1903; Alpha Delta Omicron, 1904. The sororities entered as follows: Pi Beta Phi, 1893; Alpha Omicron Pi, 1898; Chi Omega, 1900; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1904; Theta Sigma, 1904. Up to last year there was a chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon, but it has become inactive. It is rumored, however, that it will be re-established next year, as will also be established another inter-fraternity national society called the Phi Lambda Sigma. There are at present no law fraternities, but there are promising men at the Law School, and the first law fraternity to enter will have a clear field.

The fraternity membership at Tulane is now as follows: Kappa Alpha, 20; Sigma Chi, 16; Alpha Tau Omega, 12; Delta Tau Delta, 9; Kappa Sigma, 25; Phi Delta Theta, 13; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 16; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 8; Phi Kappa Sigma, 15; Sigma Nu, 10; Pi Kappa Alpha, 13; Phi Chi (Medical), 10; Phi



CHEMICAL LABORATORY.



PHYSICAL LABORATORY. SOME VIEWS OF TULANE UNIVERSITY.



NEWCOMB COLLEGE.



A SNAP-SHOT OF THE CAMPUS. SOME VIEWS OF TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Kappa Rho (Medical), 10; Alpha Delta Omicron (Medical), 14; Pi Beta Phi (Newcomb), 16; Alpha Omicron Pi (Newcomb), 15; Chi Omega (Newcomb), 10; Kappa Kappa Gamma (Newcomb), 15; Theta Sigma (Newcomb), 12.

A new chapter at Tulane has a hard time. There are no helping hands for it. It is a case of each chapter for itself, and the one who can not keep up gets lost in the hubbub. The Academic department is situated in one part of the city, the Law and Medical in another part, and Newcomb in another part. It is therefore rather hard for the fraternities to get together. There are no chapterhouses at Tulane and there are not likely to be any for some time to come, owing to the peculiar conditions existing there. Everything at the University is controlled by one or the other fraternity, so that the "barb" very often is left out in the cold.

Louisiana Tau-Upsilon owes its birth to a Pennsylvania broker, now dead. He suggested the idea to a cousin, at Tulane, to organize a local and apply for a charter. This the cousin, Abner Blanks Gilmore, now editor of the Louisiana Sugar Planter's Journal, with the aid of several men from other chapters who were attending Tulane, did. The men were gathered together and application for a charter was made. The convention of 1896 granted it. On the 22d of January, 1897, the new chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was installed. These men were charter members: Abner Blanks Gilmore, Clarence Clemm Cromwell, Harry Frank Thomson, Ralph Hubbard Bouligny, Paul Frederick Jahncke, Edward Burke Preis, Ira Lee Parsons, Lewis Webb Crigler, Edward Hardaway Munson Parham, Jr., Alfred Hennen Forman and John Clement McNair. Since that day the chapter has been prosperous. Only one of the men initiated by them, D. B. Gorham, Jr., has died.

The present position of the chapter is one of prominence at Tulane, both socially, in literary pursuits, and athletically. The Schools of Medicine and Law predominate among us, there being among our alumni seven lawyers and thirteen physicians.

Unless some unexpected and unforeseen calamity occurs, Tau-Upsilon has a long, happy and prosperous life before it.

WM. KERNAN DART.

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The New Catalogue,

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HE Sixth General Catalogue of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, more familiarly known simply as "The Catalogue," is at last a physical entity. Though the statement may appear at first sight somewhat startling, it is none the less true. The book came off the press some time last June, and was greeted with a cordiality which, though fully merited by the character of the volume, was no doubt tinctured with some of that added warmth incident to a pleasure long deferred.

The catalogue is eminently a success. The most carping of critics could not gainsay this. Any one really interested in the men of the Fraternity would be foolish to try to get along without it. For a number of years to come it will have to us all a real and distinct value.

The first thing that takes one's eye about the new catalogue is, naturally, its appearance. Mechanically and typographically, it is an attractive piece of bookmaking. Binding and paper are alike beyond reproach, and the selection and arrangement of type-faces is particularly good. As a volume, it is distinctly pleasing to the eye. Since '93, when our last catalogue appeared, printers, binders and publishers have not turned aside from the spirit of progress that has gone abroad in the land, and it is no reflection on the compilers of that volume to assert that in physical appearance, at least, it is immeasurably surpassed by the catalogue of 1904.

In considering a book, however, appearances are all well enough as far as they go, but they are not by any means everything. The vital question, after all, is matter and not manner. There are people who prefer the works of the late W. M. Thackeray in paper covers and eye-racking print to the gilt-edged, linen-laid, Christy-pictured performance of the very latest "new" novelist.

Editorially, then, the 1904 catalogue is thoroughly satisfactory,

because, both inclusively and exclusively, it is just what it purports to be. It is a catalogue pure and simple, a well conceived and exhaustively compiled directory of the men of the Fraternity. All needless verbiage and fancy frills have been severely cut out. All literary essays, interesting anecdotes and historical sketches have been left for the garnering of other harvesters. All the matter necessary to the creation of a complete and inclusive catalogue of the Fraternity has found a place in the volume before us, and everything else has been ruthlessly omitted.

Indeed, one does not require the statement to that effect of the editor who brought the volume finally to publication to note that condensation has been the guiding principle in the preparation of the book for the press. A realization of the urgent need for conciseness is everywhere apparent. Typographically, this spirit has found expression in the use of double-columns in the printing of the extended chapter-rolls, which occupy about two-thirds of the entire volume. Editorially, it is conspicuous in the omission of all preamble beyond a page or two of preface, in the excision of historical sketches of the several institutions which preceded each chapter-roll in the '93 catalogue, and by great boiling down of the fact given concerning the individual members. As a result of this, the new catalogue contains thirty-odd less pages of print than the old one; though its pages are smaller, its type is generally larger, and it enrolls, we may reasonably assume, a great many more names.

All good catalogues, we suppose, are more or less alike: there is really not a great deal of scope for originality or variation. In addition to the chapter-rolls, the 1904 catalogue contains, like the previous one, an alphabetical index of all the members of the Fraternity, a consanguinity table, and a topographical index. Each man's name thus appears three times in the catalogue. It is found once under his class year in the membership roll of the chapter which initiated him, again under the name of his town of residence, and still another time in the general alphabetical list of all the members of the Fraternity. If he is anybody's brother or father or grandson, he can look it up again in the consanguinity table. It will thus be evident that to one who has a passion for seeing his name in print, in that particular alone the book is well worth the price of subscription.

The Record.

We have already referred to the fact that, in the chapter-rolls. the individual "records" of the various members are very much abbreviated. Apart from the great improvement in respect to appearance, this is, to our mind, the most noteworthy and most desirable change that distinguishes the present volume from the issue of '93. In the old catalogue, a great mass of matter was printed which could be of no possible interest to anybody except to the men to whom it severally referred, and possibly their next of kin. In those pages we could learn that John Brown was president of the Eulexian Society at his college for the years 1890-91, that John Smith contributed verse, doubtless meritorious, to the school paper; that Robinson was sergeant of cadets and mathematics prizeman in 1888, together with much else of a similar gossipy and ephemeral character. The editors of the Sixth Catalogue have wisely omitted all this; and the volume gains much thereby in wieldiness, and loses nothing in utility. The detail about each man is here sifted down to a statement of his name, year of birth and date of initiation, his occupation and address. To these are added, where existent, any special honors that have come to him for work in the Fraternity, collegiate degrees, the name of his wife, and any facts that would naturally be of great interest to members of the Fraternity. Student honors and trivial detail have fallen under the blue pencil. This is, of course, in line with the underlying idea of condensation, and is in every way an agreeable change.

Taken all in all, there is little to criticise in the new catalogue. and much to admire. We had to wait long for this volume, but we have got it now, and it is worth waiting for. It is undeniably good. The three men who contributed to the making of it are to be congratulated upon the results of their composite labors, and are entitled to the thanks of the Fraternity.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Day at the World's Fair.

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HEN it was announced that the officials of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition had designated July 14th as Sigma Alpha Epsilon Day there were many who believed that the celebration would be largely local-that S. A. E. would be lost from view in the multitude of the "world's best features" that go to make up the Exposition. These fears were soon dispelled when it was discovered that a host of Sigma Alphs had come to St. Louis primarily to participate in the day's festivities, and secondarily to see the fair. Nor was Sigma Alpha Epsilon lost sight of in the multitude of attractions. For on all sides, amidst a blaze of sparkling glory, the badge of Sigma Alpha Epsilon shone prominently; through a rainbow of radiant color the purple and gold waved conspicuous; above the hum of murmuring voices, above the shouts of seductive "spielers," yea, even above the din of cannon's roar, "Phi Alpha Alicazee" rent the air and informed the startled sightseers that S. A. E. was on parade.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Day at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was on, and the event will linger long in the memory of those Sigma Alphs who participated in the joyous fraternity revelry. It was no less than a national convention with the toil and work cut out. Representatives from Northern and Eastern, Southern and Western chapters were gathered together with the single intention of enjoying the good fellowship of fraternity. And glory be to S. A. E. that, even above all the countless attractions and allurements contained in the greatest spectacle the world has ever produced, there were still stronger ties that brought together a representative host of Sig Alphs gathered within the bounds of hospitable St. Louis.

To recount all the incidents of S. A. E. Day at the fair would tax the capacity of THE RECORD. Picture an ordinary day at the great-

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est show the world has ever seen, with its thousands of "rings" going at once; picture an ordinary Sigma Alph gathering with brothers from all over the land joined in the spirit of good fellowship and revelry; then combine the two and you have July 14th, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Day at the Exposition.

On occasions before the Sigma Alphs of St. Louis have been hosts to the Fraternity, and as before they have proven themselves hosts "to the manor born." The arrangements perfected by the St. Louis Alumni and the Washington University chapter affected materially the success of the meeting. Missouri Beta held "open house" at her attractive quarters, No. 2824 Washington Avenue, where a registry and hotel address-list of visiting Sigma Alphs was kept.

With the mercury hovering close around the century mark, and to the accompaniment of the "Boer War," scheduled for the same hour, Eminent Supreme Archon William C. Levere called the meeting to order in Assembly Room No. 1, Temple of Fraternity. For two hours the spirit of fraternity held forth in a succession of brilliant addresses and lively songs.

The following programme offered an abundance of entertainment, which neither the torrid atmosphere nor the thundering roar of the ceaseless cannonading was able to subdue, and seemed only to accelerate:

Invocation	
Address of Welcome	Judge John A. Harrison
Song	DearΣAE
Address	
Song	Oh, Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Address	Dr. R. C. Atkinson
Song	Convention Song

In the happy manner which characterizes the man, "Billy" Levere presided over the meeting. Judge Harrison's address of welcome was filled to overflowing with that love and respect for Sigma Alpha Epsilon which flows too deep ever to ebb and die away. E. S. D. A. Holderness in his response was eloquent, but rather brief, and a rumor rose and gained credence that there were "fair" attractions luring him to the Pike.

It is a rare occasion at a gathering of college men that the chief

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Day at the World's Fair.

speakers are men whose college days belong to the gloom-dappled vista of the long past, but such was the case at St. Louis. Dr. R. C. Atkinson, Virginia Kappa, '58, in his address drew a beautiful picture of the spirit of brotherly love that dwells in the breast of man and finds expression in such noble monuments as Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Vocally, the meeting was all that could be desired. Leaders from everywhere were evident, and though some were better suited to be leaders in other vocations, it made little difference in rendering the songs with a vim. Thus the first celebration of the day was observed.

At seven o'clock, in the spacious dining-hall of the Administration restaurant, Sigma Alphs from every section of the country gathered around the banquet board. Enlivened by the strains of music, inspired by the spirit of good fellowship, encouraged by the lack of formality, the current of enthusiasm ran at high tide. With that appreciation which can only come after a strenuous day at the fair, the menu was dispatched with a feeling of satisfied contentment. Judge Harrison presided as toastmaster, and added new laurels to the ones gained earlier in the day. His introductory remarks were pleasing features of the banquet.

Toasts were responded to as follows:

Observations
Memphis and the National ConventionE. R. Barrow
Fraternity Enthusiasm
Sig Alphs on the Pike Julius T. Muench
The Intention of Extension Carl E. Sheldon
Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Perhaps no subjects more alive with interest could have been discussed, and as each speaker acquitted himself there was a reechoing cheer of "Phi Alpha Alicazee," which assumed the proportions of a mighty roar when E. S. A. Levere began his response with the simple statement, "I love Sigma Alpha Epsilon." It was a cheer that voiced the unanimous response of all—for why were we here? Continuing in an eloquent description of the Sigma Alph spirit found all over the land, his words burned deep into the hearts of his hearers and brought forth peal after peal of applause. There is something about the magnetism of "Billy" Levere that is irre-

sistibly contagious. He had moved the "spirit of S. A. E." to enthusiasm that knows few bounds.

Eleven o'clock began the march "down the Pike." And such a rollicking, onward, sweeping march it was! The long line headed by "Billy" Levere and "Heavy" Howard, of Memphis, the two heavyweights of the meeting, swept everything before it, and startled the multitude of blase sightseers who had grown accustomed to seeing everything from South Sea Islanders to native redskins. Their fears were soon alleviated, however, when they discovered that instead of a savage warcry it was merely a band of cheering Sigma Alphs, and at once S. A. E. stood forth prominently in claiming attention. On we went past the Galveston Flood and the Naval Exhibit. Car after car loaded with Sig Alphs went the rounds of the Scenic Railway, or with a cheer dashed from the dizzy heights of the "Chutes." On again to the "Streets of Cairo," where the two heavyweights gave an exhibition of bareback camelriding, to the distress of "Bedelia." From Egypt to Alaska is but a step "on the Pike," from Creation to Hereafter but another. From fair Japan to Paris, Under and Over the Seas, through Ireland, and past the grottoes of the Tyrolean Alps are but short journeys "on the Pike." Alas, the onward march has brought us face to face with a big sign marked "Exit," which reminds us that all good things must end. The chimes were ringing the hour of midnight, the tired crowds were wending homewards, the myriads of lights had faded into the soft moonlight, and with the sweet "Good Night, Brothers," Sigma Alpha Epsilon Day at the fair was ended. Just one more cheer was given, which will continue to re-echo throughout the land-"On to Memphis in December!"

Edward R. BARROW.

Memphis Alumni Association.

The Manual.

The Manual.

By Dr. George H. Kress,

Editor of the Manual.

T was stated in the May RECORD that it was hoped to have the Manual out of press by September, but the slow responses from chapters, alumni and other fraternities have necessitated a delay. The work will be pushed as rapidly as possible, for it has already taken much of the editor's time, and he is anxious to relieve himself of the responsibility attached to its publication at as early a date as possible.

At the time of his appointment as editor in January last, he had little idea of the *Manual*, other than that it was intended to help our initiates to obtain a correct conception of Sigma Alpha Epsilon's past and her place in the college fraternity system of the present. With this thought in mind he finally decided to give the work the form indicated in the prospectus printed below.

In dividing the history into periods, he has utilized the Civil War as the basis of the first three periods: those of organization, retrogression and re-organization. Following these came a decade of vigorous extension in the South, and thereafter a decade of growth in the North. By this time the year 1894 had been reached, and we had chartered chapters in twenty-seven different States, extending from New England to California and from Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico. In December of 1894 the new constitution under which we are now working was also adopted, so that 1895 seemed a fitting year to mark the beginning of a truly national period of a truly national fraternity.

A perusal of the prospectus will indicate that these periods can be easily remembered. The nature of the contents is also there indicated. Elsewhere in this number of the RECORD appear some letters showing in a general way the kind of investigations which have been carried on by the editor. It has been a matter of regret

both to Herbert B. Moyer, the assistant editor, and himself, that the great distance separating them has made it difficult for them to confer with one another concerning details.

Our members must not expect too much of the Manual. as the small appropriation naturally imposes great limitations. It is the hope of the editors, however, to produce a book which will contain so much interesting information in such easily understood and usable form, that the man that hesitates about paying one dollar therefor must be far indeed from a live S. A. E. As only three hundred copies will be bound it will be very necessary for those who intend subscribing for the book to send in their subscriptions at once. The small appropriation prohibits the purchase of electrotypes, so that those who fail to subscribe now are very apt to have to do without. If subscriptions in sufficient number come in before the Manual goes to press, the editor will be glad to have additional copies printed, but not otherwise. He urges all those contemplating the purchase of this little volume to subscribe at once. You need not pay until you receive the book, and we believe you will gladly acknowledge that it will be worth its price. The prospectus mailed to the chapters read somewhat as follows:

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THE MANUAL.

An Illustrated History of Sigma Alpha Epsilon ; A Review of the College Fraternity System ; A Compend of Fraternity and Collegiate Statistics and Information.

Every member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon should subscribe for a copy. The price will be one dollar and the book will be out of press during the fall of 1904.

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"Tom" Watson, Candidate.

By Lauren W. Foreman,

Georgia Epsilon, '01.

HOMAS E. WATSON, the Populist nominee for the presidency, is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, an initiate of Georgia Psi of the class of 1876. Mr. Watson is not a graduate of Mercer University, as he was compelled to give up his collegiate course when he had been only a short time at the institution.

He completed his education by his own efforts at home, mastered law and was admitted to the bar in McDuffie county, where he has since lived. Mr. Watson served in the Georgia legislature, and was sent to Congress as a Democrat; but while in the lower house he espoused the cause of Populism, and was defeated for re-election by Major J. C. C. Black, the Democratic candidate, in 1892. Mr. Watson was nominated by the Populists for vice-president in 1896, as Bryan's running-mate, and the ticket carried several Western States.

Here in Watson's home State, his candidacy for the presidency is not considered at all seriously, and there is no chance of Georgia's vote being cast for him; but at the same time he is one of the most highly regarded men in the State, and a man who in any nonpartisan contest would be sure of an overwhelming victory.

Since his candidacy for the vice-presidency in 1896, Mr. Watson has kept out of politics and has devoted his time exclusively to his extensive law practice and to literature. As a historian he has won national fame. His "Story of France," his "Napoleon," and his "Life and Times of Thomas Jefferson" will give him a place with posterity when all his political deeds, perhaps, have been forgotten.

The place which Mr. Watson has won in the hearts of the people of his State in the last ten years is evidence of the most conspicuous achievement of this remarkable man. In 1892 he was the most re-

viled man in Georgia. To-day any well-posted man will say that Tom Watson has a brain the equal of any in the State, and that only his conscientious action in remaining with the party whose principles he believes to be right has kept him from taking a place among the first public men in the South. In the days when he was the target for the wrath of every Democratic orator and newspaper in the South, it was not any attack on his character or personal actions, but the fact that he was the impersonation of the movement which threatened to divide the white voters of the Southern States. Only a person who is familiar with political conditions in the South can understand the bitterness of this feeling against Mr. Watson, and hence the remarkableness of his having in ten years reached a place where not one word will be said against him.

Mr. Watson is not a politician by profession. He has made nothing out of politics, for he has always represented the side to which defeat seemed sure; but that has not deterred him from following what he considered the line of duty. Though living in a small town, Thomson, Georgia, he has an extensive law practice, and is constantly engaged in cases in all parts of the State, and before the Supreme Court.

Inasmuch as he is a man who has always had the courage of his convictions, and who by his honesty and undeniable ability has won the highest praise from those who were his bitterest enemies, no one has the right to say that Thomas E. Watson will not yet rise to high political preferment. Though a Populist living in a State always Democratic, he is honored by all his opponents, and should the time come when an issue will be considered more than the party espousing it, Watson will be found on the side of the right and the people. No matter how much one may differ with Mr. Watson in politics, no man who has studied his career can fail to do him honor for his sincerity, his straightforward honesty, and his marked ability.

The Notification of Mr. Watson.

Reprinted in part from the New York Sun of August 19.

Before an audience which did not leave a seat in Cooper Union unoccupied, and filled about all the standing-room there was to spare, Thomas E. Watson was formally notified last evening that he had been nominated as the presidential candidate of the People's party, and Thomas H. Tibbles, one of Mr. Bryan's stanch Nebraska adherents, was likewise informed that he was the same party's candidate for vice-president.

In point of enthusiasm and hearty participation in the spirit of all that was going on, the audience—there were at least 3,000 men and women in it—suggested some of the old anti-poverty meetings of the days of Henry George and Dr. McGlynn. It rose up to the oratory with wild cheers. It joined in the proceedings with timely observations. It was good natured from the front tier of seats all the way back through its big compact body to its outer fringe of wall-flowers at the rear, where there was standing-room only.

Moreover, it took a marked and expansive liking to Tom Watson from the moment it caught sight of him until he made his final bow after a speech that lasted well on to two hours. And during all the time Mr. Watson was talking, as well as during all the time the other speakers had the floor, the audience kept up a running fire of cheerful comment and epigrammatic observation on the subject under discussion. Whenever the speaker ended a sentence with an interrogation point, the audience always answered the conundrum like the responses in a political catechism.

AUDIENCE CATCHES THE SPIRIT.

"What Democratic principle does the Democratic party now stand for?" demanded the Hon. Tom.

"Graft," promptly responded a shrill, penetrating voice at the rear of the hall.

"Right you are," came from a deep, husky voice away over to the left.

"What is there in the Democratic candidate up the Hudson?" again asked Mr. Watson.

"August Belmont," again came the prompt reply.

The name of Bryan and the names of all the Bryan apostles and prophets were cheered and cheered again, until it seemed as though there would never be an end to the cheering, and the names of Grover Cleveland, John G. Carlisle, August Belmont, David B. Hill and Arthur Pue Gorman were hissed and hooted and groaned at every time the audience got a chance at them.

Upon Samuel W. Williams, of Indiana, as chairman of the special committee, fell the duty of telling Mr. Watson about his nomination. He set about the job with the plain matter-of-fact purpose of doing it in the fewest words possible consistent with the dignity of the occasion. Then Mr. Watson, who had been told that he was "all right," that he was "our Tom," that he was "hot stuff," "the real thing," "a bully Georgia cracker," and half a dozen other complimentary things from the moment he made his appearance on the platform, came forward and was cheered steadily for six minutes. He made three low bows in succession—one to the north, one to the nor' nor'east and one to the nor' nor'west. Then he waded in, and this is part of what he said:

WATSON REJOICES, HE'S CONSISTENT.

In this era, when so many men wear their political beliefs loosely, in this time when the voter who went to bed a Democrat—having prayed for free silver before closing his eyes—may awake in the morning and find himself under the necessity of clothing himself in the irrevocable gold standard or of having no Democratic garments to wear, it is something to be able to say, "I belong to a party which will not strike its flag, which will not desert its creed, which stands to-day just where it stood on the day of its birth, which glories in its principles in the hour of defeat, which believes it has a message to mankind and a mission to perform, and which will never cease the struggle to restore our government to the Democratic ideal of the wise men, the good men, the great men who framed it.

AND THE REPUBLICANS HAVE PRINCIPLES.

How is it with the Democratic party? Our political history has never seen a situation so ludicrous as that which the national Democracy now holds. I can understand how the citizen can work for the Republican party and vote its ticket with enthusiastic zeal. If the Republican party represents his ideals of government, then he is justly proud of it, can justly confide in it, for it has stood by its principles through storm as well as sunshine; and no matter how bad you and I may think its creed is, we are bound to admit that the Republican party has a creed, is willing to fight for it is willing to cling to it in defeat, and continue to struggle for it until victory comes again. But why any human being should, in the year 1904, vote the national Democratic ticket is something that passes my untutored comprehension. I can understand why the citizen could vote a local Democratic ticket; I can understand how in some cities and in some States that party may be struggling to do some distinct thing which he believes

ought to be done; but in the name of common sense, tell me why any sane and sober citizen should, in this campaign, vote the national Democratic ticket.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS?

Where are the voters who followed the fortunes of the Democratic standard-bearer in 1896 and in 1900? Were they men of conviction? Did they honestly believe in the principles they professed? I believe that they did. I call upon the six and a half million voters whose political faith was crystallized in the Chicago platform of 1896 and in the Kansas City platform of 1900, and I ask them. What is there in the Democratic platform of 1904 that bids you hope? What is there for you in that platform? What do you get out of it?

Never in the world could the Democratic party emphasize itself on any issue as it did on the money question from 1896 to the year of 1904. If all the writings and all the speeches which Democrats made against the Republican party on the money question were put into printed form and loaded for transport upon the backs of camels, the caravan would stretch from one end to the other of the great Sahara desert. Did they understand the money question? If not, how do we know that they understand any other question?

Do the Democratic leaders suppose for one moment that the voters of this country are going to forget the history of the past eight years? Do they imagine for a moment that when they stand in the attitude of confessing so colossal a blunder as they made upon the money question that they are going to be trusted on any other question? I again ask : Did they know what they were talking about during those eight years, or were they simply deceiving the American people? Perhaps they were ignorant upon the money question. If so, how will they go about convincing the voters that they are wiser to-day than they were yesterday? But perhaps they knew that the Republicans were right and were simply misleading the people. If so, how will they go about satisfying the voter that they are honester to-day than they were yesterday?

THEIR AMAZING EFFRONTERY.

It seems to me to be the most amazing piece of effrontery for the Democratic party to go before the American people and proclaim that for eight years they have been wrong and the Republicans have been right, and at the same time demand that the crowd which has been wrong shall be put in the places of those who have been right. It would indeed be a miracle if any such thing should happen, and so far as I am concerned I do not believe it will happen. Why do I say so? Because I believe that if the gold standard be right, as both of the old parties now say it is, the people of the country will give the credit and their support to the men who were brave enough to pioneer its way, fight its battle and win its triumph.

But we are told that the Democratic party has taken a brave stand on the tariff question. It has declared that protection is robbery. If that declaration means anything it certainly means that any protection, however small, is dishonest. But they would never dare to say that the American people must construe that language to mean what it ordinarily would mean. Even those who claim that the words mean "a tariff for revenue only" will find cold comfort in the letter of their candidate, who declares that while he would be glad to see a revision of the tariff, he knows that he can not bring it to pass. To save the trouble of any doubt upon that great subject he hands in his capitulation to the Republicans before a single gun is fired. The campaign has not even been opened before the standard-bearer of Democracy commences his retreat. Therefore, the great tariff question may be considered as "waived," just as the great money question is "waived."

CANDIDATE AND PLATFORM AT ODDS.

Let us see what else the national Democratic party represents as an issue. In their platform they declare that further legislation is needed against the trusts. But their candidate in his speech of acceptance says that we have as much law as we need. For all practical purposes, therefore, the attitude of the national Democrats on the trust question is precisely the same as that of the national Republicans.

The Hon. Henry G. Davis came up to New York soon after his surprising nomination for the vice-presidency, and in the first gush of his exultation told the truth. He declared that the platforms of the two old parties "were almost identical," and that the issues were narrowed down to a choice of persons. What a pity it was that the politicians got hold of the old gentleman and inoculated him with the "don't talk" policy which prevails at Esopus!

A mere hunt for office boiled down to its real essence, sifted to its real meaning, the Democratic campaign of 1904 is a mere unscrupulous hunt for office. They have no fixed and certain creed. They have no articles of faith by which Democratic loyalty can be tested. A party like an individual, should seek to build up character. And without convictions there can be no character. By convictions I mean essential beliefs which becomes a part of a man's very life; convictions by the light of which he works; convictions for which he would die. Has the Democratic party any such character? Can you measure it in a standard like that? Stealing the platform of the People's party in 1896, stealing that of the Republicans in 1904, how can it now pretend to be a party based upon convictions?

I can not see in the management of the National Democratic party anything on earth except an effort to find out which is the best bait to put on the hook. It is merely a question of catching the voter and winning the office. A few years ago they were clamoring for the income tax. What has become of that demand? Who told them to drop it? The plain people of America did not. The masses of our people are in favor of such a tax. almost unanimously. The corporation kings who are financing the Parker campaign are naturally opposed to the income tax. It has dropped out of sight. By whose orders?

After the meeting adjourned there was a public reception at the Union Square Hotel to give the audience an opportunity to get acquainted personally with the candidates.

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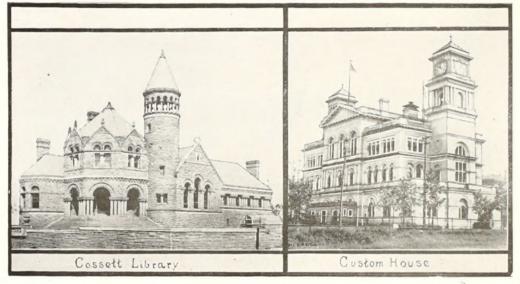
By Wassell Randolph,

Memphis Alumni Association.

OW that the time set for the forty-third national Convention of S. A. E., the great event in 1904 in the life of our Fraternity, is drawing near, the eyes of every loyal Sigma Alph should be longingly turned towards the "Bluff City," in anticipation of the good times that await all there who may attend on that occasion.

The opportunity that is presented for making this the largest and most enthusiastic convention yet held is exceedingly favorable. The central location of the "Convention City," with its unsurpassed railroad facilities, makes it the most convenient place, for our brothers generally, that could have been selected. And next Christmas, every true Sigma must realize that all roads lead in but one direction—to Memphis.

This is not the first time that Memphis has been so honored by the Fraternity. More than thirty-four years ago, when the great struggle for existence was being waged by the town during the dark and gloomy years succeeding the Civil War, the Convention of 1870 was held here, being called to order on July 6th, in the United States Court room in the Government Building. An idea of the conditions that confronted the Fraternity at that time is well suggested by the fact that at that convention delegates were present from only five chapters, viz .: Virginia Sigma, Georgia Beta, Kentucky Chi, Tennessee Eta and Mississippi Gamma, and the total number of Sigmas in attendance, including officers, delegates and visitors, according to the old Memphis Avalanche of July 7, 1870, did not exceed twenty-five. Picture the contrast between that and the approaching convention, with every officer present, a delegate from each of our sixty-four chapters and from each alumni association, and an attendance twentyfold as great.



MEMPHIS PUBLIC BUILDINGS,



HOTEL GAYOSO, MEMPHIS. Headquarters of the Forty-Third National Convention, which convenes December 26, 1904.

Memphis and the 1904 Convention.

Since 1890, however, S. A. E. has made great progress both in Memphis itself and in the surrounding country, so that now it is the center of a section extending into the neighboring States as thoroughly S. A. E. as any other section of our country. The alumni here increased so rapidly that a little more than two years ago the members advocated strongly the establishment of an alumni association, with the view, primarily, of promoting and assisting in the welfare of the Fraternity generally. So it was that, on July 24, 1902, the Memphis Alumni Association was organized with an active membership of fifty from the first, which has been increased from time to time until it now numbers seventy-five or more members. Ours was the first fraternity to establish such an association here, but since then others, appreciating its success in its new venture, profited by the example and organized similar associations. None can boast of one half the membership of the association of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Immediately upon the completion of its organization, the Memphis Alumni Association, being imbued with the idea of proving to our brothers that it intended to take a place in the life of the Fraternity and do its part in promoting its success, resolved to secure for Memphis the Convention of 1904. The sincerity of this step is evidenced by the success with which its efforts were rewarded. In his invitation to the convention, the delegate to Washington made promises, both on behalf of the local association and of the city, of the good time that could be assured all brothers in the event that Memphis was favored. These were not idle promises, as all who are fortunate enough to attend will see demonstrated. The entertaining will be limited only by the time at our disposal for pleasure.

To care properly for a convention such as our next bids fair to be, and assure all who come a jolly, good time requires unceasing exertion. But the Memphis Alumni Association recognized this fact from the outset, and thoroughly appreciated what would be expected of it, before the invitation was extended. It has willingly entered upon the duties requisite for carrying out what it is to contribute to the success and enjoyment of the gathering in a systematic manner. Committees in charge of the different features planned, and of the detail work, have long since been appointed, and their arrangements so far progressed that the association is able to announce now the program of the principal social events.

The Convention meets on the Tuesday after Christmas. On Monday evening preceding, a smoker will be given to all the visitors by the Memphis Alumni Association in the parlors of the new Hotel Gayoso, the designated headquarters of the Convention and the place where all its sessions will be held. Following this, on Tuesday evening, will occur the S. A. E. ball, also given by the local alumni association. This will be made the feature of all the social events. Here the brothers will have ample opportunity of appreciating the recognized beauty and hospitality of the society belles, of whom the city is so justly proud. No doubt the convention ball will be a novel event to many of the delegates. The one given by the D. K. E. Alumni Association to its visitors at its national convention here in the fall of 1902 was recognized as the swellest dance that had ever occurred in the city. And though the Memphis Alumni Association has set itself a huge task in undertaking to surpass by its ball what was accomplished by the D. K. E.'s, yet it is manifest already from the arrangements that this will be done.

Wednesday evening has been selected as the evening for the theater party at the Lyceum theater, the house to be handsomely decorated for the occasion. Sigmas will be given the preference for that evening, and the most desirable seats will be reserved until a convenient date so that all who may wish to attend the performance will have an opportunity of providing themselves with tickets, and thus be assured of a good seat. The theater ought to be filled entirely with S. A. E.'s and their friends.

Thursday evening is the date fixed for the banquet, which will be held in the commodious and elegant banquet-hall of the Hotel Gayoso. Every Sigma who has attended one of the national conventions knows what to expect at one of these banquets, and this particular one will prove no exception. With the banquet, the Convention will be brought to a close.

It is the desire of the Memphis Alumni Association that the different chapters and alumni associations inform it, if possible, of the number of men that will attend the convention from each. In making preparations, it will be of great assistance if it can be

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known with some degree of certainty how many Sigmas will be in attendance. The Association will strive its best to have a recordbreaking crowd, and if all brothers who are in a position to do so but manifest the interest they should and resolve to come, it is assured that all records for attendance will be shattered.

In view of the proximity to Memphis of so many of the chapters in Tennessee and the adjacent States, a rare opportunity is presented for such chapters to attend this convention in a body. The Memphis Alumni Association urges such chapters as can to do this. There need be no uneasiness as to accommodations. No better hotel exists in the South than the new Hotel Gayoso, and if such an attendance can be secured, as is hoped, that its capacity will be overtaxed, there are numerous other hotels, some of equal standing with it, and others less expensive, where the best accommodations can be had.

The Memphis Alumni Association now extends to every Sigma an urgent invitation to be its guest at the 1904 Convention, to enjoy the good times that are in store for all, and to make the convention the success it should be. This Association will use every effort to attain this end, and all it asks is the hearty co-operation of everybody, in first inducing himself to come, and then all others whom he can coax, persuade or bluff into the notion. Let all who come beware that they arrive only in the best of spirits, prepared to enjoy fully the jollification themselves and to contribute to the pleasure of their brothers. All cases of "the blues" must be left behind.

Brothers, let us make the coming convention one that the Fraternity can justly be proud of, and to this end try to eclipse all conventions heretofore held. The Memphis Alumni Association assures you that it will do its part—the attendance rests with you Will you come?

On to Memphis in 1904!

Contributions Toward a Fraternity Bibliography.

By Edward Harmon Virgin.

VII.

Catalogues.

1859.

A CCORDING to the history of the Fraternity contained in the '93 catalogue, a Sigma Alpha Epsilon catalogue was published in 1859. The statement in that volume is as follows: "The first catalogue of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was published in '59, at Washington, D. C., under the direction of J. H. Wright, Washington City Rho, '59, and others of that chapter. The work had been compiled by North Carolina Xi, which was then Grand Chapter." This statement seems circumstantial and correct. The writer of these notes, however, has never seen a copy of this catalogue, and no copy exists in the records of the Eminent Supreme Recorder of the Fraternity to date of writing.

1870.

This catalogue was prepared by Virginia Omicron in 1868, when Grand Chapter. In 1869 Georgia Beta became Grand Chapter and the catalogue was published under her management in 1870. It appeared as a pamphlet of thirty-eight pages exclusive of cover and fly-leaves. The cover was of glazed white paper, bearing as its only mark the three letters S A E in heavy-face type. The first fly-leaf bore in its center the old-fashioned design, found on so much of our old stationery, showing our badge upon a background of scroll effect.

The title page reads:

CATALOGUE

OF THE

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON FRATERNITY.

1870. *

BALTIMORE.

Printed by Kelly, Piet & Co., No. 174 Baltimore Street. 1870.

1870.

Then follows a page of "Greeting":

GREETING.

Dear Brothers: In preparing a catalogue of our Fraternity we have met with some little embarrassment. The reorganization of our noble Order, which has been steadily progressing since the war, has not yet been perfected. The rolls of some of our chapters, from some reason, have not reached us, and the rolls of others now in our possession are necessarily not perfectly correct. These statements, we trust, will be sufficient to explain and excuse a few inaccuracies which will appear. Believing that the next catalogue will be more nearly complete, and hoping, under the circumstances, that the present one will give satisfaction, we send our most cordial greeting to our brothers throughout the country.

March, 1870.

Brothers of the Grand Chapter.

Pages 5 to 8 are occupied by the list of chapters, 8 to 20 by the alphabetical list of members, and 20 to 38 by the chapter-rolls. The chapter-rolls are mysterious-appearing lists, headed with the Greek letter alone which was the name of the chapter, and having each member's name preceded by the Greek letters denoting his topos. The first class entered under the first chapter, Alabama Mu, appears thus:

E. n.	Nathan E. Cockrell	Livingston, Ala.
'A. a.	Noble L. Devotie	Montgomery, Ala.
П. а.	Wade, Foster	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
E. n.	John W. Kerr	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
'I. a.	John B. Rudulph	Lowndes Co., Ala.

The inaccuracies of spelling and typography are reproduced here exactly.

^{*} The title page is cut, and a motto or phrase apparently removed here.

Only one copy of this catalogue is preserved in the Fraternity archives and that is incomplete, pp. 25-30 being missing.

1872.

The issue of a catalogue in 1872 has, so far as the writer knows, not been before noted in any of our histories, nor can it be absolutely proved by the evidence now at hand; but, as will be seen from the facts stated below, that some sort of a catalogue appeared between 1870 and 1877 can scarcely be doubted. If the publication be acknowledged, the numbering of the 1893 catalogue, which was called the fifth, is of course wrong. The facts are as follows:

1. Quotations from letters in archives of the Eminent Supreme Recorder as follows:

a. "Catalogues will not be published until 1871(2)". The last figure of the date is corrected, and from the nature of the correction it can not be told whether the figure is meant to be two or one. This quotation is from a letter written by a committee of Georgia Beta (Grand Chapter) to Kentucky Chi, dated January 23, 1871.

b. "We have not as yet made any arrangements for the publication of our catalogue this term, but will at the next meeting. The Grand Chapter thinks it would be almost impossible for the Fraternity to publish a Magazine." Letter of H. L. Collier, corresponding secretary, Georgia Beta, to P. D. L. Hilliard, Kentucky Chi, dated January 23, 1872.

c. "If you have any good draftsmen in Chap. 'X' please remind them that \$10 has been offered by the Fraternity to the member who will plan the most appropriate frontispiece for the catalogue, to be decided at the next convention." Letter of H. L. Collier, corresponding secretary, Georgia Beta, to P. D. L. Hilliard, Kentucky Chi, dated February 17, 1872.

d. "We will send you the catalogues by next mail." Letter of R. H. Brumby, corresponding secretary, Georgia Beta, to T. C. Long, Tennessee Eta, dated January 25, 1873.

2. Greeting of 1877 catalogue: "Many of the chapters have not

been heard from they show no increase since 1872, the date of publication of the last catalogue."

3. In the archives of the Fraternity are the incomplete pages of a catalogue (pp. 7-24) which correspond in arrangement to none of the other editions. The chapter-rolls are entirely missing, but the alphabetical list of members has in it men whose expected years of graduation are in no case given as later than 1875, and only one of that year. Finally, the convention of 1871 authorized the organization of alumnus chapters. In the list of chapters in these catalogue sheets appears the name of only one such organization — Alpha Alumnus, of Atlanta, Ga., which was organized during the first months of 1872.

The sheets were apparently afterwards used in preparing copy for the 1877 catalogue, as written in ink at the end of the list of chapters appears the name of the chapter at Carolina Military Institute, Charlotte, N. C., called North Carolina P P. Many corrections in ink are also made in the alphabetical list of members.

These facts seem to prove, as already stated, that a catalogue was issued in 1872, probably by the Grand Chapter, Georgia Beta, particularly as the letters quoted were all sent out by them, and the issue of another catalogue soon was suggested in their 1870 catalogue.

1877.

The catalogue of 1877 was issued in style similar to the 1870 edition, in white glazed paper with the heavy-face S. A. E. on the cover in red. On the verso of the cover appears the emblematic design mentioned above as on the fly-leaf of the 1870 issue. This is also printed in red ink. The pamphlet contained sixty pages, exclusive of the cover. Title page: Catalogue of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Published under the supervision of Chapter X, Grand Chapter, Kentucky Military Institute. Farmdale, Kentucky. 1877. Frankfort, Ky.: Printed at the Kentucky Yeoman office. Major, Johnson & Barrett. 1877.

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Title: Supplementary Catalogue of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, for the years 1878-'9. Published under the supervision of Chapter X, Grand Chapter, Kentucky Military Institute, Farmdale, Kentucky. Frankfort, Ky.: Printed at the *Kentucky Yeoman* Office. Major, Johnson & Barrett. 1880. Pp. 26. Issued as a pamphlet without covers.

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An Historical Index.

By Herbert B. Moyer.

HIS index was first prepared in 1898 as an appendix to the Manual, which it was expected that the Nashville Convention would authorize. It has been enlarged somewhat and brought down to date, at the request of Dr. Kress, editor of the Manual. It should be understood, however, that it is in no sense a complete index of our publications, but merely a reference to certain important topics, as an aid to historical study. A complete index would probably fill one hundred pages of the RECORD.

For lack of space in the *Manual*, Brother Kress has thought it best to have this appear in THE RECORD with the consent of its editor.

The extant history of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is contained in THE RECORD, Hustler and Phi Alpha, in the catalogues, especially the Fifth, 1893, and in the minutes of conventions, which, since 1880, have usually appeared in one or the other of our publications.

Short histories of the first seventy-five chapters are given in the Fifth Catalogue, together with sketches of schools. These are not usually included in this index. In the last ten or twelve volumes of THE RECORD descriptions of many chapters and colleges may be found.

Except of the first four volumes of THE RECORD chapter letters have not been indexed, as they may readily be found grouped into a department. To have included them would have increased very much the size of this index, which is intended to be compact and convenient for reference. To read consecutively all the letters from a chapter is an excellent help in a study of its history.

Of great interest and assistance are letters from old alumni, such as those secured for THE RECORD, Vol. XIX, pp. 372-391, and XXII, and pp. 119-128, 258-264.

The abbreviations used are R., RECORD; P., Phi Alpha; H., Hustler; C., Fifth Catalogue; number of issue, as in the case of early issues of THE RECORD, where each number has paging beginning with 1, is indicated by parentheses around the number, as (3); pages indicated by their numbers without further denotation.

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One of the most important matters that the chapters will have to pass upon during the first few months of the present session will be the question of choosing delegates for the Forty-third National

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Convention. First of all, every chapter must resolve, at any cost, to be represented on the Convention floor. Indications appear to point in the

direction of a record-breaking gathering in point of attendance, and a very important one in point of business to be enacted. No excuses, unless improbably strong, will be accepted for the failure of any chapter, however small in numbers or however remote, to have a properly accredited representative on hand to answer the opening roll-call.

In the new catalogue, one of the very few undergraduate honors that are cited in the individual records of members is that of delegate to a national convention. This is as it should be. The post is perhaps the most honorable in the gift of the chapter. The consciousness of being selected as the chapter's official representative at an assemblage of the national Fraternity, with the pleasure incident to the occasion, makes it one of the most coveted. As this is well understood, it is expected that each chapter will send its best all-round man; and, as a natural consequence, the other delegates will size up your chapter to a large extent by the sort of man you choose to represent you.

It isn't necessary, however, to send your most popular man, or

your best athlete. Men who are strong in one direction are not necessarily strong in another; and the best man for the delegate in your chapter may be one who doesn't know a punt from a three-base hit. For your delegate you want a man who is sensible, levelheaded, responsible, who is good "on his feet," who can be relied upon with equal safety to carry out the chapter's expressed wishes, or to depart from these should new information brought out at the convention make this desirable. Further, for the hours of leisure, he should be personable—a man who can pleasantly mix with his fellow delegates and leave behind a favorable impression of himself and of the chapter which sent him. Almost every chapter contains on its roll a man of this sort; and the chief concern must be the exercise of due discrimination in finding him out.

On another page will be found a review of the Sixth General Catalogue. This new volume is winning its way, on the basis of its merits, into a very wide favor, and those who have seen it, or better yet, who own it, are unanimous in their hearty

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and are of opinion that before long it will join that choir invisible of books about which we ask ourselves, "How did we ever get along without it?" The book is a welcome addition to the publications of the Fraternity, and to E. S. A. William C. Levere, who at a large sacrifice of time, health and financial interest, completed the work of preparation, our unlimited thanks are both due and hereby extended.

After the first rush of "getting started," and taking in new men to replace those who left their Alma Maters last year to return no more, the chapters will settle down into the even routine of under-

New Year Resolves. graduate life. Then will come the quiet times, in some ways most important of all, when they may devote themselves wholly to inner growth and the

working out of a better and higher organization. And as September is really the "New Year" among the colleges, good resolutions are now to be made, and at least some of them kept, in the little matter of paying dues, answering correspondence and the general transacting of the chapter's business.

Strength must be built up from within, and the beginnings of better things in the career of each chapter is the determination to cope with its difficulties and discharge its duties in a sound, systematic and efficient way. There is no doubt about the fact that the bulk of the average chapter's affairs is attended to in a very loose and unsatisfactory way. And this is a little odd when one considers that the motive which, in the first place, drew all the members together was presumably the desire to obtain an education; and that the very thing that education is designed to do is to *train*, to draw out and develop a man's command of his qualities to a point where he may handle himself in the affairs of life with a maximum of ease and efficience. We believe that all our chapters are perfectly capable of transacting their business satisfactorily, if they could only bring themselves to believe that it really mattered.

If the chapter officers demanded of themselves a vigorous and methodical attention to their duties, and the members exacted this of them, a point would have been gained important not merely in itself, but in its indication of a sounder being. A chapter which caught this spirit towards its work, and held to it, would be a stronger body in many vital ways than one which had only the outward evidences of prosperity, and knew not the secret of inner grace; and in time it would come to have these outward evidences, too.



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

- April.—The Beta Theta Pi; The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma; The Shield and Diamond of Pi Kappa Alpha; The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.
- May.—The Alpha Phi Quarterly; The Frater of Psi Omega; The Eleusis of Chi Omega; The Journal of the Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity; The Phi Gamma Delta; The Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho; The Kappa Alpha Journal; The Delta of Sigma Nu; The Sigma Chi Quarterly.
- June.—The Delta Upsilon Quarterly; The Shield and Diamond of Pi Kappa Alpha; The Trident of Delta Delta Delta; The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta; The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi; The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta; The Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha; The Alpha Tau Omega Palm; The Caduceus

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of Kappa Sigma; The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta; The Alpha Xi Delta; The Shield of Theta Delta Chi.

July.—The Anchora of Delta Gamma; The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

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During an observation in the East and the West of "high and preparatory" school fraternities, the Exchange Editor has come to the conclusion that they will be found ultimately to be harmful rather than helpful to the collegiate Greek-letter system. Prep school boys are too immature to derive the real good from secret organizations and they are too apt to misinterpret their function. Mr. Newman Miller, editor of the Sigma Chi Quarterly, sounds a note of warning in regard to these organizations which may well be heeded by all Greek-letter organizations having the good of the system at heart:

"Much is being said in educational circles at the present time concerning so-called high-school fraternities. These pseudo-fraternal organizations have sprung up very rapidly during the last five years, especially in schools and academies in large cities. In many instances the organizations are only local societies; in others, an attempt is being made to widen the field and establish chapters in different cities. We are disposed to think that enterprises of this sort can never be of benefit to the public schools or to the legitimate college fraternity. In the one instance they can only be an aggravation to the administration, with but little to accomplish during the brief and restricted relationship of the member with his chapter; and in the other, much of the uniqueness of the relationship of the Freshman to his college society will be destroyed. In our opinion, from the viewpoint of the college fraternity man, the system is open to the same objections which we have urged against class societies, namely, that it opens the way for a division of the affections of the young collegian and takes away from him much of the opportunities for participation and enjoyment in matters which should be sacred to any college alumnus. In one or two instances it has come to our notice that certain college fraternities have utilized chapters of high-school societies as pledging organizations. We are not disposed to countenance this movement, and we believe that it will be detrimental in the long run for any Sigma Chi chapter to adopt this plan of securing new members. The situation is one which is bound to receive a large amount of attention during the next year, and it would be well for all active and alumni members to post themselves as far as possible on the various problems which the question presents."

The Delta of Sigma Nu begins an article on the Iowa State College of Agriculture where it becomes the pioneer fraternity (antifraternity regulations heretofore forbidding their establishment) thus:

Iowa State College of Agriculture and the Mechanical Arts, usually called Iowa State College, is located at Ames, and has a strong State support. The college has eighteen buildings clustered about a beautifully wooded campus of one hundred and twenty acres, adjoining which are seven hundred and twenty acres devoted to the agricultural branches. Engineering Hall, costing \$225,000, and the new Central Building, costing \$300,000 (now in course of erection), are of Bedford stone and are along the lines now being pursued by the State College and State University in the reorganization of their plants. The total value of the college property exceeds one million dollars, and from recent legislative appropriations and a special tax, about \$1,250,-000 for additional buildings are assured.

The faculty numbers one hundred and one. There are twenty-three distinct courses, covering civil, electrical, mechanical and mining engineering, general science, and the various phases of agriculture, and leading to the degree of B. S. in the different branches. Higher degrees are awarded for post-graduate work.

Last year's enrollment numbered 1,322 students, of which ninety per cent. were male, and this year's enrollment approximates 1,400 of which about fifty per cent. are enrolled in the engineering departments. The attendance has increased about 105 per cent. in the last six years.

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On the subject of extension, the Delta's editor has this to say concerning Sigma Nu's policy:

"Sigma Nu has enjoyed a steady growth during the past twenty years, but since 1900 has been breaking the records in enthusiastic development. When one contemplates the strong chapters chartered during the last four years in Stevens Institute, LaFayette College, Cornell University, Kentucky State College, the University of West Virginia, Wisconsin, Illinois, Oregon, Michigan, Colorado, the Colorado and Missouri Schools of Mines, Washington (St. Louis) University, Chicago University, Iowa State College, and the University of Pennsylvania, he can not but know that the foundation has been laid for one of the greatest of college fraternal organizations.

"The extension question has been largely solved, but before extreme conservatism leads to declination to further charter, the preservation of our present strength and the material growth of the Fraternity demands that chapters be established at the Universities of Minnesota, Nebraska and Mc-Gill University, Columbia, Dartmouth and Brown, and, as they develop, Idaho and Montana.

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always before us. Our strongest competitors are fraternities that are reaching out for new strongholds everywhere, especially in the West. Our field is there as surely as 'westward the tide of empire takes its way.' There we have the opportunities that were seized by older fraternities in the East. And if we become pioneers in the West, as they were in the East, our advantages will be correspondingly as great. For the love of Sigma Nu, let us not delay until these same old rivals invade the new territory, and then try to get a foothold. Let us have our day, as they had theirs in the East. We should not be understood to oppose Eastern extension. We are in favor of it. But we desire to see a rational view of our greatest, easiest and most productive field of conquest take possession of the minds of our members everywhere. In short, let us not affect the conservatism of some effete organizations, but emulate the example of the most progressive and wideawake fraternities. Frequently we read in our exchanges and interfraternity correspondence: 'We, D. K. E.'s or Phi Delta Thetas, etc., are too conservative. We must extend our boundaries.' When these and other large fraternities tire of inaction, can Sigma Nu afford to ape such a senseless policy? We should be in the East. We must be in the West!

"Let us wear awhile those boots that placed our rivals in the East so many leagues ahead of us and intrenched them in power for evermore."

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Theta Delta Chi has now some twenty-four active chapters, one of which is the recently revived Epsilon of the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, Virginia. This chapter was first established in 1853 and re-established on April 22, 1904, by the absorption of the Mu Pi Lambda Fraternity. Columbian University, the name of which becomes, on September 1, 1904, George Washington University, and the College of William and Mary, are the only two institutions on Theta Delta Chi's roll which may be said to be in the South. Sigma Alpha Epsilon established her Williamsburg (later known as Virginia Kappa) chapter at the College of William and Mary in 1858, the minutes of December 12, 1857, of the mother chapter containing the following note regarding the granting of that chapter: "Clements read a letter from the Chapel Hill chapter (University of North Carolina) suggesting the propriety of establishing a chapter at William and Mary, Virginia. By the assumption of Brother Bullock permission was given to the Chapel Hill chapter to permit Forniss [Charter member of William and Mary, who was killed at the battle of Malvern Hill .- Ex. Ep.] to establish a chapter at William and Mary. The Williamsburg

chapter was S. A. E.'s last ante-bellum grand chapter holding this office from 1860 until the chapter became inactive in 1861 because of the departure of members to enter the Confederate service. Theta Delta Chi's ante-bellum charge at William and Mary had an unusually brilliant career, as witness the following excerpt:

Long ere the blight of Civil War had swept over the Southland, Theta Delta Chi had found a distinguished place in the social life of the Southern colleges. At South Carolina College, at Washington and Lee University, and at the University of Virginia still linger honorable traditions of Theta Delta Chi. But it is from William and Mary that comes that wealth of tradition and sentiment that has made the Southern charges famous in the annals of our fraternity. As the Moslems turn toward their mecca so may we seek inspiration in the deeds of Epsilon. The mother charge of Colonel William Lamb, the hero of Fort Fisher; Bishops Randolph and Wingfield of the Episcopal communion; General Alexander D. Payne, the dashing leader of the Blackhorse Cavalry, C. S. A.; Col. T. S. P. Tucker, "the dare-devil cavalry leader and the only man Phil Sheridan ever feared"; William Bloxham, twice Governor of Florida; General Thomas Smith, now Chief Justice of New Mexico; Colonel Moses G. White, who commanded Fort Macon when taken by General Burnside; Colonel Hill Carter, a mere boy, who fell while leading his regiment in the battle of the Wilderness; and a score of others who deserve an honored place in the hearts of their countrymen. Our fraternity may well be proud of such a charge, founded in the gathering twilight of the old South, when already the rumblings of strife could be heard, for Epsilon's history extends over the saddest epoch of our nation's history, a bare score years.

William and Mary was the birthplace of Phi Beta Kappa, the first American college fraternity, and has had a career that must make every college man hope that her doors may forever remain open for the cause of higher education in which she has so long labored. A few extracts from the *Shield* give an insight into the career of the institution:

Founded in 1693—though her antecedents date back as far as 1617—William and Mary College has passed through a career as checkered and varied as no other college in the Western Hemisphere has ever experienced. Second to but one—Harvard—in age, second to none in glory and achievement, she has passed through every vicissitude of war, spoliation and poverty ; but a divine Fate seems always to have guided her course, for, through a recurring series of ill fortunes, she has ever approached nearer to that noble ideal for which she was created.

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broad and comprehensive plan "that the Church of Virginia may be furnished with a seminary of ministers of the Gospel, and that the youth may be piously educated in good letters and manners, and that the Christian religion may be propagated among the western Indians to the glory of Almighty God." The officers numbered a chancellor, a president, director, And now we come to that distressing period of the war, when the old college was again reduced to ashes, and when it seemed as though we were destined to pass away forever. In 1869, however, the buildings were restored, and President Benjamin S. Ewell, thrice appeared before Congress pleading for reimbursement for damage inflicted by Federal soldiers. Though supported by Senator Hoar of Massachusetts and others, the plea proved of no avail and the institution was allowed to decline until 1881, when again it was forced to close its doors. All the professors were dismissed, the president alone remaining at his post, causing the college bell to be rung at the begin_ ning of each collegiate year to remind the people that the spirit of the hallowed institution was not born to die.

In 1888 the State Legislature was moved to grant an appropriation of \$10,000 annually, the present faculty were elected to the various professorships, and the college woke once more from its protracted sleep. And now the checkered career of William and Mary is over, and she has entered into that broad, smooth level of educational advance, and with her sister colleges is developing the innate genius and talent of the South.

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At this time of the year, when the actives are centering their entire attention upon the Freshman students, it may not be amiss to call attention to the following thought, clipped from the *Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*:

"In every college there are men who have refrained from uniting with a fraternity during their first year, and who are extremely desirable in every particular. To these men the chapters should devote themselves; they afford opportunities for future chapter growth more certain than the new men who will enter the colleges in the fall. The year has brought out their good qualities, and in selecting them for membership few mistakes will be made."

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Editorially the editor of the *Journal* defines the extension views of Kappa Alpha in this wise:

In accordance with these views the writer does not propose, until more fully informed, either to advocate or to oppose Northern extension in these pages. Suffice it to say that whereas in years gone by unquestionably the great mass of the fraternity was opposed to the idea, and John Temple Graves and James W. Morris battled in its favor practically unsupported; in more recent times a great change of sentiment has undoubtedly been taking place in the attitude of the order regarding the question. Not long ago one of our largest and most influential Southern alumni chapters unanimously passed resolutions favoring Northern extension, and within the past few months out of fifty of the alumni of one of our oldest and most conservative chapters who were asked to give their views on the question—and by one violently opposed to the movement—forty-eight expressed themselves as favoring it. These facts are here stated not in advocacy of the principle, but to open the eyes of those who so blindly maintain that the fraternity is solidly opposed to it.

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In a twelve-page article, one of a series advocating Northern extension, L. S. Boyd, of K. A. (Southern), writing for the May *Journal*, presents paper No. 1, discussing "History and Union with Northern Kappa Alpha." His summary on "What we Get" and "What They Get" reads thus:

WHAT WE GET.

We become national, and it will no longer be thrown at us that we are local and sectional, thus losing us valuable men in the rushing season. We partake of the age and prestige of Northern K A, and become the oldest American college fraternity, which carries weight with it. We discover new fields in their ritual and customs, which will tend to broaden and elevate. We shall have open to us the whole North and West for further extension, and, finally, we add to our roll a long list of distinguished men of the North, seven active chapters and 1,500 alumni.

WHAT THEY GET.

They become national, and will thus be placed in a better position to compete with the other national fraternities. They will honor our ritual and

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ceremonies, written by a conservative Southern gentleman of the old school, a graduate and LL.D. of Washington and Lee University, a Confederate soldier and Mason, and a learned classical scholar, now editorial writer on the Baltimore Sun—Dr. Samuel Z. Ammen. At one stroke they add to their chapter-roll forty-eight Southern colleges, 6,000 alumni, and many of the most distinguished men of the South—including Rev. Thos. Dixon, Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson, Hon. John Temple Graves, District Attorney Folk, of St. Louis, five members of Congress, ten college presidents, and one hundred high State officials. In the city of New York alone they add one hundred of our alumni, probably as many as they have there themselves.

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The Sixth Catalogue of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was issued from the press early last summer. We doubt not but that Brother William C. Levere, who brought that volume to publication, is in full sympathy with all methods which will lessen the number of "lost Sigma Alpha Epsilons." The *Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*, by publishing such a list of "lost members" in its own fraternity, has been able materially to decrease it. The article is entitled "Lost Kappa Sigmas," and we quote the following:

LOST KAPPA SIGMAS.

In April of the year 1903 there was published for the first time a list of the lost brothers of the fraternity. This list contained the names of two hundred and seventy-one of those brothers whose names appeared in the Fraternity Catalogue of 1897 without addresses, or to whom mail had been sent since that time to their last known addresses and had been returned by the postal authorities as not delivered or forwarded because the present addresses were unknown. From time to time this list has been republished and each time communication with a large number of the lost has been established until in this issue the list as given below shows the names of but forty-seven brothers whose whereabouts are as yet unknown. During the month of July a preliminary catalogue or address book will be issued by the fraternity, and it is hoped that the forty-seven will be located before that time.

The labor of collecting the necessary data for an absolutely accurate catalogue is very great, and at the same time it must be remembered that the completeness of the catalogue will enhance its value in the highest degree, and moreover it must be remembered that from a catalogue containing absolutely all addresses of Kappa Sigmas a foundation for perfect fraternity records in the future can be taken. The present Catalogue Editor, an expert in such work, has undertaken to compile a new one for the fraternity in the next year or so, the Address Book being merely introductory, and members will confer a great favor upon him by making an earnest effort to

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locate the lost forty-seven, whose names are given in the list which follows. In the event that the address is not known the name and address of some relative or close friend will be of great value in locating these lost brothers.

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The June Caduceus of Kappa Sigma announces new chapters at Oregon, Chicago, Colorado School of Mines, and Massachusetts Agricultural College. At the last-named institution the D. G. K. (a local fraternity of thirty-six years' standing) was absorbed. Concerning the University of Oregon, which is located at Eugene, about one hundred and twenty-five miles south of Portland, the Caduceus has this to say:

Oregon is filling up with people from the upper Mississippi Valley attracted by the opportunities which the new land and resources offer. These latter-day emigrants are familiar with the State University system, willing and able to make it go, so the continued growth of the University depends only on the loyalty and efficiency of its Faculty.

The University aims to give the work needed in the State. The courses are thus grouped: The College of Literature, Science and the Arts offer work in classical, literary, general scientific, civic-historical and philosophical-educational groups; also courses preparatory to law and journalism. The School of Science and Engineering gives work leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science, and civil, sanitary, electrical and mining engineering, as well as work preparatory to medicine and dentistry. The students have successfully taken courses in graduate work at Chicago, Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Johns Hopkins.

The student life is active and sometimes enthusiastic. Football and track athletics are the leading sports, and in these the University has the best record in the Northwest, though surpassed of late by the University of Washington.

There are three literary societies, and a keen interest is taken in debate, annual contests being held with Washington and with Pacific University. An active part is also taken in the State and inter-State oratorical contests.

There are two national fraternities (Gamma-Zeta Chapter of Sigmu Nu, having been founded in 1900), and one local, the K K K.

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On April 29th, Kappa Alpha established its Beta Epsilon chapter at Delaware College, Newark, New Jersey. K. A. is the first fraternity to place a chapter there. A few quotations concerning the institution may be of interest:

The permanent endowment fund of Delaware College is \$83,000, while its annual income and expenditure amounts to \$60,000, exclusive of peri-

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odical appropriations by the State Legislature. The value of buildings and grounds is placed above \$125,000, its scientific apparatus at \$30,000. It is not a co-educational institution, and has no sub-Freshman classes. It has a faculty of twenty professors, and the annual attendance ranges from 115 to 130 students. In accordance with the "Morrill Act," the college has the military feature, which extends to all the classes. An officer of the regular army is detailed as Commandant of Cadets and Instructor in Military Science.

The only male college of high grade in Delaware, this institution combines the function of a State university with those of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, so liberally provided for by the various Acts of Congress. The courses offered are the Classical, Latin-Scientific, General Science, Agricultural, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering, leading to the various degrees.

The college is essentially Southern in the prominence it gives to forensic discussion. Before the entrance of Kappa Alpha, there were no Greek-letter fraternities at the college, and, consequently, the two literary societies monopolized the interest of the students. The rivalry of those societies is somewhat like fraternity spirit in many colleges. These two societies, each nearly as old as the college itself, have been not only important adjuncts to the social life of the institution, but valuable aids in its educational work.

Gleanings of the Greeks.

The New York Sun reprints from the Menorah some interesting remarks on "The College Greek-Letter Societies and the Jews":

We find, in glancing over the catalogues of the various orders, where such are available, that almost all contain the names of Jews. Judge Julius Marshall, Mayor of the New York Court of Special Sessions, and Capt. Philip Stern of the United States Army are members of Phi Delta Theta. They have been honored by the society and have held important offices in the fraternity councils. One province president of this society is now a Jew, guiding the affairs of a score of college chapters. A director and another officer of its large metropolitan club, as well as sixteen members, are Jews. Former Judge William N. Cohen is an Alpha Delta Phi from Dartmouth. Capt. Zalinski of the United States naval experts was a member of Psi Upsilon at Cornell. A director of the Educational Alliance in New York is a member of Beta Theta Pi, and the number might be indefinitely prolonged. At a recent convention of the largest of the Greek-letter societies five delegates out of a total of sixty-six from college chapters were Jews, and four received convention offices of importance.

It is unfortunately true that at some institutions Jews are rigidly excluded from the fraternities. This is said to obtain at Cornell, Pennsylvania and Harvard to-day, and to some extent at Columbia, although at the present time three Columbia chapters have Jewish initiates, one having as many as three members out of a total of thirty-one. The fact that less than 18 per cent. of the male students at Columbia are fraternity members shows that the percentage of Jewish initiates is not unduly small. Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Delta Theta have initiated Jews in recent years in this one institution; three Jews were initiated in one society last year at Syracuse University, and the same number at Lafayette, and others have been taken in at Brown, Dartmouth, Williams, Yale and other institutions. It is undoubtedly true, however, that at most institutions many men who deserve initiation are slighted either because of their marked Jewish characteristics or the fact that they have distinctively Jewish names.

As a member of the Columbia chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the writer feels able to deny flatly the statement above regarding the initiation of Jews into this chapter. One or two men have been taken in who bear names strongly German, and as the *Menorah* author admittedly drew his inferences merely from "glancing over the catalogues of the various orders," we imagine that he has been misled in this way. It is well known that Jews are by law excluded from membership in Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

In the March RECORD we expressed our obligation to the Kappa Alpha Journal for discovering a Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter at the University of Washington. In the May RECORD we thanked a Sigma Nu correspondent for bestowing upon us a chapter at Howard College. Not to be outdone in the prevalent spirit of generosity a writer in the Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta has now come forward and presented us with a chapter at the University of Iowa:

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, which for many years has been laboring to secure a chapter here, has finally been successful. The men whom they secured are mostly athletes. The chapter, however, will not be installed till next Christmas.—*Chapter Letter in the Rainbow*.

THE RECORD is supposed to keep its readers posted on the doings of this Fraternity, but this is a clean beat. We not only admit this, but we will go further and say frankly that we, the editor, would like to know more about the matter. Instead of hedging, we sue for

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information. Has Sigma Alpha Epsilon been laboring for many years to secure a chapter at Iowa? Has she at last been successful? When and by whom was the chapter chartered? And who has fixed "next Christmas" as the date of installation? We shall await further light on this important topic with interest.

But, really, if we continue to be scooped in this way, our subscribers will all drop off and take a liver and more up-to-date magazine.

SIGMA NU.—Sigma Nu is said to be ogling the University of South Dakota, a hitherto virgin field.

Sigma Nu has entered the University of Chicago. The chapter is known as the Gamma Rho and starts its life with twenty members, including students in the Law School, School of Medicine and other graduate departments. Gamma Rho is the sixty-fifth chapter of Sigma Nu.—*The Shield of Theta Delta Chi*.

The Beta Rho Chapter of the Sigma Nu Fraternity has recently been revived at the University. A banquet was given at the Rittenhouse and five new men were initiated. At one time the chapter had on its active roll such men as Dan Coogan and Goeckel, of the baseball team, Gilbert the famous football player, and Al Bull, the oarsman.—*The Pennsyl*vanian.

SIGMA CHI.—Sigma Chi continues her building operations by preparations to erect chapter-houses at Illinois, Dartmouth, Dickinson, Mississippi and Missouri.

KAPPA SIGMA.—For twenty years Phi Delta Theta has had a larger number of chapters than any other fraternity, but in this respect it will doubtless soon be eclipsed by Kappa Sigma, as the latter is granting charters very rapidly.—*The Scroll* $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

PHI KAPPA PSI.—At the University of Pennsylvania Phi Kappa Psi is to build a house valued variously at from \$25,000 to \$50,000, according to the imagination of the writer.

ALPHA CHI RHO.—The Pennsylvania chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, which began to sit up and look around a year ago, now rents a house. Sigma Delta Sigma, a newly formed fraternity in the University of Wisconsin is trying the experiment of running on the "co-ed" basis—if the term may be borrowed without too great violence to English—taking both men and women students into its membership. The career of Sigma Delta Sigma will be watched with considerable interest by the Greek world.—*The Shield of Theta Delta Chi*.

KAPPA ALPHA.—Kappa Alpha has put in a chapter at Delaware College, Newark, Del., being the first fraternity to enter this institution. The new chapter rents a house in town and has succeeded in furnishing part of it.

The shrill cries of the bleak wintry winds are silent at last, and the warm breath of spring has come again to invigorate the souls of those who are willing to close their books and take a plunge into the flood of nature.— Nature-loving Correspondent in Kappa Alpha Journal.

DELTA TAU DELTA.—Delta Tau Delta has recently entered Texas. A local at this institution is said to have just been chartered by Phi Kappa Psi.

At Colorado College there are reported to be two locals which would, upon request, allow themselves to be absorbed by national fraternities of high repute.

BETA THETA PI.—The Rainbow is authority for the statement that a body of petitioners at the Colorado School of Mines is seeking to win favor in the eyes of Beta Theta Pi.

The taking of "honorary" members into undergraduate chapters is not, as some have fondly fancied, out of style, passé. Instances of it are cropping up constantly. No fraternity, however, appears to have gone into the matter so enthusiastically, so hilariously, as Phi Kappa Sigma. The Columbian chapter of this fraternity recently initiated ex-Secretary Cortelyou, of the Department of Commerce and Labor—now chairman of the Republican National Committee—Dr. Needham, president of the institution, and several popular professors. It is rumored that such unattached members of the faculty as were, in the rush, accidentally overlooked feel decidedly hurt.

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As an example of the rot that is forever finding its way into the newspapers, we print the following from the Baltimore Sun:

It is of great interest to college men everywhere to learn, as stated in a dispatch in Thursday's Sun from New Haven, that Yale has admitted a negro, one William Pickens, to the Phi Beta Kappa Society. This fraternity originated about 1776 at William and Mary College, where a negro would not have been admitted to membership. But it "went North," as some other Southern college fraternities have done, with the result that the Northern view of the race question now dominates the chapter at Yale and probably the chapters at other Northern institutions. All the more important colleges and universities, North and South, have these "chapters," and membership in them has been hitherto regarded as a distinction. The idea of assuming the name of the William and Mary fraternity for an honorary society originated, it is believed, in the North, and charters are granted from the centre of authority there. It remains to be seen whether the Southern chapters of Phi Beta Kappa will welcome "Brother Pickens" as a frater.

The different views held North and South in respect to the social rights and eligibility of the negro effect materially the question of "Going North" which now agitates certain large Southern college fraternities. The admission of Pickens to Yale Phi Beta Kappa seems to exclude negroes from Northern chapters of Southern fraternities, inasmuch as local sentiment controls and the feelings of Southern chapters are not understood or respected.

The Yale incident has, therefore, a practical bearing. It may be that the Southern chapters of Phi Beta Kappa will not take action in regard to it, since this fraternity imposes no duty of social intimacy upon its members, and they could "cut" Brother Pickens without incurring a penalty; but it would be different with the college Greek-letter society proper, which does require all members, North and South, to meet on the same social plane. . . . To these two bodies of "Greeks" the Yale incident will appear very suggestive, indicating the probable result of a too ardent desire to become "national."

The absurdity of considering Pickens' election to the honorary society of Phi Beta Kappa as the "result of a too ardent desire to become national" is so erroneous as to be a screaming farce. The chuckle-head who conceived this point of view ought to forsake literature for some brisk physical profession where facts don't matter much, anyway.

From a perusal of the above composition, with its deft insinuation that "the Northern view of the race question now dominates the chapter at Yale and probably the chapters at other Northern institutions," the uninformed reader would infer that the fraternities at the Northern colleges had thrown down every barrier, and were taking in men of every shade and every hue, without respect to race, color or previous condition of servitude. In point of fact, it is commonly reported that the Yale chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, when it became evident that Pickens' record would give him a clear claim to election, passed a special by-law, cooked-up for the occasion, which disqualified him on technical grounds. Later, this step was commented upon so unfavorably in the newspapers that they reversed their action and elected the negro. Phi Beta Kappa bears about as much resemblance to a fraternity, properly called, as a correspondence course in the waltz bears to a private cotillion. So far as we know no negro has ever been initiated into a college fraternity; and from a slight knowledge of institutions in both sections of the country, we are inclined to think, with reference to the future that this event is not much more likely to take place to the north of Mason and Dixon's line than it is to the South.

This attempt to widen sectional feeling and stir up a race riot every time a negro's name gets into the newspapers is disgusting and contemptible to a degree. What hurts even worse in the present article, however, is the crass ignorance of the writer, which sticks out everywhere like barnacles on a ship's keel.

Phi Sigma Chi is, apparently, a school fraternity with chapters in Missouri and Ohio. It publishes a quarterly magazine, known as the *Chapter Hall*. From this publication we have clipped the following item:

Dreaming of, and firmly believing in a destiny for Phi Sigma Chi which should far eclipse any rival interscolastic [sic] organization then in existence, even having the temerity to believe, on account of the immeasurably greater possibilities for development, that she could outstrip in importance and power for good, the college fraternities, etc.

It will be news to some of us old fogies to learn that the school fraternity has "immeasurably greater possibilities for development" than the Greek-letter society of the college. The July *Chapter Hall* is a neat-looking publication of forty-five pages which, for reasons of modesty, we must forbear to praise too highly. The editor appears to have gotten hold of an old copy of the RECORD and examined it with a care which we find quite gratifying. To omit lesser matters, the entire Exchange Department has been transplanted (minus acknowledgment) from the RECORD for September, 1903.

Boys will be boys.



Marriages.

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- Massachusetts Gamma, '01.—Lieut. Henry Tilghman Bull, U. S. A., to Sally Franklin Wainwright, at Washington, D. C., 5 April, 1904.
- Massachusetts Gamma, '01.—Clarence Luther Thurston to Nellie Cotter, at St. Louis, Mo., 5 April, 1904.
- Massachusetts Gamma, '94.--Oscar Lundgren Stevens to Bertha Lizette Noyes, at Haverhill, Mass., I October, 1903.
- Massachusetts Delta, '01.—Arthur Waldo Lamb to Willa Vedder, at Leeds, N. Y., 15 June, 1904.
- Massachusetts Delta, '01.—John Bulkley Wiard to Alice Campbell Barden, at Lynn, Mass., 17 June, 1904.
- Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, '03.—Edward Frey to Roxie Snively, at Hanover, Pa., — June, 1904.
- Virginia Omicron, '98, and Massachuseits Iota Tau, '01.-King Harding Knox to Juliet Dunbar, at Baton Rouge, La., I June, 1904.
- Ohio Epsilon.—Professor S. Chester Parker to Lucile R. Jones, at Cincinnati, Ohio, 4 June, 1904.
- *Ohio Epsilon.*—Charles Sumner Reinhart, of Cincinnati, to Amanda E. Adams, at Jamestown, Ohio, 28 June, 1904.
- Ohio Theta, '03.-Charles R. Wilson, to Alma Kellmerten, at Columbus, Ohio, 15 June, 1904.

- Ohio Theta.—Karl Dale Swartzel to Helen Eversole, at Columbus, O., 16 June, 1904.
- Wisconsin Alpha.—Prof. Allyn A. Young, of Hanover, N. H., to Jessie B. Westlake, at Madison, Wis., 10 August, 1904.
- Georgia Epsilon, '00.—James Raleigh Pattillo to Addie Boyd, at Decatur, Ga., 16 June, 1904.
- Georgia Phi, 'or.--Lucius J. Harris to Katrina Ruse, at Atlanta, Ga., 6 July, 1904.
- California Alpha, 'o6.—Harold Eaton to Lola Holmes, at Santa Monica, Cal., 21 July, 1904.
- Kentucky Kappa.—John Robinson Hampton to Sarah Virginia Holderness, at Fordyce, Ark., 5 May, 1904.
- Tennessee Nu.-Alfred J. Carpenter to Mary Francis Hobdy, at Franklin, Ky., 20 June, 1904.
- Connecticut Alpha, '92.—William Joseph Miller, to Alice Heaton Schouler, at Elkton, Md., 5 July, 1904.
- Connecticut Alpha, '98.—Alfred Henry Timpson to Edna Elizabeth Dewey, at New York, N. Y., 24 March, 1904.

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- Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, '02.-William E. Hahn, at Archer, Fla., 22 July, 1904.
- California Alpha, '02.—Charles Walter Sell, at Los Angeles, Cal., on June 26 (?), 1904.
- Louisiana Epsilon, '70.—Norton Rogers Roberts, at New Orleans, La., 2 Au gust, 1904.

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Leonard Smith McGruder.

On Sunday, July 24, 1904, Leonard Smith McGruder, aged seventeen years and four months, an only child, and a pledge of Louisiana Tau-Upsilon chapter, died of appendicitis. He had been ill for three months and his death was not entirely unexpected. He was operated upon three times in the vain effort to save his life.

Leonard S. McGruder was born in March, 1887, and would have attended Tulane University this year. He attended the University School, a preparatory school in New Orleans, and pledged himself to join Σ A E when he came to Tulane, despite the fruitless "rushing" of two rival fraternities. He played on his school football team, won one of the honor scholarships to Tulane and was very popular with his fellows. The following resolutions were passed by the chapter:

"INASMUCH, As we, the members of Louisiana Tau-Upsilon chapter of the Sigma Alpha Fraternity, have undergone a severe loss in the death of Leonard Smith McGruder, a pledge of our chapter, it is meet and proper that we express our great sorrow at his departure from among us; and therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That, although only a pledge of our Fraternity, he was as dear to us as any of our fellow members; and be it

"*Resolved*, That we extend our deepest sympathy to his family in their and our loss; and be it further

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved father and mother, to THE RECORD OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON, and that they be spread upon the minutes of the chapter."

> WM. KERNAN DART, JOHN POSEV VENTRESS, CLIVE WETHERILL KERNAN, Committee.

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Norton R. Roberts.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to take unto Himself our beloved brother, Norton R. Roberts; and

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

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

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

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, be published in THE RECORD OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON, and be included in the minutes of the alumni chapter of Louisiana Tau-Upsilon.

PAUL F. JAHNCKE, A. SHELDON HARDIN, E. L. MCGEHEE, JR., W. S. PARKERSON, Committee.

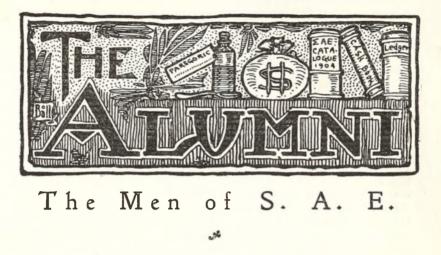
Norris Lilburn Watson.

After an interval of scarce ninety days the cold hand of death has fallen on another esteemed member of Colorado Zeta, Norris Lilburn Watson. By his death we have lost a most loyal brother and one devoted to his chapter and Fraternity.

Therefore, as individuals and as a chapter, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife and family of our brother, and in token of our respect spread a copy of this notice upon the minutes of the chapter.

COLORADO ZETA.

By the Committee.



The sad death of Charles W. Sell, California Alpha, which occurred on the 26th of June last, is thus reported in the *Los Angeles Times* of the day following:

While riding on a track velocipede through the Chatsworth Park tunnel, Charles W. Sell, assistant engineer of construction for the Southern Pacific Company, was run down and killed by a light engine at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

Rushing along with his motor at full speed in the clatter and din of his own machine, the steel monster was upon him before he realized his danger. The horror of the situation can hardly be expressed, as the glare of the engine's headlight from behind him suddenly burst upon his vision.

With a hurried glance over his shoulder he attempted to rise and jump for his life, and the next instant was dashed to his death against the side of the tunnel.

Engineer Charles McComas could only reverse his lever and await the expected derailment of his locomotive in the darkness of the narrow tunnel. But the velocipede was butted far ahead and the engine held to the steel. The body of the young man was tenderly placed in the cab and taken back to Chatsworth. Except for a deep gash on the back of the head, there was hardly a bruise on him. Death must have been instantaneous.

The accident occurred about 2,000 feet from the eastern entrance of the bore. Sell has been living on the other side of the tunnel for over a year, and has had much to do with its construction. He had gone through to Chatsworth and was on his way back when overtaken. Unopened letters stamped June 26th were found in his pocket, and it is thought that the mail had been the object of his night journey. Where the blame lies is hard to determine, as both the track machine and the engine were running at an unusual hour of the night, and were going in the same direction. The inquest will be held this morning at Bresee Brothers in this city, where the body was taken.

Sell was the only son of prominent people in Denver, Colo., and is said to have been engaged to a charming young lady of that city. His father, George Sell, is president of the George Sell Baking Company, and a telegram was at once sent to him for instructions. The remains will be shipped to Denver this evening.

A graduate of Stanford University of the class of 1902, and a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, and prominent in Masonic orders of Denver, the death of Charles W. Sell will come as a blow to a host of warm friends. He was but twenty-four years of age, and had already gained a responsible position with the Southern Pacific.

From an intimate friend who happens to be staying at one of the hotels in the city, it was learned that young Sell had just received a letter from his father, asking him to return to Denver and take charge of the George Sell Baking Company, his father wishing to retire from business. While at Chatsworth he was working under Engineer L. H. Long, who greatly admired him, and trusted him implicitly.

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Lieutenant David French Boyd, whose action in refusing negroes for enlistment is interestingly discussed in the appended clipping, was initiated into our Alabama Alpha-Mu chapter in the autumn of 1891. He was graduated at Annapolis in '97:

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 30.—Lieut. David F. Boyd, U. S. N., who has been suspended by the department because he refused to accept negroes for enlistment, has given out a statement here in which he defends his action and attempts to show that he was only carrying out instructions from Washington when he turned down the blacks who applied for entrance into the navy. Lieut. Boyd has been stationed here about two weeks in charge of the recruiting office. On the first day the office was opened twenty negroes made application to enter the service of Uncle Sam. They were promptly told that the navy did not desire negroes in any capacity. The rejection of the blacks was wired broadcast, and it was only a matter of a few days before the department got hold of the news.

Secretary Moody ordered an official investigation into the charges, and the reply of Lieut. Boyd affirmed the report that he had refused negroes for enlistment. The office here was then ordered closed and the lieutenant suspended from duty. In an interview here to-day Lieut. Boyd states that he has not accepted one negro, though several have applied. Fellow-officers had told him that they had frequently long lists of applicants at Southern points, but as soon as a negro was accepted the whole line would fade away. The strength of the navy to-day is about 33,000 men. Of this number about 500 are negroes. They are mainly cooks and stewards, though some few are seamen and landsmen. As the navy is now recruited up to the limit, according to Lieut. Boyd, there is no need of taking any recruit who is not absolutely desirable in every particular, as the only reason for recruiting now is to fill vacancies caused by death, desertions, casualties or expiration of enlistment. For that reason, the Lieutenant states, the department instructed its recruiting officers to accept only such men as appeared desirable in the eyes of the recruiting officer. Lieut. Boyd states that he does not see how a negro could be acceptable under these instructions, as he by no means considers that the black is an exemplary type of citizen.

Lieut. Boyd is an Alabamian by birth, and was appointed to the Naval Academy from that State. His father was for many years president of the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, a position now filled by his uncle. The Lieutenant was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1897. He was aboard the Maine at the time the battleship was blown up in Havana harbor. During the war with Spain he was attached to the torpedo boat Cushing, which formed a part of the torpedo fleet off the Cuban coast.

The statement by the navy department that Lieut. Boyd exhibited a spirit of insubordination, and that this is the ground for his suspension, is a cloak, it is stated by a prominent Democrat here, to hide a little branch campaigning for Theodore Roosevelt. It is pointed out that the president saw an excellent opportunity in this turning down of the negro to raise a hullaballoo and create a possible sentiment among the blacks of the South that he is still with them for equal rights and social party. Possibly the president, it is stated, realized that a few votes could be piled up on the Republican side.

The *Picayune*, in discussing the suspension of Lieut. Boyd, says, editorially :

"Mr. Boyd, it appears, refused to accept any negroes, and this fact enabled him to get white recruits in numbers. But the United States government, since it has been under the control of President Roosevelt, has made a vast step toward recognizing, and, as far as possible, establishing negro social equality, and here is another manifestation of it. White men in the army and navy must serve on equal terms. That is all of it, and that is something for Southern young men to consider."—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

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An account of the last meeting of the Arkansas Alumni Association is given in the following, from the Arkansas Democrat, of 21 June: At the forenoon session of the Arkansas Alumni Association, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, to-day the following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

Walter F. Reichardt, Little Rock, President.

Johnson Chapman, Jr., Lake Village, Vice-President.

J. L. Hornor, Helena, Treasurer.

E. R. Norton, Forrest City, Secretary.

Executive Committee—Will Dickinson and F. B. T. Hollenberg, Little Rock; D. K. Hawthorne, Jonesboro.

Delegate to the National Convention to be held in Memphis in December-C. G. Price, of Little Rock; alternate Will Dickinson, of Little Rock.

A letter of regret was read from William C. Levere, of Evanston, Ill., Eminent Supreme Archon, also from Marvin Holderness, of Vanderbilt, Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon, Henry Sydnor Harrison, Editor of THE RECORD, Richmond, Va., who were unable to attend.

This afternoon the members will attend a box party at the ball game, and will conclude the session with a banquet to-night at the Falstaff. Gen. E. B. Kinsworthy will be to astmaster and the to asts will be as follows:

"Reminiscences," W. M. Kavanaugh, Little Rock.

"Married Sigs," W. F. L. Hornor, Helena.

"The Alumni," Edward Lightle, Searcy.

"Arkansas Alpha Upsilon," Johnson Chapman, Jr., Lake Village.

"The Bachelor President," Carl F. Sanders, Hot Springs.

"The Ladies," F. B. T. Hollenberg, Little Rock.

The following are attending the convention :

J. L. Hornor, Helena.

Johnson Chapman, Jr., Lake Village.

George Buford, Newport.

E. R. Norton, Forrest City.

C. Wilson, Fort Smith.

Edward Lightle, Searcy.

E. T. Brown, Pittsburg, Pa.

Carl F. Sanders, Hot Springs.

D. K. Hawthorne, Jonesboro.

W. M. Kavanaugh, F. B. T. Hollenberg, C. G. Price, E. T. Archer, A. W. Archer, E. O. Brack, G. Brack, Steel Dortch, Will Dickinson, W. F. Reichardt, E. B. Kinsworthy, B. Green, Robert Pillow, Dave Finley, Lucien Ramseur, Harold Brown, Fred Heiskell, Little Rock.

Delegations from Pine Bluff and Hot Springs are expected this evening to attend the banquet.

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Rev. Marion V. P. Yeaman was a member of Tennessee Zeta, 1897.

The Annual election of Commissioners to the Presbyterian General Assembly, which meets next month at Buffalo, N. Y., will be one of the chief mat

ters of business at the annual spring meeting of the St. Louis Presbytery. The opening session will be this evening at the Tyler Place Presbyterian Church. A new moderator is also to be chosen, Rev. M. V. P. Yeaman of Ferguson having completed the term of one year in that capacity.

Mr. Yeaman will, as retiring moderator, preach the annual sermon before Presbytery this evening. The unusual situation exists this spring of the Presbytery being entertained at a church whose pastor has resigned and is soon to leave, Rev. Dean R. Leland intending to leave Tyler Place congregation May 1.

This clipping is from the St. Louis Globe of April 19. Commenting on the result of the election next day, the same paper says:

The closest contest for Commissioners to the General Assembly occurred in the St. Louis Presbytery yesterday at the Tyler Place Presbyterian Church which that body has known in years. Except for Rev. M. V. P. Yeaman, who, as retiring moderator, was given a practically unanimous vote on the first ballot, each choice required a number of ballots, and on one name more than an hour was spent.

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At the annual convention of the National Association of Credit Men, held in New York during the week ending June 18, Francis M. Gettys was elected vice-president of the organization for the ensuing year. Mr. Gettys, who was initiated into our Tennessee Kappa chapter in 1890, is a manufacturer of clothing in Louisville, Ky. The clipping is from the New York Commercial:

F. M. Gettys, who on Friday was elected Vice-President of the National Association, is one of the strong men of the organization. When he was nominated for the place he rose in the convention and begged to be allowed to withdraw his name. "God knows," he said, "that I do not want this office."

A delegate aroused great enthusiasm by jumping up and declaring that "Gettys is just the kind of Vice-President this organization wants—one who does not seek the place." The convention adopted the delegate's view, and Gettys received a unanimous election.

The new vice-president succeeds Richard Hanlon. Mr. Gettys is connected with the American Clothing Co., Louisville. He has been a director in the National Association, and active in promoting the interests of the Louisville Credit Men's Association.

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From the September Everybody's Magazine we have gleaned a paragraph about the Hon. J. C. W. Beckham, Kentucky Kappa '88, Governor of Kentucky:

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The Record.

Somehow, Governor Beckham, of Kentucky, is not unlike Beveridge, as far as stature and general configuration go. His voice has much of the same full-toned electric quality in a public speech. There are very few Southerners who 'have not that strange ability to put a thrill into their voices. But Beckham has not yet come to the belief that he would look well in marble. When he flings out his arms over a motley crowd of his people, gathered in an upland Kentucky oak-grove, there is almost a visible flash of fire in his eye, which reaches out into the shadows and brings his people up to him with a rush. The past few lean years of the Democratic party have choked off most of its really capable Eastern speakers. It is on such men as Beckham, who live in a land where politics never lack passion in any year nor in any season, that the burden of regenerating enthusiasm must fall.

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Lucius J. Harris, Georgia Phi '04.

HARRIS-RUSE.

An announcement in which will center the interest of a host of friends is that of the marriage of Miss Kathrina Ruse and Mr. Lucius J. Harris, which took place yesterday at noon.

The ceremony was performed by Dr. H. S. Bradley, and there were present to witness it only a small gathering of intimate friends, the fact that the wedding was to take place at this time not being generally known, and the news will be received with some surprise.

Miss Ruse is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ruse, and she is an unusually charming young woman as well as one of the prettiest among her large circle of lovely young friends.

Mr. Harris is as popular as his bride, holding an important position with the Georgia Railway and Electric Company. He has a wide acquaintance, business and social, to extend him congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris left last night for a visit to Tybee.—Atlanta Constitution, 7 July.

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Raleigh Pattillo, Georgia Epsilon, '00.

BOYD-PATTILLO.

An ideal June wedding was that of Miss Addie Boyd and Mr. James Raleigh Pattillo, which took place last night at half past eight o'clock in Decatur.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ansley, where the bride has been residing with her father, was the scene of the ceremony, and it was brilliant last night in its bridal decorations.

The whole lower floor was thrown together and filled luxuriantly with palms and ferns, while pink roses in profusion added their fragrance and color. There was no bridal table, but the bonbon table was a pretty picture in pink and white. A delicious buffet supper was served during the reception, and on the veranda there was refreshing punch, Miss Ruth Barry presiding there. At the hour for the ceremony Wurm's orchestra announced the bridal party, and the attendants preceded the bride, who entered with her maid of honor, Miss Lottie Ramspeck. Mrs. Charles Boynton was matron of honor and Misses Jean Ramspeck and Pauline Boyd were bridesmaids. Mr. Olin L. Pattillo acted as best man, and Mr. W. P. Pattillo, a great uncle of the bridegroom officiated.

The bride is a notably pretty young woman, the daughter of Mr. J. S. Boyd, and she was charming in her wedding gown of olga crepe and Duchesse lace, with her bouquet of bride roses. The maid of honor was gowned in pink mulle, with which she carried white roses, and the other attendants wore white mulle with pink roses.

A large number of guests were present to extend congratulations, and after the reception Mr. and Mrs. Pattillo left for the East, returning in a few weeks to their home in Knoxville, where Mr. Pattillo is prominent in the insurance world.—*Atlanta Constitution*, 17 June.

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Charles O. Engstrom, Massachusetts Beta Upsilon, 1897.

Ex-Representative Charles O. Engstrom died yesterday afternoon at his residence, 58 Rockview street, Jamaica Plain, after an illness of four years, from consumption. He was twenty-nine years old, and leaves a widow and two children. Mr. Engstrom was born in Gortenburg, Sweden, May 19, 1875, and came with his parents to this country when an infant. He graduated at Boston University Law School in 1897, and was the class orator. He established a large practice in the care of large trust estates. In 1900 he he was elected representative from Ward 22. At the close of his term as representative his failing health compelled him to retire from politics. He went to Denver, Col., in 1900, remaining there about two years. He returned to this city eighteen month ago.

Funeral services will be held to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock at the residence.-Boston Evening Transcript, 20 June.

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Carl Dale Swartzel, Ohio Theta, '93.

A handsome wedding on Thursday evening was that which united in marriage Miss Helen Ebersole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William V. Ebersole, and Prof. Karl Dale Swartzel, who occupies the chair of higher mathematics in the Ohio State University at Columbus. The bride attended La Salle Seminary many years, and has hosts of friends here. Dr. Kuhn, of Columbus, was best man. The bride's sister, Miss Florence Ebersole, was maid of honor; Miss Grace Hall and Miss Edith Ebersole being the bridesmaids. The house had beautiful decorations of roses, sweet peas and white marguerites. Little Elizabeth Dymond Crawford and Therrien Dale were the ribbon bearers, and carried ropes of smilax and marguerites, marking the path of the bride and groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Howard Billman, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Batavia, assisted by Rev. Jesse B. Young, of the Walnut Hills Methodist Episcopal church. Harpists furnished the music.

The bride looked lovely in a point d'esprit lace gown over white satin. The maid of honor was in white net, and the bridesmaids in Dresden net, the three carrying shower bouquets of maidenhair ferns.

Mrs. Ebersole, mother of the bride, wore a beautiful robe of white escurial lace; her ornaments were diamonds.

Mrs. William Swartzel, mother of the bridegroom, wore gray panne satin and Duchesse lace.

The bridal table was in sweet peas and smilax. At the bridal table were seated the bride and bridegroom and Miss Florence Ebersole, Dr. W. H. Kuhn, Miss Edith Ebersole, Miss Grace Hall, Dale G. Ebersole, Earl E. Young, Miss Ida Dowdell, J. W. Young, Misses Elsie and Ella Riggs, Robert Kidd and R. Meredith Atkins.

The out-of-town guests were Mrs. William Swartzel, Dr. H. W. Kuhn, Miss Ida Dowdell, J. W. Young, Columbus, and Earl E. Young, Anderson, Ind.

After an extended bridal trip, Mr. and Mrs. Swartzel will be at home at 308 West Eighth avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

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Tuesday evening Mr. George D. Kimball, of University Park, entertained a number of members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, together with their wives, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Austin, of New York City. Mr. Austin was president of the Fraternity from 1894 to 1898.—*Denver Kepublican*, July 24.

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The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity has perfected its alumni association. The following officers were elected : W. T. Berry, President; W. E. Kelley, Vice-President; Hugh Kirkpatrick, Secretary and Treasurer. After routine business, a committee was appointed to report upon giving a dance and banquet in the near future, in compliment to the active members before their return to college.—*Birmingham Paper*.

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Rev. J. F. McCulloch, Michigan Alpha, '83, who was president of Adrian College from 1889-1893, will shortly return to that institution as professor of mathematics.

Rev. J. F. McCulloch, editor of *Our Church Record*, organ of the Methodist Protestant conference in North Carolina, informs the *Patriot* that he has accepted a call to return to Adrian College, Michigan, as Professor of Mathematics for the coming year, and will leave for that place early in September. Rev. McCulloch was President of Adrian for three years in the early 90's and more or less pressure has been brought to bear on him ever since to secure his return to the institution. He will continue to have supervision of the church publications here. He will not take his family North at present. The good wishes of this paper follow Mr. McCulloch to his new field of usefulness.—*Greensboro* (N. C.) Patriot.

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HARVARD.

'93. H. P. Nash has left the American Law Book Co., and is now with Guthrie, Cravath & Anderson, Attorneys, 52 William Street, New York City.—'95. F. J. Geib is now practicing medicine in Ashtabula, Ohio.— '98. J. E. Bunting has removed from Boston to Flushing, L. I. He is engaged in general contracting.—'99. C. F. Marden has added to his labors on the staff of the *Boston Transcript* the management of a local paper in Milton, Mass.—'00. C. A. Holbrook has given up the position of assistant in Biology at the Lawrenceville school, and will enter Harvard Medical this fall.—'01. C. I. Pettingell has opened a law office at Amesbury, Mass.—'04. F. H. Wesson will enter the Harvard Graduate School to specialize in landscape architecture.

WORCESTER.

'96. G. S. Gibbs has changed his place of residence to Park street, West Roxbury, Mass.

CORNELL.

'02. George W. Beer is with Hornblower and Marshall, Architects, Washington, D. C. Ralph S. Kent is assistant coach of the Cornell football team.—'03. Carl L. Wernicke is with the Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co., Pittsburg, Pa.—'04. R. L. Kingland is with the Western Electric Co., New York. F. L. Gallup is engaged in a survey of the Wisconsin clay fields. Charles P. Wood is with the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company, Macon, Ga.

ST. STEPHENS.

'01. O. F. R. Treder was ordained at Albany, N. Y. on May 14, 1904.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

'73. Ernest B. Kruttschnitt was a delegate at large from Louisiana to the recent Democratic Convention at Saint Louis. Ernest B. Kruttschnitt recently retired from the presidency of the New Orleans Board of Directors of the Public Schools, a position which he has filled with eminence and honor since 1890.—Julius Kruttschnitt has just been promoted to the place of executive operating official of the vast Harriman interests, a post of

paramount importance.—'99. Leroy C. Bassett is an assistant professor at Johns Hopkins.—'01. J. E. Clark is a practicing attorney at Waco, Texas. Peter Robinson is vice-president of the Robinson Hardware Company of Louisville, Ky.—'03. W. P. Upshur is a lieutenant in the marines, stationed at Annapolis on recruiting duty. O. B. Harvey is practicing law at Clifton Forge, Va. J. Edward Arbuckle is with his father's law firm at Lewisburg, W. Va.

NORTH CAROLINA.

'98. Robert E. Foelin has moved from New York to Charlotte, N. C., where he has accepted the position of city editor on the Charlotte Observer's staff.-'00. Alfred R. Berkeley was ordained deacon June, 1904, at the Virginia Theological Seminary, near Alexandria, by the Rt. Rev. Joseph B. Cheshire, Bishop of North Carolina. He has been assigned work at Mayodan, N. C. William Gilmer Wharton has accepted a position with the Cone Export and Commission Company at Greensboro, N. C .- '01. Eben Alexander, Jr., was graduated in May from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and won an appointment to Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City. Clarence A. Shore enters the medical school of Johns Hopkins University this fall.-'02. Robert S. Hutchison is now located at Concord, N. C., where he is learning the cotton milling business. Reston Stevenson has returned from Germany, where he spent the summer studying; he will resume his post-graduate work at Cornell.-'03. G. R. Berkeley and R. B. Engel (1904) are students at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. Wm. J. Gordon has entered the theological department of the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tenn.-'04 F. M. Hanes enters Johns Hopkins to study medicine this fall.

OHIO.

'98. F. C. Doan received the degree of Ph. D. at Harvard in June, though not in residence there.

FRANKLIN.

'96. Dr. J. F. Howard, recently in England and on the Continent, has returned to the United States. His home address is Livonia, Indiana.—'97. William H. Hockman is a missionary in China in the employ of the Canadian Missionary Society.—'98. C. Y. Andrews has been renominated as district attorney, and he is almost certain to continue his present successful work.—'99. A. F. Harlow is with the Adams Express Company, at St. Louis, as auditing clerk.—'00. F. C. Whitcomb is professor of manual training at Howard University, Washington, D. C.—'01. W. A. Burton is with the Citizens' National Bank of Franklin. C. J. Powell is traveling salesman for J. T. Polk, Greenwood, Ind. W. T. Stout has charge of Swift Packing Company plant at Atlanta, Ga.—'02. Harry E. Mock is attending a medical school at New York.—'03. L. G. Miles is at Presque Isle, Me. A. E. Murphy is pastor of Baptist church at North Silverton, Rhode Island. —'04. N. H. Pritchard will attend Columbian University, Washington, D. C.--'05. F. B. Shields will attend Boston Tech. A. K. Morris will enter Brown University.

ILLINOIS.

'01. I. W. Chlokey is engaged in mining engineering in Torrea, State of Sonora, Mexico.—'05. T. L. Long will enter Harvard in the fall.

CHICAGO.

'04 G. D. Birkhoff will spend next year at Harvard, specializing in mathematics.

MERCER UNIVERSITY.

'76. Thomas E. Watson was recently nominated for President of the United States by the Populist convention in session at Springfield, Ill.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

'01 Hewitt Bouanchaund was recently chosen a member of the State House of Representatives, and served the first session through with a great deal of credit to both himself and his parish.—'03. R. Powell Crichton will attend the Harvard Law School this session.—'05. Murphy J. Foster has successfully passed his examinations to Annapolis and is now a cadet at that academy.

TULANE.

'99. C. C. Cromwell, one of the early earnest workers of Tau Upsilon chapter, is at present holding an important position on a sugar plantation at Champana, Cuba .- '00. Ralph H. Bouligny is living in Atlanta, Ga. Matthew F. Thomson will, in all probability, be among the active workers again next year, as he contemplates attending the Tulane Law School next session .- '02. James Brownrigg Dillard, who graduated high in his class at West Point this June, is at present stationed as Second Lieutenant of the Twentieth Battery of Artillery. The engagement of Miss Aurora Gurley to Dr. Edward Larned McGehee has been announced .- '03. S. Y. Alexander is at present practicing medicine in Shreveport, Louisiana, where he is doing well. News has reached New Orleans that Roy B. Thompson, at present attending the Virginia Law School, is soon to play the part of goat in the initiation of the leading law fraternity there.-'04. Walter B. Dobson intends to practice medicine at Leland, Miss. Hugh D. Gayden will practice medicine in the town of Brandon, Miss., and Lucius McGehee intends to follow the same profession at New Orleans. Frank Hart will study law either at some Northern college or else in his father's office in New Orleans. William W. Leake will study medicine next year, probably at Tulane. Lawrence Fallon Heaslip at present holds a position at Gulfport, Miss.-Ex-'05. C. C. Carter, a former prominent football player at Tulane, is a student of the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College at Starksville,-'06. C.G. McGehee will, in all likelihood, attend Mississippi A. and M. college next

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session and study for the noble and ancient profession of farming. Godfrey Parkerson will attend Cornell University.—'07. Charles McLellan is with the Alden Knitting Mills at New Orleans and is prospering.

'88. A boom for Governor J. C. W. Beckham, of Kentucky, for the Democratic nomination for Vice-President was started at the Saint Louis convention by the Kentucky delegation, but it failed to materialize.

KENTUCKY MILITARY INSTITUTE.

'85 Judge William M. Kavanaugh, now President of the Southern Baseball League, has been mentioned as a possible candidate for Governor of Arkansas. If Brother Kavanaugh should be elected there would be a good chance of the repeal of the anti-fraternity laws.

SOUTHWESTERN.

'98. Cecil A. Moore is Instructor in English at the Asheville School, Asheville, N. C.

TENNESSEE.

'05. C. L. Ficklen will enter the cotton business in Memphis, Tenn., this fall.

Association Letters.

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Cincinnati, Ohio.

T the present writing, fraternity A doings are somewhat quiet. A good many Sigma Alphs are away from the city, while others are rusticating in congenial bunches of from three to eight at various camps or country clubs in the vicinity of Cincinnati. The boys go out each evening on train or traction to the location of their respective camps, indulge in a round of golf or a few sets of tennis until daylight fades, with perhaps some swimming or boating after supper, and return to their places of business each morning. Intercamp visits are frequent, and add to the general feeling of summer contentment. Those of us who can not conveniently leave the city for any great length of time find this a very pleasant substitute for a vacation.

Meanwhile Cupid has not been idle. On the fourth day of June, at the home of the bride, on Price Hill, occurred the wedding of Chester Parker, '01, and Miss Lucile Jones, while on the twenty-eighth of the same month, at Jamestown, O., the marriage of Charles Reinhart, '98, to Miss Amanda Eliza Adams took place.

By the time that this appears in print the annual battle for new men will be on, and while it is now too early to make any definite statement, we may safely say that, with actives and alumni working together, Cincinnati Sigma Alphs will not fail to give a good account of themselves.

AL. F. LEUE.

15 August, 1904.

Kansas City.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Kansas City Alumni Association was held in the club-rooms of the Coates House on the evening of July 28. There were forty members present. The attendance at our summer sessions is unusually small, as at this time many of the boys are away on their vacations. Our enthusiasm is never on the wane, however, and business of great importance was transacted.

We have a movement on foot for building a club-house in one of the beautiful suburban districts for the use of members of the association and their friends. Two sites are now under our consideration : one a picturesque piece of land among the hills near Swope Park, the largest and most popular park in the city; the other a twenty-acre tract in Clay county, just across the river from Scarritt's Point, the most conspicuous sight along our celebrated cliff drive. The former has many advantages on account of its accessibility to all points in the city; but the

property in Clay county, with its numerous allurements, seems to have the preference, being directly on the banks of the river which is, at this particular point, especially fine for bathing and rowing. Two small steamers operate between the city and a point just beyond the location we have in view, making it an ideal place for a club-house such as we want to erect. A committee of fifteen has been appointed who will draw up plans and make final arrangements for the building. A board of trustees will be chosen at once and the organization incorporated. If our ideas materialize the building will be in readiness for a house-warming Thanksgiving week, and all Sigma Alphs will be given access to a clubhouse fit for the gods.

Plans were also made for giving a pan-Hellenic dance sometime during the Thanksgiving holidays in Convention Hall-the hall which was inaugurated by the Democratic National Convention of 1900. During the holidays all the fraternities at the universities of Missouri and Kansas are represented in the city. Aside from this there are hundreds of men in the city whose fraternities are not represented at these universities who would be glad to be present at such a gathering. The idea has been discussed informally among other fraternity alumni and has met with the approval of all. We have taken the initiative in the planning and are going to do our best toward pushing the matter through. As soon as the universities open in the fall we will communicate with the various chapters and solicit their cooperation. If we can create as much interest in

the proposition as we have created among ourselves, the dance will not only be a success from a social point of view, but will arouse a new interest among the Greek-letter men of the West.

Our annual fall party will be held this year at the Elm Ridge Driving Club. This club has been organized since our party last year, which was given at the Kansas City Driving Club, and is said to have as fine grounds and club-house as any club in the West. Our idea is to give a dance, following it with an elaborate supper served on the club-house veranda. The parties given by us during the last two years have been the most successful of all the fraternity parties given here. The dance this year will be given during the last week in August and all Sigma Alphs are invited to be with us.

The meeting closed with talks given by men representing Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado, New York, Tennessee, and Georgia. C. P. White of New York Alpha was in the city and honored us with a visit. He was in St. Louis on $\Sigma A E$ Day and told us of many interesting happenings on that day.

We are very glad to inform all members of the Fraternity that every chapter in Zeta Province is prosperous. Our baby chapter at Kansas is winning an enviable reputation for herself and we are expecting a great deal from her. The body of alumni here grows larger and stronger each year, and with every influx of new blood our enthusiasm grows, making us prouder still that we are members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

ROSCOE C. CHAMBERS. 29 July, 1904.

Los Angeles, Cal.

THE summer months have necessarily been rather slow in fraternity circles here; but the visits of brothers from our Northern chapters have 'ended to enliven things and keep the spark of fraternal fellowship glowing.

Ed Lyman, of California Alpha, who during the past year had made frequent trips to the "Beaumont Oil Fields," as he took pains to explain to the chapter, stole a march on the boys, and during a week's stay in Los Angeles after his graduation from Stanford announced his engagement to Miss Eva Wheeler, also a graduate of Stanford and a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Society. The result is that a bunch of fraternity men at Stanford have become suddenly enlightened as to the whereabouts of the Beaumont Oil Fields.

George Lyman, California Alpha, '05, and Wilson, '04, are at present in the city visiting old friends and incidentally looking up "preps."

Harold Eaton, California Alpha, 'o6, and Miss Lola Holmes were quietly married in Santa Monica, Wednesday, July 21, and immediately left for the North, where Eaton has a position. The groom is a son of the former mayor of Los Angeles and extremely popular among his friends. His wife is the daughter of Gus B. Holmes, the proprietor of the Angelus, the finest hotel in Los Angeles, and of the Kuntsford of Salt Lake City.

Wm. Bayly and wife, who are at present located in Salt Lake City, have been spending a six week's visit here, where the homes of both are located.

Harry Anderson, Colorado Chi, 'oo, has returned from Bakersfield, where he has spent the last year in the oil fields, and is now engaged in the real estate business in this city.

Winthrop Blackstone, California Alpha, '98, is spending two months in the East.

The many brothers and friends of Charles Sell, Stanford, '98, were shocked to hear of his death, which occurred last June. Brother Sell was struck by an engine while passing through a tunnel which he was constructing on the Southern Pacific line. His death was particularly sad in that he was about to return to his home in Denver to be married. All the papers made special comment on his death, on account of his wide popularity and sterling qualities. The Association placed a beautiful wreath of flowers on the casket immediately before the casket was sent home.

Prospects for a very successful year for both California chapters seem very bright, and the Associatiou hopes to help land several good men.

ARTHUR STANLEY GRANGER. 5 August, 1904.

Memphis, Tennessee.

WITH every day that passes greater interest is awakened among the local alumni in the coming Convention. The brothers are beginning to realize fully what an enormous undertaking it is properly to entertain several hundred visitors, but with the realization is born a determination to make the Convention a glorious success, and to show the visiting brothers such a time that they will never forget "Memphis in 1904."

We are still having our monthly "smokers," and they are always occasions on which the greatest enthusiasm is manifested. Every fellow is ready and anxious to do his part and, if necessary, some other fellow's part as well, toward making the out-of-town brothers realize that Memphis is "the place" and Christmas, 1904, "the time."

In an article by Brother Wassell Randolph, published elsewbere in this issue, is given a general outline of what we expect to do. Judging from information already received, we shall have a record-breaking crowd here, and I desire to urge upon those who intend to be with us to let us know as long beforehand as possible, as otherwise it will be almost impossible to make adequate provisions for their entertainment. Especially is this true with regard to the banquet and theater party; so we ask all brothers who are coming to communicate with us, either by chapters or individually, not later than Monday, December 19th—as much earlier as possible.

We want each and every one of you to join with us in making the Convention of 1904 the "best ever." Come, and come prepared to have a big time, for, if it is possible for five hundred jolly good fellows to get together and have a royal celebration that will remind them of old college days, then certainly "Memphis is the place and Christmas, 1904, the time." GEORGE G. ALBAN.

9 August, 1904.

Washington.

THE last regular meeting of the Washington Alumni Association was held on the 21st of last May, in the parlors of the Chamberlain Club, when a goodly number of Sigmas assembled to talk over old college days, cheer for Phi Alpha, elect officers for the ensuing year, and partake of the refreshments provided by the committee in charge. After the business meeting, the members of Beta Lambda Beta, the Columbian University local, which will apply for a charter at our next convention, were ushered in, and joined us at the festive board.

As our Association is not run by a machine, we had made up no ticket, though it was a forgone conclusion that our honored president would be reelected. After much time had been consumed by the modest members, who "really could not serve," and who therefore "resigned in favor of Brother 'Goodfellow,' " the following officers were declared elected: President, Hon. Chas. B. Howry; Vice-President, Benjamin Micou; Secretary, J. C. Morcock; Treasurer, W. F. Brutt; Press Representative, José Macias; Executive Committee, Dr. J. H. London, C. E. McRae, and Maj. E. K. Webster.

The principal discussion of the evening centered on the question of the reestablishment of Washington City Rho, at Columbian University. The question was discussed in all its phases, the strongest speeches being made by Rev. C. D. Taylor, who was our delegate at the last convention, and by our Province President, A. R. Berkeley. The sentiment of the meeting was easily in favor of having a chapter in Washington. It was agreed that the end and aim of the Association shall be to assist the local in every possible way to get new members this fall and secure a charter from the coming convention.

The new catalogue shows over one

hundred Sigmas in or near the District of Columbia. Although the Association has a membership of only about half this number, it will make an effort to enroll all of the above before the winter is passed.

CHARLES J. HAWES. 15 August, 1904.



Chapter Letters.

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

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

PROVINCE ALPHA.

Maine	Alpha,	University	of	Maine
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THOUGH school commences at Maine the 22d of this month, the 15th will find the majority of the Sigmas back in college, where the finishing touches need be given to our quarters. These are practically completed at this writing, the house has been assuming shape throughout the summer, and now the plaster is drying, leaving only the furnishing and grading, which will be undertaken by the brothers themselves.

The fellows all feel very jubilant and unusually confident of a successful rushing season in the fall, as perhaps is natural when they see themselves rid of the heavy handicap of being forced to dwell in a common dormitory. And further the fates have favored us by sending to recruit our ranks the brother of C. G. Chase just graduated, and also, according to a recent letter, the brother of Talbot, 'o5. This will relieve us of undue haste in pledging the incoming Freshmen.

It is also gratifying to learn that Brother Bailey, '05, will return, to captain the football team, along with the other Sigma "footballists," such as Ricker, Crowe, French and Reed. Brothers others than these mentioned will return to the number of twenty, making a total of twentyfive.

If any of our brothers in any spot have not already received an invitation from some member of Maine Alpha during their summer wanderings, we now invite them collectively and individually to call upon us at our new house and ascertain for themselves the manner of home we have builded for ourselves.

M. R. LOVETT.

29 August, 1904.

Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Boston University, Boston.

WHEN the school year finished in June Beta-Upsilon lost a large number of men by graduation, but when September fourteenth is here there will return a dozen men ready for work, and in a short time our ranks will be full again with men of $\Sigma A E$ quality. We shall miss the men that left us in the spring, but we trust that new friendships will be formed, and so vitalized by the ties of fraternal love that they shall last forever.

In some respects Beta Upsilon do es not stand as we might wish. Our hopes and efforts to be in a chapterhouse have thus far been in vain. However we are by no means discouraged, but on the contrary we are encouraged, for the rooms which we occupied last year were the best in our history, and we got a great deal of pleasure from them.

O. J. ALDRICH.

15 August, 1904.

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

A NOTHER year has drawn to a close, bringing with it that strange feeling of happiness intermingled with sadness. Happiness, however, is uppermost; for what can be more delightful after a year's work than the thought of a long summer vacation? It is certainly hard to say good-by to those that won't be back again; but somehow we can't fully realize that they are not to be with us when we meet again next fall, and this makes the parting the easier.

Since the last letter, day after day has brought little or no change in the steady grind for final examinations with the possible exception of a little excitement about the advisability of moving into a better house. As usual we had our annual discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of such a change, the quest for a desirable house, and as an outcome have decided to stay where we are.

Next fall we are counting on a good number of the men coming back early, in order to fix up the house and get it well settled before Tech opens. So by the time work begins we hope that every one will be through with the confusion due to decorating rooms, and will be ready for some hard rushing.

GEORGE W. PRENTISS.

Massachusetts Gamma, Harvard University, Cambridge.

O^N June 24th Massachusetts Gamma completed a very successful year. Eighteen new men were initiated during the year, three of whom were taken in since the last Auburndale.

In May we had our usual baseball game with Worcester Tech, and in addition we played them in tennis and had a relay race. After the game the teams had dinner in town, and every one spent the evening at the chapter house. The time was the regular kind—we always enjoy our meets with the boys from Worcester.

In the latter part of the month we had a very enjoyable lawn party and concert. It was an innovation, but successful enough to warrant its repetition next year.

Early in June we had an alumni night and closed a box of letters, bets about the future, articles of interest, etc., to be opened on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of our chapter, eighteen years from now. The evening was passed talking over old times and anticipating the opening of the box.

On Class Day we wound up the year keeping open house for the friends and relatives of the graduting members and rest of the chapter.

This fall we ought to start out well, as we fortunately do not lose many men. I want to take this opportunity to invite any brothers who are going to be at Harvard next year to let us know, as they will be very welcome.

HAROLD H. CORVELL.

16 August, 1904.

Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester.

R^{UMOR} has it that the next Freshman class will break our record by a large majority. Already we have started the campaign by housing two or thee Sub-Freshmen taking their entrance examinations here. We hope to return to the field about fifteen strong to care for Minerva's needs.

Delta's quota of honors was not lacking this year. We had the Manager and the assistant manager of the W. P. I. Five football "W's" came our way, together with three "W's" for basket-ball. Steimer managed the football team, Dickerman was basket-ball captain, and Ellsworth captained the second team. Clancy has been elected to the captaincy of this year's football team.

Our annual baseball game with Gamma Chapter was our big event this spring. The mere game itself could be summed up in, "We came, played and were conquered;" but an account of the good time we had would fill an issue of THE RECORD. The novel feature of the day was the relay race which, for the time, nearly broke up the ball game. This also went Harvard's way, Worcester being content with tennis tournament.

Delta passed her decennial last spring. To show for her ten years' existence she has an untarnished name, the chapter house, and a corps of loyal alumni, and these shall be as a spur to keep the coming years from spelling retrogression. The local fraternity, Θ X, appears to be flourishing after a fashion. They have talked at various times of charters, but none have been as yet forthcoming.

A good many brothers have dropped in to see us during the year, but not so many as we have wished for. Our house is easy to find, and no brother should pass us by.

BURNETT BOARDMAN WRIGHT. 2 A E House, Humboldt Ave. 6 July, 1904.

PROVINCE BETA.

New York Alpha, Cornell University, Ithaca.

OUR Seniors of 1904 have said farewell, and have already begun to feel homesick for Ithaca and "Hill Crest"; the juniors have for several weeks been practicing with "we Seniors" and other similar expressions; the Sophomores have about decided that they are well fitted to assume the duties of upper classmen; and the erstwhile Freshmen, after having burned their little grey caps, are ready to play their part as the bad boys of the University.

The loss of our ten Seniors, Boedeker, Gallup, Kingsland, Muller, Nutting, Sloat, Stow, Wadsworth, White and Wood, reduces our membership to twenty-two. We hope to take in ten Freshmen at the first fall initiation. Two weeks before college opens, there will be at least fifteen Sigma Alphs in Ithaca looking out for good Freshmen.

Our two new university buildings and the playground are well under way; the playground will consist of thirty acres, well graded for baseball and football grounds and tennis courts. It will be for the use of the students in general. We hope that it will soon be the site of a new gymnasium.

Zeta Psi is building an addition to an already beautiful and expensive house. Kappa Sigma and Alpha Delta Phi have improved their grounds by effective grading. The fraternities here were never in a more prosperous condition.

Our Senior week house-party was unusually pleasant. Beautiful weather prevailed throughout the week and every event was well managed. There were about six hundred graduates, the largest class in the history of the University.

The Trustees have chosen Professor Smith, of Leland Stanford, to succeed the late Doctor Thurston as director of Sibley College. Professor Smith is an alumnus of Cornell and his past record shows that he is a wise choice. As his successor, Stanford has secured Professor Durand, our acting director during the past

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year and one of the hardest working and most-esteemed members of our faculty.

During the spring our men took a conspicuous part in college affairs. Nutting stroked the Varsity eight ; Wadsworth rowed at number two. Bishop was in the Freshman boat. In baseball, Lefebvre was leader of the pitching squad. Turner and Wolfersperger were on the track team. Ehrich was on the Spring Day Committee and Wadsworth on the Class Day Committee. As results of elections for next year, Kent will be assistant football coach, Ehrich manager of the track team, and Vawter manager of the cross country team.

Our appreciation of the new catalogue can not be expressed in an ordinary chapter letter. We knew that the editor was a wonder, but we were not at all sure that he could get out such a book in so short a time.

We can look back upon the year feeling much the wiser because of the many questions that have been fought out and decided. The chapter is free from debt and in more than one way is stronger than it was a year ago.

The next letter will be furnished by a new man, William A. Vawter, II. Bill is one of our bricks and we are not afraid to trust him with the pen.

CHARLES P. WOOD.

12 July, 1904.

New York Mu, Columbia University, New York.

NEGOTIATIONS have been going on all summer to secure New York Mu a new house in the fall. Our present location is too far from the campus and puts us at quite a disadvantage, especially during the rushing season. Although no definite arrangements have yet been made, we hope to move into a new house during the coming month.

Our rushing season promises to be a good one. One fine man has already been secured on a personal pledge to one of our brothers, and several others are in sight who will probable be secured without much trouble.

During the summer there was formed the "Association of the Alumni of New York Mu," with the hope that it could offer organized assistance to the chapter in securing a new house, and in solving future problems as they arise.

A. STUART MYERS.

27 August, 1904.

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

NEW YORK SIGMA PHI closed a very successful year with the annual June banquet held at Poughkeepsie. The banquet was finely attended this year by alumni, many of the brothers being present who have not been back to college for years.

The Junior play, "She Stoops to Conquer," was one of the principal events of commencement week. Among our men who took part, was Wallace F. Thompson, who acted the role of *Kate*.

Our past year has been eminently successful, although we have lost several brothers. Two have enrolled their names on the rosters of other colleges. In April we initiated Samuel Haskins Grosser, one of the old Sigma-Phi men who has been out of college for seventeen years. It is with great pleasure we initiate these men of the old local chapter, for they show the greatest interest in Σ A E.

Two of our men carried off honors this year: Gerald Lewis, '05, the ethics prize, and S. Guy Martin, '07, the mathematics prize. Wallace F. Thompson has been elected assistant marshal for the ensuing year, and Gerald Lewis is president of the Senior class, an honor which the Sigma Alphas are glad to own.

We come back in the fall with a good outlook for a large chapter and a prosperous year; and such wishes we extend to all our sister chapters in $\Sigma A E$.

FRANK H. SIMMONDS. 11 August, 1904.

Pennsylvania Omega, Allegheny College, Meadville.

IT is with pleasant thoughts that I record the closing of the spring term at Allegheny; first because Σ A E had such a good year, and next because the banquet was such a peculiarly fitting closing. A goodly number of Sigmas assembled at the Springs and enjoyed a good spread. After this there was a very enthusiastic meeting, when it was decided to purchase a lot for a new house, and plans were agreed upon for the raising of funds.

We lost by graduation Charles Smith, an excellent student and an earnest worker for $\Sigma A E$. He was elected to ΦB II.

At this time it is difficult to say

exactly how many men will be back at the opening of the fall term, but we expect nearly all of last year's crowd, and at least five will report earlier for preliminary football practice. As to the past we expect to be well represented in all college activities.

The College has suffered a great loss during vacation in the death of Dr. Montgomery, who has been on the faculty for a number of years, and was universally liked. Dr. Montgomery a member of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$.

There is every reason to believe that the enrollment this fall will be much larger than in any previous year; so we look forward to some new material and another successful year in the chapter.

H. G. SELKREGG.

27 August, 1904.

Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson College, Carlisle.

COMMENCEMENT week at Dickinson was replete with features of interest. On Monday, the hundredth anniversary of "Old West" College was observed with fitting exercises. On Tuesday many of the alumni and visitors were present at the cornerstone laying of Denny Hall. Addresses were heard in behalf of the trustees, the faculty, the alumni, and the student body. This last address was delivered by Brother Towers, 'od.

The degree of Doctor of Pedagogy was conferred upon Cross, '92, principal of the Conference Academy at Dover, and Master of Arts upon Milburn, '02.

Our fraternity banquet, given at

our chapter-house, was a long-to-beremembered event. Until the dawn began to break, we listened to toasts from our active members and alumni. The latter most eloquently recalled the days of active college life when the Purple and Gold played such a prominent part. Those of our alumni present were Cross, '91, and Ames, '92, both charter members; Kuntz, '97, Huber, '98, Clippenger, '99, Runkle, '00, Wm. H. Ames, '01, New, '02, Yeager, '02, Taylor, '96, Kistler, '94.

We lose by graduation Towers, Morehouse and Fancher, of the twenty-four Sigma Alphs who figured in college last year. As we also lost several undergraduates and will initiate two pledge men, we expect to begin next year with about twenty men.

M. GARFIELD MASON.

13 August, 1904.

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

OUR commencement season this year was very pleasant in every way. As usual we had a house party, at which every one had a good time. Those of our alumni who were present were Krumrine, Brown, Andrews, Godard and McClure. During commencement week we received the announcement of the marriage of Elward Frey, '03, to Miss Roxie Snively, of Hanover, Pa. The chapter extends its congratulations.

Although we do not expect to own a house for some time, we have been considering ways and means for starting a building fund, and expect before long to have some definite plan of this kind under way. Bair, '06, has been elected assistant football manager by a very large majority. This election makes him manager in 1905. At the commencement track meet with the Carlisle Indians, Campbell, '07, and Stair, '07, each won his "S." The prospects for the coming year are bright and we hope in our next letter to report a successful rushing season.

ROBERT F. PATTERSON.

15 August, 1904.

Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University, Lewisburg.

COMMENCEMENT at Bucknell University, on June 22, 1904, was of special interest to Pennsylvania Zeta because of the unusually large number of Seniors who were retired from active fraternity and college life. Seven men received degrees and were sent into the world with their sheepskins. Fortunately, however, Browning and Johnson are very likely to return next fall, to take up post-graduate work.

On the night of June 18, four members of the Freshman class were initiated into the mysteries of Sigdom. Ellison McLean Fassett, Wendall McMinn August, George Washington Leach, Frank William Hutchinson.

On June 20 there was held at the Baker House, Lewisburg, Pa., the most largely attended annual symposium ever given by the chapter. Thirty-one Sigmas and two pledged men were present.

It has been with great pleasure that we have noticed the increase of interest and attendance at the annual symposiums held during commencement week. We hope to begin the coming year with an active chapter numbering at least thirteen. The fellows will be there with the rushing spirit and will stand a good chance of getting whomsoever they want.

The working facilities of the University are to be increased by the addition of a beautiful library building, and in the near future by a much-needed athletic field.

When the doors of the University open in the fall, the chapter-house of Pennsylvania Zeta, at the corner of Fourth and St. George streets, will again be open to receive any Sigma who may wander that way, by intent or accident.

Quite a large number of brothers visited us last year and we hope to be able to entertain many more during the coming year.

W. S. WILCOX.

1 July, 1904.

Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg.

OUR banquet given during commencement week, at the new Oxford Hotel, New Oxford, Pennsylvania, was, as the year before, a crowning success; but we should have been better pleased had there been more of the alumni present to partake of the much-enjoyed repast.

We lost by graduation Masters, Diehl and Gentzler. This leaves us with rather a small number of old men to begin the year with, but we initiated during the spring term our six pledges, and never before have there been brighter prospects for a successful college year than the present.

Pfahler has fully demonstrated to

us that the Beta Convention was a success from the very beginning, and the manner in which he was entertained by the brother hosts, was thoroughly appreciated by us, as well as by himself.

We had the pleasure last year of entertaining many of our brothers, both undergraduates and alumni. Among the visiting brothers were four cadets of the graduating class of West Point. The visiting alumni were Lauffer, '99, Hoffman, '01, Lantz, '01, and Deatrick, ex-'01.

Jacobs, '03, has been elected professor of Chemistry at the Colorado State School, at Denver. Masters, '04, has been elected to the professorship of Higher Mathematics at Cumberland University Preparatory School, Cumberland City, Tenuessee.

Too much praise can not be given to Brother Levere for the work he undertook in editing the catalogue, which is a success from cover to cover.

L. LESLIE LAMMERT. 25 July, 1904.

Pennsylvania Theta, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

WITH commencement last June Pennsylvania Theta closed the fourth year since its installation in a blaze of glory, as it were. The year was eminently successful, and one which the chapter can recall with pride as a long stride upward in all fraternity and college affairs.

The most important step which Pennsylvania Theta took was to establish itself in a new chapter-house at 3705 Walnut street. The new home proved to be a vast improvement over the old, and in size, appearance and general convenience greatly surpasses the Spruce street house. This splendid new home has been kept open all summer with the hope that transient Sigmas might find it convenient to stop over and taste of its hospitality. Moreover, the Σ A E cottage at Bethany Beach, Del., is open through the summer season to any brothers who care for the pleasures the seashore affords.

The past year has been a great one at the University in every way. The large, new medical laboratories—undoubtedly the best of their kind in the country—were dedicated in the spring. At the close of the year a fine, new dormitory was nearing completion, and several others are to be started in the fall. A summer school, too, held its initial session this summer, and will doubtless become a permanent fixture at the University.

Among the fraternities not only did $\Sigma A E$ move into a new home, but A T Ω , installed at Pennsylvania a year ago, secured a chapter-house on Walnut street. A X P and Σ N were re-established and seem to be holding their own, while $\Phi K \Psi$ has planned to build this coming year a new house to cost \$50,000.

Individual Sigmas, too, were not without honors. Howes, as the year before, was the Varsity baseball team's star in the outfield. The Intercollegiate and track and field sports, held in May on Franklin Field, gave Hammer an opportunity to win his "P" in the broad jump, while all spring a number of our lesser lights competed with varying success in interclass athletics.

In April Rutschman and Foster represented Pennsylvania Theta at the Province convention held at Ithaca, N. Y. They were treated royally by the Cornell boys, and Brother Rutschman was elected province secretary and treasurer for 1904-1906.

Brother Edgar Barnes has been made president of the combined musical clubs for the following year. Withal, the year has been an entire success, and we shall start in again in September determined to make the year 1904-1905 still more successful and yet more to the glory of $\Sigma A E$. To be sure, the loss of Freeman, Hammer and Blaney of the college department, and Shearer from the medical school, will be keenly felt, but we shall begin the fall term with twenty-eight old men and five pledged men, so we are looking forward to a fine, big chapter and a glorious and successful year.

WALTER CHAPIN FOSTER.

17 August, 1904.

PROVINCE GAMMA.

Virginia Omicron, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

A^T last, after two years of waiting and study of the situation, the Board of Visitors, at its meeting in June, elected the first President of the University of Virginia. Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, President of Tulane University is the Presidentelect. After due deliberation Dr. Alderman accepted the new responsibility and assumes charge September I. The reception accorded the new executive by the board, the faculty, the students and alumni, presages well for the future.

Commencement was a success and Virginia Omicron was represented by two degree men, Watkins, B.L., and Donelson, M.D. Present indications point to a large graduating class of Sigmas next year.

We expect at least sixteen old men to begin the next session with, and the outlook for a successful season is encouraging. A visit near the end of the last session from Brother Berkeley, our Province president, was very much enjoyed and full of helpful advice and fraternal spirit.

"Raven" is a new honor society at the University, founded this year. Membership is based on scholarship and meritorious literary service. Already five Sigma Alphs have been elected members.

This correspondent has never felt much like giving a detailed catalogue of the honors won by our men, but is confident that Virginia Omicron's record compares favorably for the year with that of any fraternity at Virginia. We were especially pleased when Shelton, track team captain, was given a place on the Advisory Board of the General Athletic Association, one of the greatest honors in the gift of the student - body. Shelton ran well ahead of his ticket, having the largest vote cast for any individual.

Now, in closing my last letter, I introduce my successor, Vernon Hope Kellam, a man well qualified to fill the important part assigned him. And with a cordial greeting to our chapters far and near, and best wishes for their success, I bow myself down and out.

T. MCN. SIMPSON, JR. 6 August, 1904.

Virginia Sigma, Washington and Lee University, Lexington.

THE session of 1904-1905 was brought to a pleasant close by an enjoyable banquet. Thirty-five Sigma Alphs gathered around the festal board on the night of June 21, and for three hours the brothers made merry, the affair bringing all into closer harmony and enthusiasm. Finals were a complete success, Sigdom being prominently represented, and the Final ball, the crowning event, led by Brother Herbert S. Osburn, was pronounced the most successful in years. Quite a number of alumni were present, among others being J. Edward Arbuckle, R. M. August, J. E. Waddell, O. B. Harvey and Glasgow.

This year we lose Osburn and Thomas by graduation. Osburn intends to practice law in Baltimore, while Thomas contemplates taking a law course at Columbia.

A number of the fellows have announced their intention of taking in the St. Louis Fair, and expected to meet other representatives of the Fraternity on $\Sigma A E$ day.

 Σ A E was represented on the track team by Dunlap and Thomas.

Material for the rushing season is being looked after, and the chapter expects to land a bunch of likely goats.

CHARLES C. THOMAS. 18 August, 1904.

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

NEVER has North Carolina Xi completed such a prosperous year as that of 1903-04. Never before has she made herself so felt in the college life about her. Honors athletic, academic, and others that can not be classified, have been gained for her through the efforts of her members. As we look back upon the obstacles overcome in the last few years some feelings of natural pride may be pardoned in those who have contributed towards the upbuilding of the chapter, and the strengthening of the Fraternity at large.

Commencement was an event long to be remembered. Brenizer, Cox, A. L., Kenan, Morrison and Whitaker graduated, of which number only Kenan will return. At the commencement functions we particularly shone, having the chief and an assistant of the seven ball managers. Several of our alumni brothers were present, and this fact, combined with the many others that make commencement week so pleasant, caused us all to have a most enjoyable time. Meares, Pace and Skinner are on "the hill," taking the summer law course, and expect to stand the State board examination during the latter part of August.

Although next year will find us much depleted in numbers, owing to the failure of some eight or ten men to return, those of us who still remain intend to go back determined to "do or die." I use this term advisedly, and inasmuch as we have no inclination for the latter, the logical conclusion is that we will "do." And indeed our prospects are very good, as there are several rising Sophomores we have an eye on, as well as one or two professional men. Owing to a trustee rule of the University Freshmen are not eligible to join fraternities, so we will devote no space to them in our next letter, but we ask you to watch Xi's column for the others.

FRANCIS A. COX.

8 August, 1904.

North Carolina Theta, Davidson College, Davidson.

THE past Commencement closed one of the brightest years in Chapter Theta's life, both in the number of men and their prominence in college life. Having lost only two men the previous year by graduation, we returned seventeen strong, and as the result of a good rushing season nine Freshmen were added to our number, which was still further increased by the affiliation with us of Moore from Georgia Beta. Every department of College life was well represented by Σ A E's.

In athletics we were prominent. On the football team three regular men and two substitutes were the result of our prowess. On the track McCallie and McKinnon won almost every prize, while on the baseball teams T. K. Currie on the first team and six of our men on the second team, upheld with glory the purple and gold.

Especially in the literary life of the college was our presence felt. In the Senior class J. W. Currie and Cornelson were among the leaders,

while Erwin, 'o6, and McAllister and Rose, '07, were on the honor roll for scholarship. Among the six speakers chosen from the Senior class for commencement three were from our number. The editor-in-chief and two members of the magazine staff were Sigmas, while the office of commencement president of his society was bestowed on T. K. Currie. In all the commencement exercises three Σ A E pins shone on the regalias of marshals. As members of the best orchestra we have ever had Hinton and Alex James distinguished themselves. The president of the Freshman class was an Σ A E while a number of the class offices were ours.

In short we are more than satisfied with our past year's work and look with hopeful eyes to higher things in the future. We lose six by graduation and several others in addition; but our prospects of filling their places are bright, and we are returning to Davidson with the assurance of continuing the record that Chapter Theta has established. Already the president of the Society has been elected from our ranks, and the same Σ A E is president of the Athletic Association. We have also an editor of the magazine, and secretary of the Eu Society.

One of our men entered West Point this summer, while another will enter Johns Hopkins in the autumn.

Our hopes are still high with regard to the chapter-house, and we hope that next year's correspondent may be able to write from an $\Sigma A E$ house. EDWARD J. ERWIN. 8 August, 1904.

South Carolina Gamma, Wofford College, Spartanburg.

WE approach the coming session with an outlook much more satisfactory than at the same time last year. With prospects brighter and opposition to fraternities much less than heretofore, Gamma has reason enough to be in good condition in every way. With all of the men of last year's chapter returning, except one who graduated, and five men almost certain to join us at the opening session, there is no reason now apparent why the approaching year should not be one of the most successful in the history of the chapter. We remain with the one year's restriction upon initiation, which we regard as a good thing.

The chapter of Chi Phi had its charter withdrawn by the general fraternity about a month before the announcement of the board allowing fraternities to remain, at the meeting in June. It is now reported, however, that the charter will be returned, but this is doubtful, as nearly all of the chapter will enter some other college this fall.

We return with confidence for a successful year both for the chapter and the Fraternity.

M. W. BRABHAM.

PROVINCE DELTA.

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

WITH the close of college last June Michigan Iota Beta finished a year of exceedingly hard up-hill pulling. We lost five men during the year, and as these were all out of the house it made things doubly hard. But in spite of this we finished the year strong with a chapter of twenty-six active members.

The principle event since our last letter was our annual spring dance, given on May 20th. It was a pronounced success in every respect.

Our basebail team also made things interesting in several exciting contests with our rivals. In class baseball we were well represented by Hovard Holmes on the champion team of the campus, and Raymond Kerr as captain of the second best team. Kerr has also been recently elected a member of the Board of Control of the Michigan Daily News.

We lose by graduation eight men : Arthur Green, Harrison Johnston, Jr., J. S. Chisholm, S. B. Kingsbury, Preston B. Plumb (California Alpha), L. A. Gifford, E. W. Sutton and C.O. Monroe. Each Senior received from the underclassmen a pewter stein with his name and the nickname and class of all the boys engraved on it. The idea is a good one, and we hope it will beceme a custom at Michigan. Notwithstanding the loss of eight Seniors and Lorenzo Dewy, '05, who has entered Rush Medical College, we will start the year with eighteen active and one pledged man

Prospects are indeed very bright for

a successful year. All places in the house are spoken for and several new men are being carefully looked after. A number of recommendations have already been received from our alumni and sister chapters.

As for football this fall, it is enough to say that the famous "Hurry-Up" Yost will be with Michigan again with stacks of surprises.

NEWTON M. WAGENER. 10 August, 1904.

Michigan Alpha, Adrian College, Adrian.

COMMENCEMENT DAY, June 23d, closed the most successful year that Adrian College has had for some time. Last year the number of students in the college was increased, the faculty enlarged, and the course of study raised and strengthened. Furthermore, on commencement day the President was able to announce a comfortable balance in the treasury with which to begin the next year.

As a chapter, we enjoyed a success equal with that of the college. During the fall term the loss from the previous year was made up by the addition of three new members. We had good representations on all the athletic teams, including some of the star players. At the close of the indoor meets held during the winter term, I. S. Hughes was awarded the gold medal. During commencement week we held a tennis tournament with A T O fraternity, in which Hughes and Lyons defeated their opponents in the doubles, and Hughes was victorious in the singles.

Not only have we maintained a high standard in athletics, but in our college work we have ranked among the highest. At the annual oratorical contest held on Tuesday evening, June 21, Σ A E was represented by the contestants from two of the three literary societies, S. A. Duling and I. S. Hughes, who were awarded first and second places respectively. Duling is the eighth Sigma who has won the intersociety oratorical prize in the last eleven years.

After the contest on Tuesday evening, the annual banquet and alumni reunion was held in the fraternity rooms. A number of our alumni were present and their stirring speeches, characteristic in both advice and wit, will long be remembered by us all.

This year we return without the loss of one of last year's men, and with bright prospects for the college, we anticipate a good-sized chapter for a small college. We already have two or three men in view who expect to enter this fall, and as every man went out with the determination to work for Michigan Alpha during the summer, we expect to have more in view before the year opens.

CLAUD H. STEVENS. I August, 1904.

Ohio Sigma, Mount Union College, Alliance.

LOOKING past the few weeks which intervene until Mount Union College reopens her doors at the beginning of a new year, we can see nothing but bright days for Ohio Sigma. We expect to have more men in the house the coming year than during the last, and although we lost four of our best men this spring by graduation, we feel that by following their parting advice we shall be quite able to maintain the reputation of $\Sigma A E$.

The commencement $e \times ercises$ brought back many old Sigmas, among whom was John Focht, who has founded so many chapters in $\Sigma A E$, Homer Lindale Smith, who conducted the initiation of our late President, William McKinley, and a great number of others who report a glorious time.

Several changes have taken place in the college faculty, and young blood is steadily making itself prominent. The music department is to be congratulated upon securing the services of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, as is also the history department upon the seating of Professor Kohl in its chair ; while enough can not be said in regard to the return of Prof. Lincoln R. Gibbs to the department of English. Professor Gibbs is a Harvard man and thoroughly capable of handling the work entrusted to him.

WILMER H. SEAWRIGHT.

9 August, 1904.

Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

THE closing of the spring term found our university in a very prosperous condition, with a promise of even better things for next year. A new Y. M. C. A. building and a new gymnasium, which is to be the largest in this State, are to be begun soon. The enrollment, which has been increasing from year to year, bids fair to break all records next year. Ohio Delta has been endeavoring to keep step with this progress. Our chapter roll at the end of the spring term numbered thirty men and two pledges. We lost by graduation eight seniors; and two or three of our other men will probably not be with us next year. However, we shall still have a good working force at Delaware for the opening days of the rushing season; and we expect, as we have always done before, to get the cream of the new men.

The Inter-Fraternity Baseball League here played a series of hotly contested games, resulting in a final victory for Beta Theta Pi. This league, together with the newly established annual Pan-Hellenic banquet, is doing much to promote good feeling between the different fraternities here.

We have been very fortunate in receiving, during the spring term, visits from so many of our alumni and brothers from other chapters. Brothers Jack Austin, Cliff Pifer, Arthur Brown, Walter Harrop, Frank Cole, Stanberry Alderman, E. A. Peterson, George Gorrell, Elmer Hotchkiss, Arthur Cherrington, Philo B. Rhoads and Charles W. Kinnison, of our alumni; and Clyde K. Cairns of Ohio Epsilon, D. G. Latshaw of Pennsylvania Omega, E. J. Webster of Michigan Alpha, and Bert S. Nixon of New York Sigma - Phi, besides many of the brothers from our neighbor Ohio Theta, have broken bread and bunked with us. To them and to all other brothers we extend a cordial invitation to be with us as often as possible.

CLARENCE L. WRIGHT,

Σ A E House, 23 N. Washington st. 13 August, 1904.

Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati.

SINCE our last letter things have been moving slowly but steadily in Cincinnati. Our commencement exercises were over on June 18th, and from that time the boys began to leave town; but there have always been a sufficient number of fellows in the city to keep things moving, and any Saturday night will find a crowd at the hall who have the chapter's welfare very much at heart.

Last June saw the passing of five of our men into the cold, cold world. Farnham was graduated from the academic department, Huntz and Van Matre from engineering, and our two law students, Black and Hutchins, were turned out on an unsuspecting public. All of these except Hutchins, who will hang out his shingle in Los Angeles, Cal., intend to stay in Cincinnati. These men have been most enthusiastic Sigma Alphs and have contributed much towards placing $\Sigma A E$ in the position she at present occupies in Cincinnati.

The affairs of the University seem to be very bright for the coming year. With a new president, a new physical director, and "dorms," who knows but what this is the beginning of an era of prosperity that will place us with the foremost universities of the country? From last reports a large registration of out-of-town students was expected and, in fact, promised. We have had an opportunity of looking over the men who will enter next fall, and there is some good Sigma Alph material among them.

We can not tell at this date exactly how many of the fellows will? be back, but we can reasonably expect a good number; and, with the proper kind of work, of which this chapter has before shown itself capable, we look forward to a successful year.

Everett van Matre. 18 August, 1904.

Ohio Theta, Ohio State University, Columbus.

A LTHOUGH Ohio Theta loses eight of her best men this year, she will return with fifteen earnest workers for Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and every one expects to return with at least one Freshman in his care.

We have already passed two sub-Freshmen through the box, and will pledge them as soon as school opens; so taking all in all, we can truthfully say that the outlook for Ohio Theta was never better.

Crocker was graduated from the College of Electrical Engineering last June, Martin and Kerr are now attorneys at law, Davis has finished his work in the chemical department, McCampbell goes to Rush Medical, Gardner is with the U. S. Geological Survey, and VanNess goes to California to continue his law.

We are pleased to hear that Brother McIlroy will be with us this fall. After being out of school a year, he is taking some work preparatory to his entrance to West Point. Warwick of Colorado Chi has affiliated with Ohio Theta.

We had our share of honors in the baseball field, with Heekin an everyday star in the field, and Hegelheimer as assistant manager of the nine. Foss was elected assistant football manager, and is now doing his share toward working up a good team.

Our home is still at 1550 Neil Avenue, Columbus. Remember the name and the place, and don't forget that all Sigma Alphs are welcome there at all times.

WILLIAM E. EVANS, JR. 23 July, 1904.

Indiana Alpha, Franklin College, Franklin.

THE spring term was indeed a busy one for Indiana Alpha, and we hope the seeds sown there will aid us greatly this fall. Our commencement week banquet for our outgoing men and our alumni was pronounced by all a fitting climax to one of our most prosperous years. After a dinner at the Uptown House, at which thirty-four covers were laid, a number of toasts were given which showed a deep affection to exist between our alumni and local chapter. We were pleased to have with us at that time Brothers Holliday, of Kansas Alpha, Voris, of Illinois Theta, and Finley, of Ohio Epsilon.

The chapter loses three men, leaving us thirteen active men and two pledges to continue the work in which they were so interested.

At the recent meeting of the Directors of Franklin College, Dr. Stott tendered his resignation, to take effect at the close of the coming year. He is the oldest college president in the State, having been here since 1872. The new library building, Shirk Hall, was inspected by the directors, accepted and formally dedicated on Tuesday of commencement week. Plans for several new buildings are said to be under way.

In the tennis tournament, Pritchard and Stott, for the Seniors, won the doubles, but we were not so fortunate in the singles. In the interclass baseball game, the Sophs and Seniors, both winning from the Freshman and Juniors, were captained by Sigma Alphs.

The college team closed the season with a record of sixteen victories and two defeats. Most of the victories were won from universities and colleges much larger than our own. So the record is accounted by us as being especially satisfactory.

During the spring term we played Arthur Hacker, of Columbus, Ind.

RUSSEL P. SCHULER.

8 August, 1904.

Indiana Beta, Purdue University, Lafayette.

THE prospects for Indiana Beta for the ensuing year are very bright. We hope to come back about eighteen strong, and enter into a new year of work and pleasure with great enthusiasm. Already we have many new men in sight, and the rushing season promises to be very brisk, to say the least.

The members of Indiana Beta have been pretty widely scattered during the summer, some at work and others taking their vacation leisurely, but all having the interest of Indiana Beta well in the foreground.

The University has every prospect of having a most successful year. Athletics will hold the attention of the student-body during the fall term, as all are greatly interested in this year's football team. We hope that many of our brothers and alumni will frequently visit us, as these visits are always looked forward to with great interest.

THOMAS W. MACARTNEY. 14 August, 1904.

Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern University, Evanston.

A T this time of the year when we are all enjoying our summer vacation, we are also anxious for the time to come when we can greet each other once more in the chapter-house. About twelve men will return to carry on the work of Illinois Psi-Omega. Two of our last year's boys signify their intention of going to Cornell this year, five graduated, and your humble correspondent has gone into the newspaper business.

Quite a number of changes will be made in the faculty of Northwestern University this year. We will have new assistants in the history, German, French and English departments. From all appearances it seems that othe Freshman class ought to be larger this year than ever before, and this means a great deal to a chapter that needs to replace a number of departed Seniors from the incoming class.

Gilbert Sabin, one of our graduates last June, and a Phi Beta Kappa man, enters the Northwestern Medical School this fall. John W. Robinson, another of our graduates, has been working all summer in Ottumwa, Iowa, as the manager of an electric light and traction company.

Roy Monier, who was in the hospital undergoing an operation for appendicitis at commencement time, has recovered, and will take a position as cashier of a bank in Bosworth, Missouri. The other two graduates—George O. Grover and William S. Gazlay—are both in Chicago.

Dr. Seale Harris, Georgia Beta, of Union Springs, Ala., spent some time in the chapter-house this summer, and we thoroughly enjoyed having him with us. It does us good to have such a royal, whole-souled brother come our way.

May success be the lot of all the chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for this year, and all to come.

NOAH G. KLOVE.

 $\Sigma \Lambda E$ House, 2126 Orrington Avenue,

7 August, 1904.

Illinois Beta, University of Illinois, Champaign.

ILLINOIS BETA lost by graduation this spring W. W. Wright, Jr., T. O. Holcomb, Jr., W. G. Kaiser, T. A. Clark, E. L. Yocum, I. W. Davis, A. E. Logeman, J. G. Wilson, R. A. Ballinger, G. G. Taylor, H. B. Kivcher and C. E. Holcomb. Brother C. F. Newcomb, who has been attending the Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons the last three years, received his degree of Bacheelor of Science from the University of Illinois this spring.

From a financial standpoint the past year has been a success. We are entirely free from debt and have arranged to add to the building fund this year as we did last year.

Our annual dance occurred April fifteenth, in Elks' auditorium. Several of our alumni and brothers from other chapters were with us at the time. The dance was the most elaborate we have ever given. The hall was decorated with purple and oldgold bunting, pennants and Southern smilax. It was in every sense of the word a success. The annual banquet occurred the following night at the Beardsley Hotel. A good menu, and equally good toasts, made the evening pass only too quickly.

Although we lost by graduation twelve of our oldest men, vet we will begin the school-year in the fall with at least twenty strong, active members. Accordingly the outlook is good that Illinois Beta will continue in her prosperity. In the past we have considered ourselves fortunate in that we have had many visits from our alumni and from members of other chapters. We sincerely hope that these visits will continue throughout the next year, and that every Sigma Alph will interest himself in our future welfare.

GEORGE G. TAVLOR. Σ A E House, 201 E. Green St., 12 July, 1904.

Illinois Theta, University of Chicago, Chicago.

ILLINOIS THETA has two Seniors this year. Jackson will probably continue in graduate work here, while Waterman, who has been elected secretary of the University of Chicago Y. M. C. A., will be with us, although taking no work in the University. In August Hoag receives his B.D. degree and then will probably go out to preach. Brother Charters received his doctor's degree this spring and will leave us. We expect to fill up our ranks very soon in the fall, however, several men being on the rushing list now whom we hope to have with us next October. We have already started by initiating Adolph G. Pierrot.

With the coming of spring Illinois Theta has reaped new honors. Mowbray made the Sophomore debating team which defeated the Freshmen. Matthews has been our representative on the track team. Clements is a member of a new organization-The Black Friars-which produced a successful comic opera this spring, entitled "The Passing of Pahli Kahn," Clements wrote one of the songs. Waterman was elected chairman of the spring-quarter Senior Council, and was chosen by the class of 1904 to hand down the Senior bench.

The Greek world here had a baseball tournament. We won two games and lost two, one of the losing games being to the Alpha Delts, who finally won the championship.

During convocation week the annual fraternity and house track-meet was held. We gained six points as our share, which put us among the upper half.

Two new fraternities have come in this quarter—Sigma Nu and Kappa Sigma.

Recently the University dedicated the School of Education Building. It is a splendid work of art and adds greatly in beautifying the University grounds. The University was favored by a visit and by an address in Chinese from Prince Pu Lun.

PAUL R. GRAY. 2 A E House, 6116 Lexington Ave., 18 July, 1904.

Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

THE last month of the year was made interesting for the chapter by the formation of our interfraternity baseball league. Some of the games were very amusing, and others were good baseball. We won all the games in our set, but lost the final to $A \Delta \Phi$.

Following the closing examinations came our annual outing to Lake Minnetonka. Many of the men were leaving or had already left, but there were still fifteen of us and three "spike" men, who spent two very pleasant days at the lake, with several launch rides and a dance.

Commencement day was cold and rainy, rather a dreary day for the seniors to say, "goodby," to their Alma Mater. We lose four men this year, George H. Stone, A. B., Lucien Merritt, E. M., Merton S. Kingston, E. M., and Charles Maxwell McConu who received his M. A. and who will probably go to Columbia in the fall for his Ph. D. degree,

We were surprised and pleased to receive cards announcing Brother Green's marriage, and we wish him a happy domestic life.

Brother Whitney, who is working for the Great Northern Railway in Spokane, Washington, writes that he is to be home for a vacation the latter part of August, so we hope to have him with us in our fall rushing.

We expect to return twenty men, and with three "spike" men our prospects are good for the coming year.

CHARLES N. HENSEL. 8 August, 1904.

Wisconsin Alpha, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

To one who was in Madison last June at the time of the "Jubilee," Wisconsin's rank among the great universities of the Middle West need never be an open question. That semi-centennial celebration demonstrated in a most impressive manner the high position Wisconsin has attained in fifty years of development. In keeping with this spirit of advance, Wisconsin Alpha is exerting every effort to maintain for Sigma Alpha Epsilon the high standing it should have at so large an institution.

Although we lost four men from active fraternity life at the last commencement, we shall begin the college year anew with twenty good men, all devoted to the welfare of the Fraternity. Brothers W. L. Davis and C. L. Jones, who were doing post-graduate duty last year, will not be with us again. Jones is going to the University of Pennsylvania, where he has been given a scholarship, to pursue advanced studies in political science. Davis has gone to Kalispel, Mont., as city superintendent of schools. Wisconsin Alpha has a large place in her heart for Davis, for he was one of the most enthusiastic workers and best entertainers in the Fraternity, and his fine personality was always felt in fraternity affairs.

Milton P. Jarnigan, of Tennessee Kappa, who affiliated with us last year, will not return this year. The chapter owes much to him for the active and helpful part he took in its affairs while here. Wm. Bradford, '04, will return to take a position as instructor in the engineering department.

Wisconsin Alpha can not help feeling that any honor of especial note which has been conferred upon one of her alumni means a step forward. for the chapter itself. Evan E. Young, '03, formerly captain in the 11th U. S. Cavalry, was recently offered the military governorship of one of the provinces in the Philippine Islands. He has been in Washington, D. C., conferring with the officials in the war department before deciding whether or not to accept the position. Brother Young was in active service during the war in the Philippines, and is regarded as being especially well qualified for the place. He graduated from the law school with the class of 1903. and since that time has been practicing law in Sioux Falls, S. D. While at the law school he was elected to the honorary legal fraternity of Phi Delta Phi. He is one of Wisconsin Alpha's best men, and a future full of distinction seems to be awaiting him.

Owing to the youth of the chapter, weddings have not occupied a prominent place in Wisconsin Alpha's correspondence. It is with unusual pleasure, therefore, that we report the marriage of Allyn A. Young to Miss Jessie B. Westlake, which occurred at noon, August 10th. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, in this city. Only the relatives and close personal friends of the couple were present, but among these were many people of distinction. Young was one of the charter members of Wisconsin Alpha. He was an instructor in

economics in the University during the year 1900-'01, and then went to Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, Ohio, as assistant professor of economics. He is now professor of economics at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H. Mrs. Young is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. We all congratulate Brother Young most heartily, for his wife is a charming woman whom any Sigma Alph would be proud to call a "fraternity sister."

During commencement week last June we held an informal banquet in the chapter-house, with Evan Young as toastmaster. Brother Young gave every member present a chance to propose a toast, and more genuine Sigma Alph spirit was shown that night than has been seen at many more pretentious functions of a similar nature. The banquet was the closing "stunt" of our last initiation of the year, when neophytes E. R. Wolcott, T. E. Van Meter, C. H. Fertig and Richard Whyman, became loyal brothers in Σ A E.

Those members of Wisconsin Alpha who lived in the chapter-house during the summer enjoyed having Brother Gallup, of New York Alpha, with them part of the time. W. D. Smith, '02, who was a graduate student and instructor in geology at Leland Stanford University last year was also with us for a time. Both Gallup and Smith were doing field work in geology throughout the State. Smith has been appointed an instructor in paleontology in the University for the coming year.

Those who made their home at the chapter-house during the summer were: Arne C. Lerum, Ralph T. Craigo, Evan E. Young, George Gove and Fred W. McKenzie. Lerum, Wisconsin's guard of 1901 fame, will enter the University law school next year.

The close of the college year 1903-04 found Wisconsin Alpha participating in many university activities. Van Meter was at his old place, No. 5, on the Varsity crew, McNally at the rudder on the second Varsity crew, and Todd on the track team. Gove completed a most successful year as leader of the Mandolin Club, while MacKenzie was busy on the editorial board of the Wisconsin Literary Magazine, and also of the Sphinx.

We wish a most prosperous year to Sigma Alphas everywhere, and extend a hearty invitation to all Sigmas to make the chapter-house their home whenever they may visit Madi-

son. FRED W. MACKENZIE.

Σ A E House, 615 Lake St., 12 August, 1904.

PROVINCE EPSILON.

Georgia Beta, University of Georgia, Athens.

WITH the loss of fourteen men and our chapter-house, Georgia Beta has had difficulties to contend with which no other chapter in the Fraternity, perhaps, can equal. It is with genuine regret that we leave the old house which is so dear to the memory of all our alumni. Our brothers will be glad to hear that we have secured another, as well adapted to the needs of a chapter as the old one.

Although during the collegiate year we lost fourteen out of twentyseven men the rest went to work with determination, and as a result $\Sigma A E$ at the University is well represented in every phase of College life. As the honors received by our men have been published in THE RECORD from time to time, I will not go into a detailed account, but simply give a few to show the stand of Σ A E here. On the staff of the Red and Black, Georgia Beta had four men during the year. In the literary societies and on debates our men are in evidence, always taking a prominent part in this department. The record made by Georgia Beta in athletics could hardly be surpassed. During the year, Σ A E filled the offices of vicepresident of the athletic association, manager of track team, manager of the tennis team, president of the University German Club, and captain of the baseball team. On the Varsity baseball nine we had four men, on the football eleven we had three men and captain of the "scrubs," and we were equally well represented on the track team.

Georgia Beta's prospects for the coming "rushing season" are very bright. We have several splendid men pledged, and hope to get other good material by energetic endeavor.

We wish our sister chapters success and prosperity for the coming year.

L. D. HILL.

9 August, 1904.

Georgia Psi, Mercer University, Macon.

COMMENCEMENT this year marked a notable advance over former years, and was one of the many manifestations of the spirit which is striving for the realization of a greater and more widely useful Mercer. Prominent among the commencement functions was the presentation of the Georgia Baseball Championship pennant by the Atlanta Journal. This was the closing episode in a close and exciting contest upon the diamond between the leading colleges of the State, which created great rivalry and stimulated intense college spirit.

In mid-vacation one stands upon ground which is neither of last year nor of next, whence he can look coolly and quietly over the past year in its entirety, draw inspiration from its triumphs, detect its mistakes, and, guided by its experiences, lay careful plans for the future. The horizon now is far brighter than it was at this time last year. If success in a like proportion comes to us this fall we shall indeed have good news to report to the Fraternity. We have men pledged already, and the outlook at this moment promises many more. We are working and biding our time, and when the crisis comes, we hope to give another demonstration of the superiority of Σ A E methods.

Our best wishes to all our sister chapters.

ROOSEVELT P. WALKER. 11 July, 1904.

Georgia Epsilon, Emory College, Oxford.

TEORGIA EPSILON begins this year under very unfavorable circumstances. The prospect is exceedingly gloomy just at present, but we hope by earnest work to succeed. The faculty and trustees of the college have decreed that there shall be no chapter-houses here in the future. Thus, in one fell stroke, without a moment's warning in which to change our plans, they put us out without shelter of any kind. During the past year we have had our clubroom in the chapter-house, so that now we are even without that. There being only six club-rooms in Oxford, and those being taken, it is almost impossible to get any place to hold our meetings. But strenuous efforts are being made to get a clubroom before the time for school to open, and doubtless some way will be arranged soon.

The past year has been one of marked success. A spirit of fraternity has existed among the brothers to a greater extent than ever before. Each brother seemed to work for the other's good, the lack of selfishness being very noticeable.

In every phase of the college life and work we have been well represented during the past year. We were represented by strong men on every athletic team, and thereby gained several captaincies and managerships. We had three men on the track team, each being a star man in his line, and winning points for Emory in the meet.

Realizing that the good work done and the records made by the men who have gone out from the chapter is not sufficient to retain the prestige of the chapter from year to year, we, the men of this year, are determined to exert our greatest efforts to maintain her high standard.

We wish for the chapters, individually and collectively, great success for the year.

J. EVANS STRATFORD. 12 August, 1904.

Georgia Phi, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta.

THE past college year has been one of the most successful in Georgia Phi's history. At the opening of the year, after a most successful rushing season, we numbered thirty-one enthusiastic Sigmas, and we closed the year with twenty-six. Nevertheless we have some hard work before us, as we lost six experienced rushers by graduation in June. Strong returns for post-graduate work, and will be with us through the fall term; and the rest of us though young are full of enthusiasm and of the determination to keep our chapter in its present flourishing condition.

Atlanta is a strong Σ A E town and we meet with warm encouragement in whatever we undertake.

At present there are no chapterhouses at Tech and it is our desire to be the first fraternity here to move into a home of its own. We are working hard towards that end and hope to attain it before the opening of another college year.

We have several excellent pledged men who will either come here or go to Georgia Beta, and we are keeping a close watch on all available material. Our Alma Mater is prospering and as she prospers Georgia Phi will prosper, for in spite of the fact that the fraternity field at Tech is overcrowded, $\Sigma A E$ is doing far more than just holding her own.

LAMBERT S. COBURN. 24 August, 1904.

Alabama Iota, Southern University, Greensboro.

WE of Alabama Iota are now in the midst of our vacation. The chapter dispersed with eleven men, nine of whom expect to return, thus insuring a good beginning for the work of next year.

The most successful social event of the season was our annual banquet. This took place at the home of Mrs. Seed, on the evening of June 7. There were covers laid for eighty. Rivalry was at its height as the K. A.'s had their annual reception on the same evening. Our alumni of the town were present, and also Brothers G. B. Skinner, and W. W. Peagler, of Alabama Alpha Mu, and A. Lawson, of Tennessee Nu.

In summing up our activity for the year it is particularly pleasing to all of us to look back and see the important places we have filled in college life. We were represented on the rostrum at commencement by Four men were on three men. honor roll, two were members of the Varsity football team, and two on the glee club. Daniel won the challenge debate between the literary societies, and Chappelle, J.D., whom we lose by graduation, was awarded a medal at commencement as the best ready writer in college.

We looked forward to the appearance of the new catalogue with much pleasure, and now, since it is completed, we have a directory that is indeed worthy of us.

W. O. TURNIPSEED.

31 July, 1904.

Alabama Mu, University of Alabama, University.

THOSE dreaded exams have come and gone, commencement, with its gaieties and pleasures, is numbered among the days that are passed, and we of Mother Mu have separated and gone our several ways. We stopped long enough, however, to say a sad farewell to five loyal brothers who have left us for good through graduation, and a not so sad "au revoir" to those who will return in the fall. When I say we have separated, I mean in body only, for we will ever be one in that spirit which looks to the welfare and advancement of our order.

On the night of the 29th of April, as was prophesied in our last letter, we had a most delightful time, for it was on this night that we had our annual german. If our guests had as pleasant a time as we did, "Home, Sweet Home," was heard by all with sincere regret.

On the track this year we were ably represented by Austell, who won the mile and the 220-yard dash.

Three out of four of our men in the Sophomore class were on the "Sophomore Speaking" list.

Old Alabama has prospects for the best football team this coming season she has ever turned out, and unless our old-time friend and enemy, Auburn, looks well to her laurels she will again succumb to the onslaught of the Crimson and White. $\Sigma A E$ will probably be represented by one or two men.

F. M. Lett, A. B., '02, A. M., '03, who has been teaching for the past year at Missouri Military Academy, has been elected to the position of Assistant Chemist for next year, and, although on account of his position in the faculty he can take no active part in the chapter work, his very presence will strengthen us considerably.

Altogether our prospects for next year are very bright and unless we are greatly mistaken Mother Mu will be in the very front rank next fall.

J. H. CABANISS.

25 June, 1904.

Alabama Alpha-Mu, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn.

THE time is now due for the eminent correspondents again to take to their pens, and tell the $\Sigma A E$ world of the doings of their respective chapters.

At the close of the year nineteen men were on our roll. We expect to return about ten men for next year. We had five men to graduate, and several more may not return. Bussey. one of the '04 men, has gone with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y.

Battle goes to a preparatory school for Annapolis, and so will not be back next year.

We all are looking forward with

much pleasure and interest to the fall reunion and rushing. The boys are confident of a successful rushing season and a prosperous year.

For the past several years we have secured every man to whom we have extended an invitation and we are fully determined to give rival fraternities a stiff fight for every desirable man. All this is prophetical of a successful season.

Auburn, and our chapter in particular, enjoyed the pleasure of the recent visit made by Miss Rudulph to Auburn. She is the daughter of Col. John B. Rudulph, the only living founder of our Fraternity. She wears the Σ A E badge and reads every RECORD with interest. We are proud to have made her acquaintance.

Commencement was a grand success the past year. The Sigmas, as usual, took quite a prominent part in the social features and honors of commencement.

Four of the eight dances given were led by our men.

Z. Smith was lieutenant in the company, winning the sword in the competitive drill.

The chapter gave an afternoon german, which was a success in every sense of the word, and was generally conceded to be the prettiest and best dance given.

In athletics Auburn has bright prospects for next year. The college has secured coach Donahue of Yale to train the football team. We hope to have several men on the squad.

C. E. BATTLE, JR. 10 August, 1904.

PROVINCE ZETA.

Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri, Columbia.

O^N the first day of June we closed one of the most successful years in the history of Missouri Alpha Chapter and it was with many regrets that we gave one long "Phi Alpha alicazee," and departed for our different homes.

During the year we initiated seven of the best men in the University and our chapter-roll contained nineteen names, not as many, it is true, as some of the other chapters here, but a good number of true congenial brothers. Sloss, of St. Louis, was taken in a few days before the close of the school and we are expecting great things of him next year.

We lost four men by graduation— Philbrook, Walker, Clagg and Hogsett—the first three taking degrees in engineering and the last an academic degree.

We were fortunate in securing our last year's quarters for next year, several of the other fraternities trying hard to get them. Our house is without doubt the best chapter-house in town, and was a great help to us last year during the rushing season and will be again next year.

We expect to return about twelve men and will have with us some of the old men during the rushing season, and with such a number to start on, together with our excellent facilities for rushing, we feel safe in predicting an even more successful year than the last.

The University of Missouri is steadily growing, and Missouri Alpha Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is not only going to grow with it, but we are going to endeavor to set the pace. G. STERLING BRACK.

Missouri Beta, Washington University, St. Louis.

THE outlook of this chapter is very bright for next year. We will return thirteen men in the fall as against eight returned last fall. With two pledges and a large entering class, we have every reason to believe that we will have a much larger chapter than usual this year.

Washington enjoyed a very successful baseball season. Missouri Beta had two men on the Varsity. Robinson has been elected captain of next year's team and we look forward to another successful season on the diamond.

We are very glad to have many visitors with us this summer. We have brothers registered from all parts of the country. Our weekly meetings have proven very successful in getting the visiting brothers together. Every Saturday night a bunch of fraternity men get together on the Pike and a merry time invariable follows.

 Σ A E Day at the Fair was certainly enjoyed by Missouri Beta and her alumni. All the brothers present were full of enthusiasm and they certainly let it out at the banquet. We had Billy Levere and Marvin Holderness of the Supreme Council with us on that day, and I must say their presence and words did us any amount of good. The chapter-house problem is still with us, but as yet nothing definite has been decided on.

Any Sigma Alph who happens around the World's Fair city should not fail to look us up, as we are anxious to meet all visiting brothers.

R. M. SAVLOR, Σ A E House, 2824 Washington Ave. 13 August, 1904.

Nebraska Lambda-Pi, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

NEBRASKA LAMBDA-PI is looking forward to a very prosperous and beneficial school year. At the beginning of school there will be found about twenty-two of the old men returning, and these, together with seven pledges, will make Lamda-Pi one of the strongest chapters in the West.

We lost last spring by graduation, Ware, Siecke, Greenwald and Townsend, and their loss will be greatly felt by the chapter. We have learned with pleasure recently that Siecke and Townsend will be back for postgraduate work.

In athletics we more than expect to hold our own. Bender, captain of the '03 football team, Fager, Graves and Robertson will all be back. On the strong '04 baseball team, considered by many to have been the best ever turned out at Nebraska, we had Captain Townsend, Steen and Bender.

This summer we have been fortunate in having such visitors as Brother Dew, of U. S. A., class '04, West Point, Barr of Michigan, and Clapp and Shidler, who last year attended school respectively at Stanford and Michigan. We retain our house for next year, and it has just gone through a thorough cleaning and refurnishing, which assures us one of the neatest and cosiest houses in school.

We have also added a number of Sigma Alph feminine devotees to our roll, as Brothers Applegate, Elliot and Siecke have recently entered the gates of matrimony.

The beginning of our school year is but a few weeks off, and we are anxiously awaiting the time when the "gang" will assemble and prepare for a glorious year.

CLARENCE G. STEEN. **2** A E House, 1228 R Street, 25 August, 1904.

Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

As this is the first letter from Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon to appear in THE RECORD since the passage of the anti-fraternity law, it would be well to review the past college years of 1903 and 1904.

In September we returned twelve men and during the year initiated ten more. However, we were unfortunate in losing several of the brothers who were unable to return after the Christmas holidays. The sympathy of the entire chapter was extended to brothers Harrington and Stanley who were obliged to quit the University on account of each losing his father.

Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon enjoyed a prosperous year and fraternities generally have been flourishing. Besides the three national fraternities of $\Sigma A E$, $K \Sigma$, and K A, there are two national sororities, Chi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha, and five locals all petitioning national fraternities. The attendance at the University this year was over eight hundred, and bids fair to be larger next year. The new engineering hall will be completed by this September, and the engineers will have a home of their own instead of being scattered over the main building. Social life at the University was active during the year, and dances took place almost every week. The Chi Omegas and the Zeta Tau Alphas gave entertainments which were much enjoyed by those who were fortunate enough to attend.

In football we were represented by Moore,full-back, and Stanley, guard. Moore was elected captain of the 1904 eleven. In baseball we were represented by Moore and Block. The baseball team came out very well the past season, winning eight out of sixteen games, and taking games from Missouri, Kansas, Texas and Rolla School of Mines. During the visit of the Kansas team, we much enjoyed having with us Brother Pyle of the Kansas chapter.

Several members of the chapter attended the recent meeting of the Arkansas Alumnæ Association in Little Rock, and it is to be regretted that all the chapters could not have been present. The banquet at the Falstaff was one long to be remembered, and the presence of Judge Kavanaugh as toastmaster added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. The chapter-house problem was thoroughly discussed at the business meeting.

All the chapters are looking forward to the Memphis Convention, and almost the entire chapter will be there. While the present chapter is much scattered none of them are idle and each is on the lookout for good material coming to the University next September.

J. CHAPMAN, JR.

Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas, Lawrence.

A LTHOUGH last fall found the chapter with only eleven men returning, the past year has been a very successful one for Kansas Alpha. Ten men were initiated, giving the chapter twenty-one active members.

We obtained our share of the University honors. Chambers was editorin-chief of the *Weekly* the first half of the year, and Kilgore was a member of the annual board.

In athletics Pyle pitched for the Varsity, winning five out of seven games. Twice, with only fair support, he defeated Missouri, and twice Arkansas. Purton was a member of the track team.

In a social way, our first spring party was considered a great success. Several other small dances were given by us during the year, which were also very much appreciated.

Besides Kilgore and Walter Filkin, who graduated, Chambers, Pyle, White and Sawyer, will not return. We feel very sorry to lose these men, four of them being charter members and men whose duty to their Fraternity was placed above everything else.

Walter Filkin is practicing law at Kansas City, and Kilgore is in business at Sedan, Kansas.

Though our house is not the best in town, it compares very favorably with other fraternity houses. Being unable to obtain it for the present year, we had some difficulty in finding one which would be suitable. Recently we were fortunate enough to sign a lease for a house better in all respects than the old one. In our opinion it is, with one exception, the finest fraternity house in Lawrence.

The new house is very conveniently located, both with regard to University and the athletic field. Downstairs, it is completely laid with hardwood floors. The house is as yet unfurnished, and it will occasion some sacrifice on the part of the brothers to furnish it, yet it will be accomplished in a creditable manner from the present outlook.

During the summer, with the aid of our alumni, the active members of the chapter living at Kansas City have given several smokers and a small party at the residence of Brother Cooper.

The Kansas City Alumni on August 26th will give a smoker in the drilltoom of the Midland Hotel, for which very unique invitations have been issued.

JOHN B. GAGE. 10 August, 1904.

PROVINCE ETA.

Colorado Chi, University of Colorado, Boulder.

THIS summer has seen a far scattering of the members of Chi, some of them being in the far East and South, one in Minnesota, several on the Pacific coast, and many in the Middle West. The fall, however, will bring the men together a few days before the opening of the University, all ready and glad to work harder than ever before for new men to gather into the fold of Sigdom. The prospects for next year are very bright and this outlook is a source of great satisfaction after the graduation of seven of our staunchest men last June. It appears that there will be a great influx of men in the fall and among them will naturally be many strong fellows of the kind for which we are looking.

The University itself is making steady strides forward. A new dormitory building is to be erected during the coming year; the wings to the recently built library are soon to be added, and the courses are being broadened. All this, of course, tends to swell the attendance, and this in turn to present more fraternity material. And so Colorado Chi looks toward the coming academic year with pleasure and with hopes for much success.

ROBERT M. SEE.

8 August, 1904.

Colorado Zeta, Denver University, University Park.

DURING the summer the greater part of the members of Colorado Zeta are widely scattered, but as those who remain in Denver are constitued a summer committee, much of the work of the rushing season in the fall is planned, and when school opens on September fourteenth the Sigma Alphs will be ready for the foray. On May 17, we initiated Paul F. Brissenden, '07, so at commencement time Colorado Zeta had fourteen active members and graduated but one, D. Shelton Swan, who will have charge of the science department of the Longmont High School. We lose also Bushnell, who goes to the University of Chicago, and Wheeler, who enters the School of Mines.

Toward the end of the academic 'year dramatic productions held the interest of the student body. The classes in oratory gave excellent performances of "Mr. Bob" and "Esmeralda." Bulkeley played a leading part in both, and, in theatrical parlance, "made good." Then came a production of "Madame Flut" by the German classes, and on Class Day the Seniors gave a dramatized form of selections from Dickens, which proved a great success.

An innovation in the form of an alumni buffet supper was held at the Brown Palace Hotel just before commencement exercises. This supper is to be a fixture hereafter.

In the State track meet, the final athletic event of the year, Denver University obtained second place, and her outlook for next year in all lines of athletics is very favorable. Dana M. Evans, who coached the track team for the past two years, has been elected Director of Athletics of the University. He is a very competent man and is extremely well liked by all who have worked with him.

In the faculty of liberal arts the only changes from last year are that Miss Miller will again occupy the professorship of English, held last year by Miss McDonald, and Dr. James B. Westhaver returns from his leave of absence in Germany to resume charge of the physics department.

Extensive plans are being laid for several new buildings to be erected upon the campus, to include a chapel and library, chemical and physical laboratories, engineering buildings and a trade school—the last named to be a new departure in Colorado. So if all plans and expectations materialize, Denver University will be second to no institution in Colorado. PAUL S. WORTH.

PAUL S. WORT IO August, 1904.

Z A E Rooms, University Park.

Colorado Lambda, State School of Mines, Golden.

THE correspondent of Colorado Lambda suddenly realizes that he is due a letter for the September Record, and must lay aside a drill for a pen and make the most of the short time remaining. There are four of us here in the Cripple Creek district trying our hand at practical mining, and all of us find that the occasional sight of a fraternity brother decidedly relieves the monotony of the situation.

There is little I can say of the crowd coming back to college on September 5th when we are all so out of communication with one another. It might be interesting, however, to some to know that we have signed a three years' lease on a good house and are now engaged in furnishing it. So we look forward to a successful year, feeling, nevertheless, that one thing is imperative. We must have every Sigma who is within striking distance up to see us, to honor us with his presence, and to give us his advice and cooperation. Remember this, and be sure to accept of our hospitality.

There is a new fraternity at C. S. M., but we can hold our own with either of the other two now here. We will have at least fifteen of our old men back to begin the year.

ROBERT MCCART, Jr.

II August, 1904.

California Alpha, Stanford University, Palo Alto.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA closed a pleasant and prosperous semester on May twelfth, and as fifteen out of last year's nineteen will return in September, another successful year is anticipated. Ed Lyman and Willard Clapp, who graduated, and Billy Blake, who goes with his wife to take up his residence in Boston, carry with them the love and best wishes of the chapter.

Several of the brethren had their first opportunity this summer to visit some of the Eastern chapters, and the reception which they received will remain one of the pleasantest memories of their college days. We trust no Eastern brother will forget us when he comes to the coast, for our opportunities for welcoming them have been very few. Lanagan went East with the track team and had the pleasure of meeting the men of Chicago, Northwestern and Washington Universities.

The sad death of Charlie Sell, '02, who was killed by a locomotive in Chetsworth Park tunnel, southern California, was a great blow to all of us. Sell was a civil engineer of great promise, and as fine a fellow as ever lived.

The engagement is announced of Edward Dean Lyman to Miss Eva Marian Wheeler, Stanford, '03, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

ROBERT D. PIKE.

$\Sigma A E$ House,

30 July, 1904.

California Beta, University of California, Berkeley.

THE last college year was continued by a summer session lasting six weeks, gathering eminent scientists from the East and Europe, and registering over a thousand students. Among the students were several from the Alpha and Beta chapters of California.

California Beta has opened the present year with exceedingly bright prospects. The chapter has moved into a new and commodious house, that is the equal of any on the campus, and celebrated the event by a very enjoyable dance.

Although the rushing season is but young we have already pledged three men and have a strong hold on two more.

Football is now absorbing the greater part of our leisure time, training having begun last Monday. We feel a special interest in the game this year, as Brother Stroud is captain of the team.

We have lately received visits from several of our alumni who live at a distance and are unable to be with their younger brothers often.

CHARLES M. SMILIE.

 $\Sigma A E$ House,

1 September, 1904.

PROVINCE THETA.

Louisiana Epsilon, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

NO LETTER RECEIVED.

Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, Tulane University, New Orleans.

SUMMER finds the members of the Tau-Upsilon scattered in various parts of the country, some in St. Louis, some in New Orleans, and some at summer resorts. But no matter where the eminent correspondent may be, there is ever a shadow hanging over his head, and that shadow is the letter for the September RECORD.

The session just closed has been rather a strenuous one for our chapter. Five men came back in time for the rushing season and initiated seven men into the order. The initiates were Caffery, McLellan, Kerr, Kernan, Mills, Ventress and S. Parkerson. We start the new session with four promising youngsters already pledged to us, but hope to take in at least seven.

The honors which have been ours were many and eagerly courted ones. Our men during the session just past occupied the following posts of honor: Business and assistant business manager of the *Jambalaya*, the Tulane annual; editor-in-chief, three associate editors, business manager and assistant business manager of our college weekly, *The Olive and Blue*; two sub-editorships of the *Jambalaya*; secretary of the Tulane University Athletic Association; class historian and vice-president; Varsity baseball team and coach of the same; membership in the Glendy Burke Literary Society, The Tulane German Club, the Junior German Club, the French Circle, the Kappa Delta Phi (secret), The Fox Head (secret), president of the French Circle. Several other minor honors were also carried off by our members.

The following of this year's chapter will not return next session: William Leake, '04, Frank Hart, '04, Hugh D. Gayden, '04, Walter B. Dobson, '04, Lucius McGehee, '04, C. G. McGehee, '06, Godfrey Parkerson, '06, Charles McLellan, '07. We hope to fill up the vacancies by as many new men, however.

Our annual banquet occurred in the latter part of April. Horace Roberts, '01, was to astmaster. About thirty Sig Alphs were present.

The members of the chapter have received from the Eminent Supreme Archon, William C. Levere, the 1904 Catalogue, and think that it is excellent. They hope the Manual will be as good and are expectantly awaiting its publication.

The chapter intends to go to Memphis in December *en masse*, and hopes to meet all the other chapters there, and hear of the prosperity of sixtytwo other chapters of our great Fraternity. Until then, good luck.

WILLIAM KERNAN DART. 6 July, 1904.

Mississippi Gamma, University of Mississippi, University.

THE time will soon arrive when we can again enjoy fraternity life even more than ever. We expect, at the opening of the University, to find every man of last year's chapter with the exception of Bethune, who graduated. We are proud to say that Bethune has already made a beginning in the duties of life which is a credit not only to himself but to Mississippi Gamma and the Fraternity.

Just as we expected, and very much to the regret of the chapter, a rule has been passed prohibiting fraternities from bidding first-year men. Just at this period nothing could prove more detrimental to our chapter than this rule. We will still retain our courage, however, and expect to come out with our share of the good "Sophs" after the first year.

ROY L. HEIDELBERG.

5 August, 1904.

Texas Rho, University of Texas, Austin.

Notwithstanding the fact that the session of 1903-4 opened with gloomy prospects for Texas Rho, the chapter made considerable progress during the year towards reattaining its former position. At commencement we felt that we had every reason for looking to the future with the brightest anticipations.

Of the ten men who comprised the active chapter, we hope to have again with us next year all but two. Hockenhull having been graduated in law will engage in active practice, while McClendon will go to the University of Pennsylvania for advanced work in zoölogy, a fellowship in that institution having been awarded him. Brother Swenson also will probably retire from active membership, as he has received the master's degree, and will be instructor in the School of Education next year. The chapter regrets very much losing these true and loyal Sigma Alphs.

An unfortunate situation exists in the Texas Greek-letter world in that there are far too many fraternities here for the present size of the student-body. We have twelve general fraternities and one local for a male undergraduate membership of less than six hundred. This does not include the Medical College at Galveston, where there are several medical societies. There is, too, a faculty regulation which forbids the pledging of first-year students until after January 16. This makes it hard to maintain chapter-houses during the first four months of each session, unless a chapter is fortunate enough to return most of its old men.

A chapter of Delta Tau Delta has been recently installed, with whom our relations are very pleasant. They have eleven men. It is reported that the local above mentioned has been recently chartered by Phi Kappa Psi.

In athletics Texas has had one of the most prosperous years in its history. In addition to our champion teams in football and baseball, we won the Southwestern track-meet against Oklahoma and Texas A. and M., and the Southern meet against Vanderbilt. In addition, a much greater and more general interest in athletics is being aroused among the students. Next year we expect to turn out the best football team we have ever had. Games have already been arranged with the University of Chicago and with Washington University.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon unfortunately was not represented in athletics last year, but her men were prominent in all other student activities. Connor will be manager of the baseball team next year, and both he and Swenson have been placed on the editorial board of the *Cactus*, our annual. For next year, we have been able to rent a fine old roomy Southern home, which will make an almost ideal chapter-house. If we can carry out all our plans Texas Sigma Alphs will then have many more reasons for being proud of their chapter.

JAMES BOWIE WHITE.

25 July, 1904.

PROVINCE IOTA.

Kentucky Kappa, Central University, Danville.

T HOUGH the past year is only the third of Kappa's life at Central, and it is yet a "new" chapter, still we have every reason to congratulate ourselves. Nothing has been lacking to make the year one of unusual successfulness along all lines and phases of a chapter's career. And it is with great pride and satisfaction that we look back and are made to feel that we can hardly hope for a life more untrammeled than that we have lived throughout the happy days of the year just gone.

The men who brought $\Sigma A E$ to Central won respect for our Fraternity from the first. The standard example set by them are the models for Kappa's future life, and by strict adherence to them her name and fame will continue to increase in fairness and greatness.

It is impossible here to enumerate fully the honors we have won for our Fraternity. First and foremost, however, are the seven men whom our pin has graced for the first time. They have been tried and found to

be the material in which $\Sigma A E$ glories. Then a few things to show the activity of the entire chapter. On the Varsity baseball team Andrews in left field, and Letcher at short, did most creditable work. Michel played in the finals of the tennis tournament only to lose after brilliant playing in former matches. On Field Day, Rowell won the mile and thus won a place for the Intercollegiate Meet. In the June Oratorical Alexander won second medal. Letcher took second in the Intercollegiate Oratorical. Gowdy was Class Day historian. Michel gave a toast at the Senior banquet. Our Province President Smith took the degree of M. A. and is the youngest man ever winning that degree at Central. Alexander is on the Central News staff for next year, while McOueen was re-elected editor.

The chapter has given quite a number of enjoyable functions. Those especially so were the picnic to High Bridge, and the box party to the cramatic club play, "Mr. Bob." and several luncheons.

Five men left us by graduation this year and to them wherever placed may the memory of $\Sigma A E$ ever be an inspiration. May the laurel be their possession.

In closing, we hope that every chapter may have a most successful rushing 'season, and that the best men may be brought under the purple and gold.

DONALD MCQUEEN.

9 August, 1904.

Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Russellville.

NO LETTER RECEIVED.

Kentucky Epsilon, Kentucky State College, Lexington.

THE collegiate year of 1903-'04 was most certainly one of prosperity for Kentucky Epsilon.

When the first roll was called in September, twelve loyal and enthusiastic men responded, ready and anxious to get to work for $\Sigma A E$.

To those were added several alumni of the preceding year, who had yielded to the longing to be back with the boys once more to enjoy the conquests and triumphs of the rushing season.

By the united efforts of this force, six fine fellows were initiated into the bonds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The enrollment of five more men, who came in during the year, made us the largest of the seven chapters in K. S. C.

Nor did our strength lie wholly in numbers.

College honors, both athletic and scholastic, came our way in abundance.

We had three men on the glee

club, three in the Senior society, the editor and assistant editor of the annual, five non-commissioned and two commissioned officers, the manager and one man on the first football team, the captain of the second team, one man on the baseball team, and the president and first honor man of the Senior class.

Another honor and pleasure which the chapter enjoyed was the province convention held with us during the Christmas holidays.

However, it is not the successes of the past which now most concern us, but those of the year upon which we are about to enter.

By graduation, and other causes, we lose quite a number of our men, so that most probably no more than ten men will return this fall; but these ten have pledged their undying efforts toward making this next year the grandest in our history.

FRANK M. STONE.

20 August, 1904.

Tennessee Zeta, Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville.

O^{UR} prospects for next year are splendid. Most of the brothers who were here last year will return in September, ready for the rushing season.

The question of removing the university to Atlanta is again being agitated. Although it is practically certain that the University will remain here, still the controversy is doing the school a great deal of harm in the matter of attendance, and therefore it injures all the chapters here. It is to be hoped that a final

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settlement of the question will be reached this fall.

C. V. RUNYON.

12 August, 1904.

Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Lebanon.

CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY will open on September first with the largest number of students in years. Tennessee Lambda has been hustling "some" through the summer, and next month expects to return eleven men and have several desirable Freshmen pledged before they arrive. We shall rent us a hall, as usual, on the Square, and keep open house there for the next nine months.

Cumberland will be heard from on the athletic field this year. We lose some football stars, but have most of the old team back and several other well-known players to fill out the remaining positions with. A few of these will be men from the strong Castle Heights Preparatory School team, who will be in the Freshman class here in September.

Brother Walker, '04, has been chosen Assistant Professor in Modern Languages here. He graduated in three years instead of the usual four, and will take some post-graduate work in addition to his duties as professor. A. W. SMITH.

17 August, 1904.

Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

TENNESSEE NU closed the year of 1904 in a gratifying manner, and her men departed for their various homes full of plans for work in behalf of Sigma Alpha Epsilon during the summer and the coming session.

Out of a chapter of twenty-eight, a possible eighteen will return, full of loyalty and good works. All possible material will be cultivated, and the close of the rushing season should leave no gaps in the ranks.

Eight men were graduated— Ayers, Cawthorn, Gordon, Holt, Houston, Tomerlin, Smith and Steele. But not all of these will be lost to us. Gordon (B. A.) and Smith (Ph.C.) return for graduate work, and Tomerlin (LL.B.) will remain in the city, and get as close to the men of Σ A E as possible.

Johnson, '07, has received an appointment to West Point and enters this fall.

Our only weakness during the past year was in athletics. In scholarship, oratory, literary work and college organizations, $\Sigma A E$ was far to the front. Holt and Gordon finished the regular course in three years and made $\Phi B K$; Smith won the Founder's Department medal in pharmacy; Holt and Houston won honors in several oratorical contests; and onethird of the members of the Glee Club were Sigmas, which probably accounts for the unprecedented success of the club.

Vanderbilt's baseball season was especially brilliant this year, the team losing not a single intercollegiate series.

Most of the fellows found time to pay visits shorter or longer to "the Fair," and all who could not include July 14th in their stay regret it exceedingly, as the fortunate ones who were there report a great crowd of Sigma Alphs and a good time for all. The same house has been secured for next year, and with further improvements will be one of the prettiest and most convenient in the school.

CHARLES HERMON DEAN. 5 August, 1904.

Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

NO LETTER RECEIVED.

Tennessee Omega, University of the South, Sewanee.

SINCE our last issue both university and fraternity life at Sewanee has been most active. The enrollment of students is the largest in our history, and consequently the fraternities are enjoying prosperity. It gives us pleasure to record our conditions as the Trinity term draws to its close.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees the Rt. Rev. Ellison Capers, D.D., Bishop of South Carolina, was elected to the office of Chancellor of the University of the South. This selection of the Board gives to Σ A E the University Chancellor, while we already had the Chaplain, the Dean of the Academic Department, and also three other members of the faculty. In the chapter, the Academic, the Law, the Medical, and Theological Departments are represented, making a total active membership of fifteen men now, and our prospects for getting our full share of good men in the fall rush is most excellent.

During the summer we lost by graduation George Croft and W. J. Nesbit, and we have welcomed the following affiliates: W. J. Gordon, North Carolina Xi; J. N. Perry, Virginia Sigma; Hicks, Louisiana Epsilon; T. B. Wilson, Louisiana Tau-Epsilon, and Shelton, Missouri Alpha.

We also, with great pleasure, introduce our recent initiates, H. H. Lumpkin, T. G. Croft, A. H. Wadsworth and Buchanan.

The University of the South is among the few institutions holding summer sessions, and to Sewanee visitors from all sections flock to enter into our life, to breathe our mountain air, and to enjoy the beautiful scenery. Among the most distinguished visitors this term was the German embassador, Baron Speck Von Sternberg, and various bishops of the Southern dioceses. We also had the pleasure of having back with us for a short visit G. Hendree Harrison, former Eminent Supreme Archon. Brothers Snowden, Blacklock, Hall, and Seldon also honored us.

The addition to our chapter-house has been completed, and its location is unequaled. The doors of our house have been thrown open and many informal dances have been enjoyed. The one given by Brother Nesbit, on the eve of his departure, will long be remembered.

G. W. DUNCAN, Jr.

Tennessee Eta, Southwestern Baptist University, Jackson.

THE first of June marked the close of the most prosperous year Tennessee Eta has ever enjoyed. Although we had only twelve men (about two-thirds of our average number) we accomplished more than any other "crowd" here, and we are convinced that the most ideal chapter is a small harmonious one.

We graduated three men, Peeples, Medlin and Ragsdale, but Ragsdale will be back for post-graduate work. All of the other men expect to return except Tigrett, who goes to Cornell.

Our new president predicts a great

year for the University and we hope to initiate several good men.

Soon after commencement Brother Medling married Miss Lenna Rushing at Lebanon, Tenn., a sister of Rushing of our chapter.

We hope to have at least three men on the eleven this year, and perhaps four.

We are always glad to see visiting Sigmas. G. C. ANDERSON, JR.

Here and There.

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Messrs. Roehm & Son, the well-known fraternity jewelers of Detroit, Mich., have recently secured the services of John E. Austin, of our Ohio Delta chapter. Brother Austin will cover quite a large territory for his house and will carry a complete line of fraternity kurlers and novelties.

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According to the Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, Dr. George L. Meylen, Harvard '02, now director of the Columbia gymnasium, in the course of recent investigation into the after-life of all Harvard varsity oarsmen now living, has refuted not only the idea that participation in college athletics is likely to be of permanent injury to the health, but the widely credited belief that athletes are dulled and brutalized by sports, with the result that they fall below the standard in intellectual attainments. Dr. Meylen reached the decidedly interesting conclusion that the percentage of Harvard oarsmen who have made notable successes in their life-work is considerably larger than the percentage of successful Phi Beta Kappa men, averaged from twenty-two representative institutions.

In addition to information about the health of the 120 survivors, Dr. Meylen obtained information as to the profession or business of 105 of them. He says that not one can be said to have made a failure in life. There are 5 who are in subordinate positions. About 80 are what may be called successful business men. The other 20 are men of national and international reputation, being at the head of their respective positions in commerce and the professions. He computes the number of Harvard oarsmen whose names appear in "Who's Who in America," and says:

But if we take into consideration the fact that it is practically impossible for a young man to achieve sufficient eminence to earn a place in this book in less than 15 years after leaving college, we may eliminate from our figures

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the 20 young men who rowed since 1888. In the table which follows I have given the percentage of the 120 oarsmen and also of the 100 men who rowed previous to 1889.

The table further shows that only 2.1 per cent. of all college graduates earn a place in the list of 8,000 leading men and women in America; 5.9 per cent. of the intellectual leaders in college (as determined by membership in $\Phi \ B \ K$) are found in this list; but 8.3 per cent. of college leaders in rowing achieve sufficient success to earn a place in "Who's Who in America," If we carry the point further and take only the oarsmen who have been out of college at least 15 years, we find 10 per cent. of them in the list of eminent men. This is indeed a strong refutation of the argument that college athletics dull, distract, and exhaust young men.

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The Memphis alumni are bending every effort to make the approaching Convention a record-breaker in every way. They are planning to make it not only the biggest but the *best*. In the belief that the delegates and participants generally like a little less work than they were treated to at Washington, the Memphis association will provide entertainment for every hour that the visitors are able to spend away from the sessions of the Convention. In order to facilitate plans, all those who expect to be present are requested to notify the association prior to December 19.

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Bills were sent out to delinquent subscribers on August 2d, and have met with only a fair response. A paragraph was printed on the bill-head urging the recipient not to compel the editor to send several further duns in order to obtain the remittance; but this request has been largely ignored. The failure to pay these small bills promptly is not, we venture to assert, generally due to a financial vacuum of the sort known to be abhorent even to Nature, but to the inherent dilatoriness of us all. We can pay, but we don't—because it is too much trouble. We think that if our subscribers could be brought to understand how much this sort of thing added to the labors of our office, they would evince quite a different spirit.

Within the next few weeks, according to present indications, we shall be forced to issue a second set of bills; and at that time subscribers seriously in arrears will be given the opportunity to pay up in thirty days, or be hurled into outer darkness. The RECORD mail-

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ing-list, as we have observed before, will not be padded out with free-traders and absent-minded beggars.

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We are glad to note that the Birmingham alumni have galvanized themselves into vigorous life, and mean to make things hum in that Alabama town from this date on. The old association has been thoroughly reorganized, and has chosen for its new president that able and very enthusiastic worker, Dr. William T. Berry. W. P. Kelley is vice-president, and Hugh Kirkpatrick secretary and treasurer. There are something over one hundred Sigmas in Birmingham, and the association is going to enlist the active co-operation of every one of them, or know the reason why.

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And this suggests that the new catalogue will be a veritable boon to those interested in the organization of alumni associations. In the larger cities, it often happens that many members of the Fraternity are not known to each other and the mutual proximity not suspected. The catalogue will give you at a glance the names of all Sigmas in your town and afford you the opportunity to look them all up and get acquainted. Again, several small adjacent towns, each incapable of supporting an independent association, might unite to form a strong joint organization if the possibility were but called to the brothers' attention. Here again the catalogue will be invaluable. That we have too few alumni associations goes without saying. The probability is that we shall always have too few of them, for the reason that they are the sort of thing of which the more we have the merrier for all concerned. Here is a golden chance to go to work in a systematic, business-like way and build up some first-rate new ones. There is no valid reason known to the writer why we shouldn't have flourishing alumni associations in any and all of the following towns:

Montgomery, Ala.	Athens, Ga.	Louisville, Ky.
Shreveport, La.	Baltimore, Md.	Lincoln, Neb.
Charlotte, N. C.	Columbus, O.	Charleston, S. C.
Columbia, S. C.	Greenville, S. C.	Clarksville, Tenn.
Jackson, Tenn.	Nashville, Tenn.	Dallas, Tex.

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Here and There.

All that is needed is some one with a little ginger in his make-up, who will make it his business to get the movement under way. If the cap fits, wear it yourself. Who will write to the editor and announce that he will be responsible for the formation of an alumni association in any of the above towns, or in any other? We promise to print his name in large letters in the next succeeding issue. Thus easily is immortality now to be won.

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The learned authorities of Emory College, Oxford, Georgia, have recently discovered that the chapter-house is an evil institution, and have passed the stern word that it must go. All houses now occupied by fraternity chapters must be vacated at the opening of the present college year. The Emory trustees' process of reasoning has not, so far as known, been given to the public.

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E. S. A. William C. Levere, having completed the labors for which he assumed the recorder's office, has resigned that post, and Leslie W. Millar, of Boston, has been appointed to fill the vacancy thus created. Brother Millar has been doing good work in Province Alpha, is highly thought of by those who have been associated with him, and has taken hold of his new duties with ability and enthusiasm.

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Dr. Andrew D. White, former president of Cornell, a prominent diplomat, and a member of the Sigma Phi Fraternity, has this to say with regard to fraternities in a recent issue of *The Youth's Companion*, in the course of an article on College Life:

"Probably more college faculties and more parents have had anxiety over the Greek-letter fraternities than any other form of college organization. But the fear would seem to have been without occasion.

"They are not secret enough to harm any one. Their purposes are well enough known. They can not exist long except on the basis of decency and order; they must fail unless they stand for the good of their members and the stability, prosperity and effectiveness of the institution with which they are associated. The national organizations of these bodies are very helpful in holding things level, and provide avenues for extending friendships over the country.

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"The upper classmen are likely to lord it over the Freshmen whom they have considerately admitted to their presence, but that is not so very bad for the Freshmen; and if the older men lord it over the youngsters, they help them, too. And very soon the Freshmen get to be lords in the household themselves.

"So there is no great problem, certainly no great peril, in the matter of college organizations. A boy generally does well to go in with the one which he most likes, if he can get in."

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Three correspondents spoiled our chances for a perfect showing in the matter of chapter letters, in this issue of the RECORD—those of Kentucky Iota, Tennessee Kappa and Louisiana Epsilon. Louisiana Epsilon and Kentucky Iota were also the only chapters unrepresented by letters in the May number. The two correspondents who have thus, on two successive occasions, signally failed in the discharge of their duties, are George Amos Stowe, of Kentucky, and William Burch Lee, of Louisiana. Under the recent act of Convention, no RECORDS were mailed to these chapters in May, and none will be mailed to them, except upon payment of the full and regular price, in September. We trust that these two chapters will, at the earliest opportunity, take steps toward ensuring that their interests will be better guarded in the future.



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