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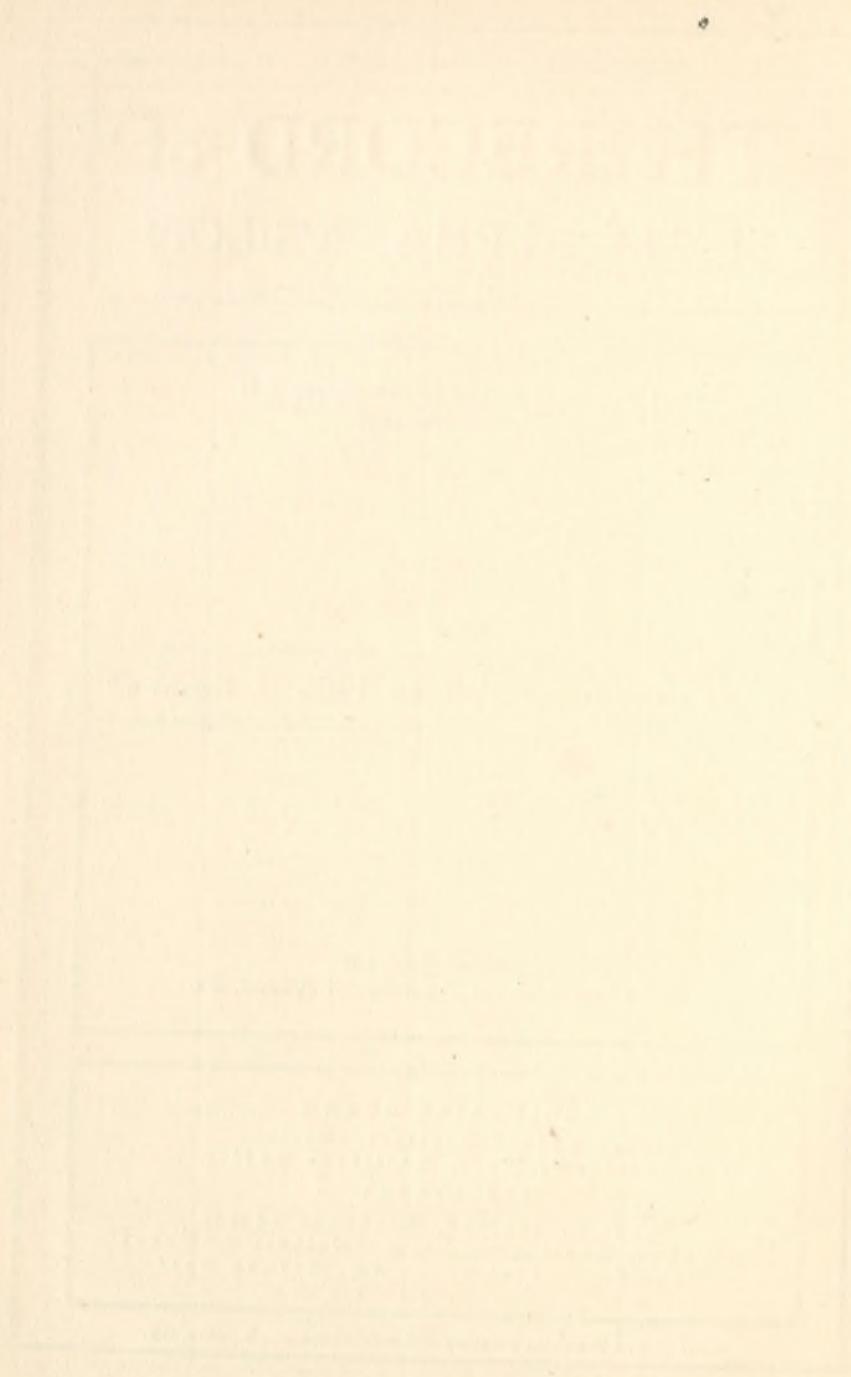
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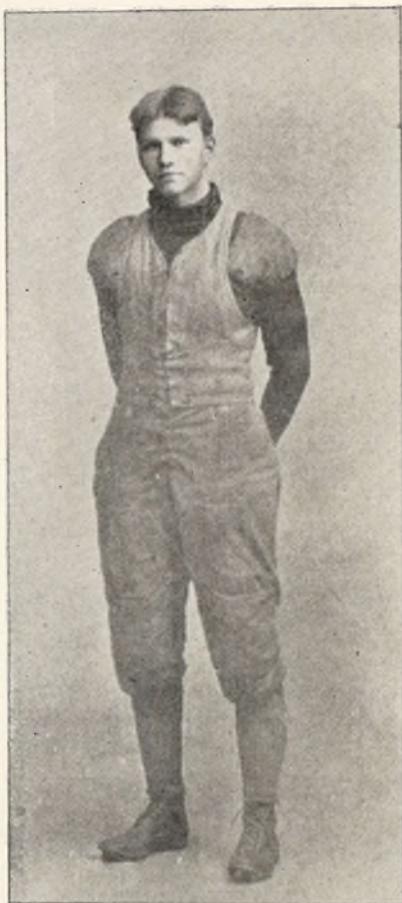
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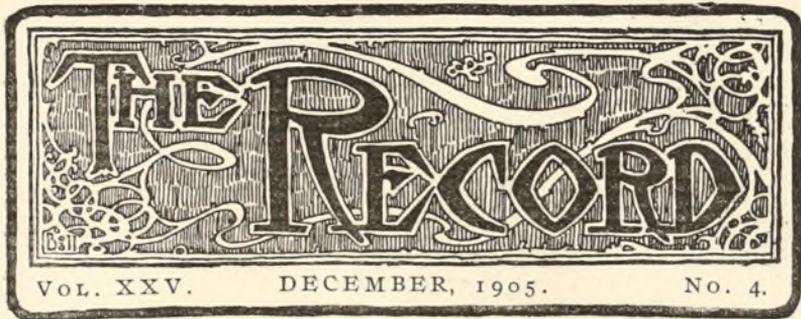
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"LATHE" SMITH.  
University of Pennsylvania, All-American  
Full-Back for 1905.



## Sigma Alpha Epsilon in Football.

By Charles P. Wood.

New York Alpha, 1904.

THE large amount of time and money spent annually on college athletics is astounding to a great many people, who have never felt, or who have forgotten, the thrill of undergraduate enthusiasm. Football, as the most expensive and the most hazardous of college sports, has been the object of attacks in editorials and sermons from all quarters. If football teams existed at none but first-rate schools and colleges, and if they were, moreover, made up of none but *bona fide* students, chosen by competition there would be little ground for these attacks; for the teams that persist in brutal and unsportsmanlike playing generally come from colleges where the atmosphere is not all that it should be. Moreover, in a case where the record of a first-rate team is sullied by the conduct of an individual player, an investigation will often prove that this player would not have attended that college if he had not been a promising athlete. And when a player is seriously injured, unintentionally, another investigation will probably disclose the fact that he was not in good physical condition, when he entered the game. The conduct of a football team on the field invariably reflects the moral tone of the college that the team represents.

An article on general athletics, in a recent number of *Outing*, includes the statement that, as a rule, a popular trainer, who looks after the physical condition of the men on all the teams, has more influence among the undergraduates than has the average professor, and that, if this influence is good, he deserves a salary as high as that of the professor. Athletes, who have trained under such high-class men, will give *Outing* their endorsement in this particular. A coach who realizes the possibilities of his position for good can, in giving to young men his ideas of how a man-to-man contest should be conducted, exert an influence that will live long after the doffing of the Varsity sweater. Except in cases of well-to-do alumni, who are both competent and willing, all coaches are more or less expensive, but, since, at this stage of the game, coaching is indispensable to a good team, the expense, when reasonable, is warranted.

Since football is firmly entrenched as a branch of athletics, and since it is impossible to rule out all the teams and all the players that are really unfit for the game, or to lessen the intense rivalry that makes so many teams adopt *winning* tactics, above all others, it is evident that the time is ripe for some sort of stringent regulation. Many believe that the rules can be changed to advantage, limiting the possibilities of crushing mass formations, so that teams lacking in beef could successfully adopt a faster, a more open, and, let us say, a more intelligent style of play. It would be hard to make rules to rectify the conduct of some men who, by nature, will always cling to the "dirty" game. It would be in line with some magazine articles that are now appearing, for some football authority to publish his choice of an "all-ringers," an "all-sluggers," or an "all-quitters" team. This would, of course, raise a howl; it might, however, do some good. The desire to win is inherent in Americans, but there is something wrong when this desire runs away with the desire to do the square thing at all costs. In football, as it is, there is more than enough good to overcome the evils of the game. As in everything else, though, it is its disagreeable features that people are most likely to talk about.

*The Official Football Guide*, for 1905, includes references to many Sigma Alpha Epsilon players. In writing up his All-American team for 1904, Mr. Camp says, in part:

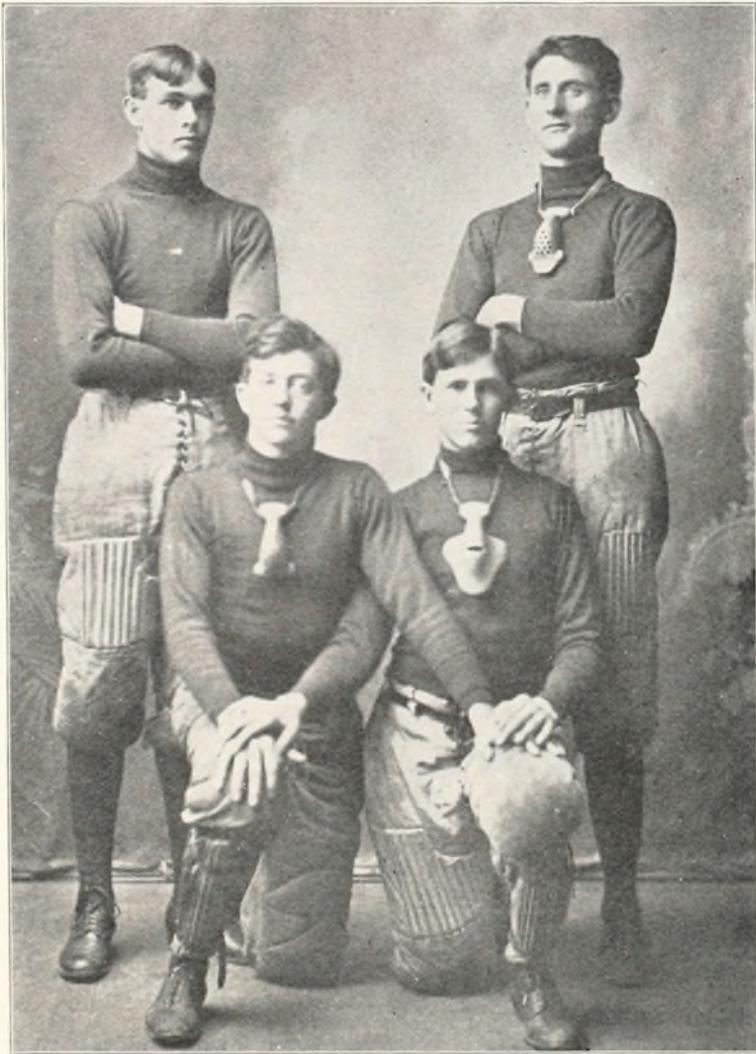


EDWARD L. GREENE,  
Right Half-back, Pennsylvania.



RALPH GLAZE,  
(Colorado Chi, ex-1905), Right End, Dartmouth.





ANDERSON (CAPTAIN), CRAIG, TAYLOR AND WARE,  
Bethel College.



"No full-back on any team of last year can possibly crowd Smith (Pennsylvania), out of the position on the All-American eleven."

"Bender, of the University of Nebraska, is one of the best players back of the line that his section has produced. He could be utilized as quarter-half, or full. The writer has mentioned him before, but in 1904 he came to his own with greater experience and more power than ever, and is certainly deserving of recognition."

"Glaze, of Dartmouth, played right-end on their team. He weighed 166 pounds, but it was good, hard muscle, every ounce of it. He put up a remarkably clever game throughout the season, and was one of the fastest men on the field and a sure tackler."

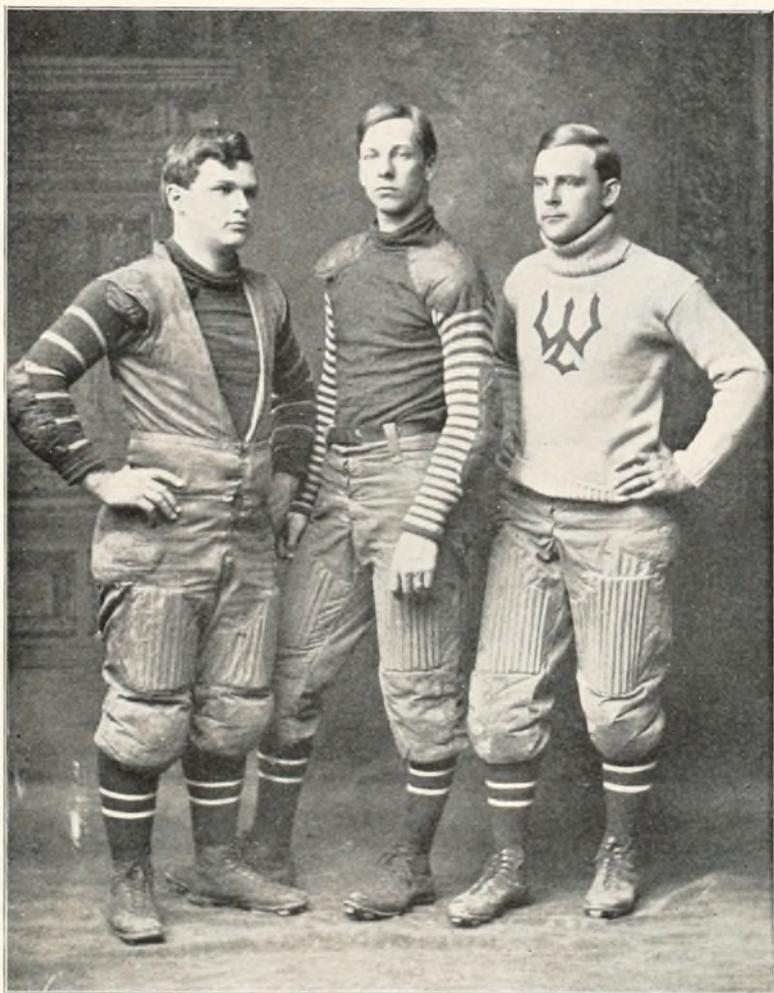
The newspapers were practically unanimous in choosing Smith for full-back, and about half of them chose Glaze for an end. Glaze was, also, an All-New-England end, and second choice for the All-Eastern team. Mr. Whitney gives Greene (Pennsylvania) an honorable mention in his All-American selection. E. Pate, (Denver), was half-back on the All-Colorado team; A. Pate was substitute quarter. "Lanagan (the Stanford coach), has developed his team to a point of effectiveness it never reached under any other teaching." Stroud (California) was the All-Pacific-Coast center. In the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Wilson (Georgia Tech) was a choice for All-Southern tackle, and Scarbrough (Sewanee) was quarter-back. The *Guide* refers to Scarbrough as representing "a high type of the college athlete." The All-Southwestern team included that splendid player, Pendergast (Texas), "the best tackle of the season." On the All-Eastern team, Smith was, of course, full-back—"a demon as a plunger. He was clearly the best full-back in the field."

A promiscuous rambling around among our chapters, picking out here and there a football player, would, besides mixing up the reader, cause the writer to overlook many interesting points; so perhaps it is better to make a systematic tour, necessarily extensive, which will take in all the points where we know that Sigma Alpha Epsilon men have been giving an honorable account of themselves on the football field. Suppose that we start from the regions around Plymouth Rock, thence to the Empire and the Keystone States, and through the Old Dominion and Dixie Land, by the "Sunset Route," to the Golden Gate; returning, let us hurry across the prairie, past home of gopher and of wolverine, to the Buckeye State, and so conclude the circuit.

The sensation of this year's Eastern football was the fine work of the team from Dartmouth, which, besides other creditable performances, defeated Princeton and, for the third consecutive year, tied with Harvard. Right end Ralph Glaze, an alumnus of Colorado Chi, who classed with the All-Americans last year, again showed up as the best man on this remarkable eleven. Reed, left tackle, was acting captain of the Maine team, State champions; Talbot proved conclusively that he is the best end in the State. Higgins, also, did well at right half-back. Bearce, an excellent player, was kept out of the game by injuries, received early in the season. At Worcester, Harrington, right end, Manning, left tackle, Lawley, right half-back, and Crowther, right tackle, constituted the Trojan element of the team. Manning's touchdown against Holy Cross was the feature play of the season. Aigeltinger and Enos, playing at center and at right end, respectively, were two of Columbia's most reliable men. Aigeltinger was substitute tackle in his Freshman year; as a Sophomore he won the Varsity "C" at that position; and this year he made a name for himself at center. The Columbia team, though it suffered more than one defeat, played an admirable game throughout.

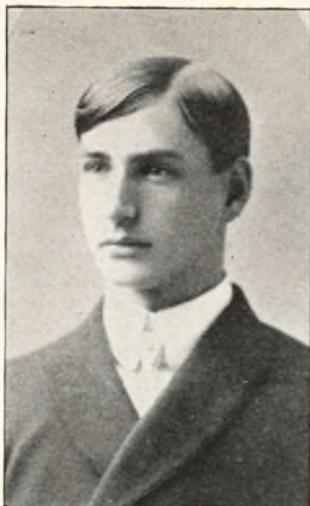
Ralph Kent was the able assistant coach at Cornell. Gardner was right guard and Shroeter quarterback on St. Stephens; Oehlhoff coached the team. The University of Pennsylvania team played an exceptionally fast game, and no one contributed more to its speed and snap than did Greene, right half-back. His record is now generally familiar to the lovers of football, and to praise him further here would be superfluous. Harold Gaston made things hum at left end, whenever he was in the game. Junk was first substitute for guard, and Dyer for half-back; Jacoby captained the Freshmen. "Lathe" Smith, of All-American fame, was assistant field coach. McQuiston, captain, played phenomenally at left guard for Allegheny. Holmes Frank, quarter-back, displayed good head work in running the Bucknell team. Campbell was located at one of the ends on the Pennsylvania State College team, of which Roy Bair was manager. Lammert was quarter-back, Deatrick left tackle and Rowe left end at Gettysburg.

The best team that Washington and Lee ever had was the team of 1905. Emmet Rankin, left tackle, was captain; Miles, who was



LEFT TO RIGHT: RANKIN (CAPTAIN), JEMISON AND HAMILTON,  
Washington and Lee.





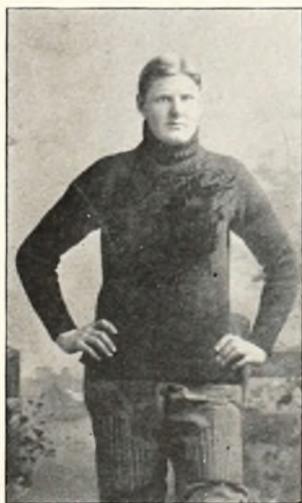
FRED W. LAWLEY,  
Half-back, Worcester.



RICHARD F. TALBOT,  
Right End, Maine.



MAC MAGEE,  
Full-back, Mount Union

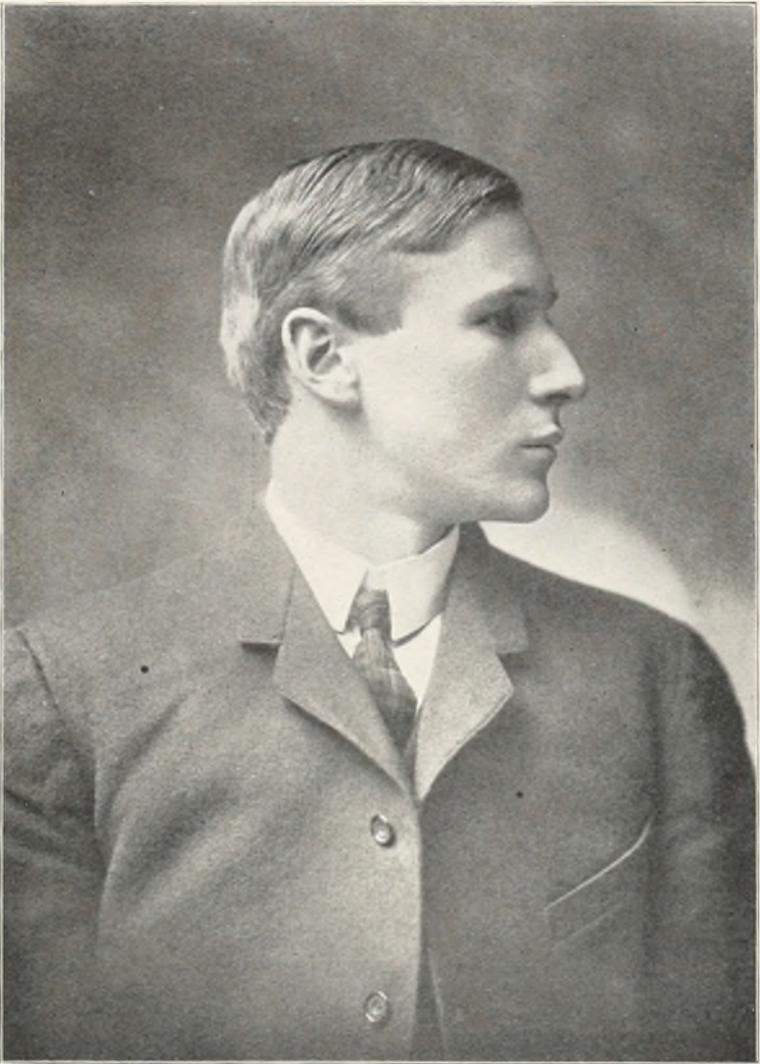


JAMES L. JUNK,  
Sub. Guard, Pennsylvania.



EARL O. EAGER,  
Left Half-back, Nebraska.





SAMUEL M. ORR, JR.,  
Manager, Georgia School of Technology.



elected manager last year and who made all the preliminary arrangements for the season, was forced by sickness to resign during the Summer. Hamilton played at right guard and Jemison at right end. A. H. Bahnson was manager of the strong North Carolina eleven that held out so well against Pennsylvania. Hicks, one of the very lightest men on the Davidson team, was always to be reckoned with in both offensive and defensive playing. The Sewanee team, captained by Scarbrough, quarter-back, gave an exhibition of really scientific football. Lumpkin, left guard, and Paynor, left end, did more than their full share of good work for the team. The two Caldwells, John and Joe, made a cracking pair of half-backs for the University of Tennessee; in the Sewanee game, John ran over a hundred yards for a touchdown.

At Annapolis, it was a Sigma Alph who saved the day for the Navy in the annual game with West Point. Archibald Hugh Douglas, Tennessee Kappa, ex-1905, after making an excellent record during the season, made the unlooked-for touchdown in the last few minutes of play in the big Army and Navy game, which tied the score for the Middies.

Anderson made a good half-back for Cumberland, and Stuart, at quarter, won the admiration of both friend and foe in every game. Moore was manager of the team. Briggs, quarter-back, captained the Southwestern Presbyterian eleven; Harrison was extremely fast at left end. Tigrett was captain and full-back at Southwestern Baptist University; Moore was right tackle, Callahan quarter-back, and Thornton, right end. Anderson captained the Bethel team, which included, also, Craig, Taylor, and Ware. Wilson was at once the ablest and the most popular player on the strong team at Georgia School of Technology; Sam Orr, the best manager that this team ever had, was ably assisted by Wayne Warfield; John Travis, a member of the faculty, initiated at Iowa State College, made an excellent assistant coach. Wheatley was right half-back and Lowndes quarter-back at the University of Georgia. Frank Jones, at right tackle, played the best game for the Auburn team. Reily, last year's full-back, who did not return to college this year, was badly missed at Tulane. The Arkansas team came out better than usual with Jett captain and quarter-back, Stanley, right guard, and Hutton, left half-back. Ballard Caldwell alter-

nated between half-back and full-back on the Texas team, and filled both positions creditably.

William Trudgian, quarter-back, ran the Colorado University team with splendid judgment, exhibiting especial brilliance on the offense. Bulkley was quarter-back and Willey full-back on the strong Denver team. Stanford again won the Pacific Coast championship under the superb coaching of Brother James Lanagan.

Earl Eager has finished his fourth year of brilliant playing at left half-back on Nebraska. Throughout the past season, he put up the fast, intelligent game that has always been characteristic of him. Schmidt was a winner at right half-back. Rippy was Missouri's plucky quarter-back. A broken shoulder kept Ellis, end, out of many games. At the University of Iowa, Moore was center and Kent quarter-back; both positions were well filled. Nyle W. Jones is general manager of athletics. Balthis made a good, steady guard for Iowa State College. Julius Carlson, last year's reliable center, was right guard on Northwestern. Todd Kirk, full-back on Illinois University, was always in the thick of the game, doing possibly the best work for his team. The one-year rule, which prevails in the western "Great Nine," was all that kept Green, captain of the Freshmen, off the Illinois team. Welfare, the strong Case tackle, will probably be on the All-Ohio team for the third consecutive year. P. F. King, acting manager at Case this year, will be manager again next year, with Omsted as his assistant.

Ohio State University has never had a better player than Lincoln, full-back. Foss was manager of the team. With Ashe, left end, Magee, full-back, Johns, right half-back, Crumley, left tackle, and McConnell, left guard, our Mount Union chapter was certainly well represented. Hannum, of this chapter, played on the Ohio-Northern team. Rittenour, quarter-back on Ohio Wesleyan, is in the All-Ohio class. Rike, at left half-back, and Weaver, at full-back, left nothing undone. Foley, right half-back, captained the team at the University of Cincinnati. Morgan Van Matre was graduate manager, and Whetstone assistant manager.

Not a little nerve is required of the man who hangs on throughout the season as a substitute. Nearly all substitutes live in the hope of some day playing regularly on the Varsity, but there is an heroic few, composed of men who, knowing that they can not



WAYNE WARFIELD,  
Assistant Manager, Georgia School of Technology.





JAMES H. MANNING,  
Left Tackle, Worcester.



MAURICE KENT,  
Quarter-back, University of Iowa.



M. C. HUTTON,  
Left Half-back, Arkansas.



FRANK JONES,  
Right Tackle, Auburn.



W. A. JETT,  
Quarter-back and Captain,  
Arkansas.



HERBERT F. SCHROETER,  
Quarter-back, St. Stephen's.



WILLIAM WILSON,

Left Half-back, Georgia School of  
Technology.



H. I. WEAVER,

Full-back, Ohio Wesleyan  
University.



WILK K. HARRISON,

Left End, Southwestern Presbyte-  
rian University.



WILLIAM FOLEY,

Right Half-back and Captain,  
Cincinnati.



CLARENCE M. FOSS,

Manager, Ohio State University.



JAMES F. LINCOLN,

Full-back, Ohio State University.

come up to the Varsity standard, play on the scrubs and stand the daily hammering, which is not much fun, just to do their part towards turning out a good first eleven. Our substitutes for 1905 included Burke, Chase, Emery, and Schoppe (captain of scrubs), at Maine; Towne and Prescott at Worcester; McKinney (Tennessee Kappa), at Annapolis; Junk, Dyer, Lamberton, and Jacoby (captain of Freshmen), at Pennsylvania; Lutz at Gettysburg; Rardon at Kentucky State; Grant at Tulane; Perkins at Mississippi; Van Valkenburgh at Arkansas; Pughe and Thatcher at Colorado; Goddell and Doan on the Stanford Freshman team; Loomis at Minnesota; Peck and Griffith on the Iowa Freshman team; Wandries and Merriam on the Chicago Freshman team; Kinningham at Northwestern; Green (captain of Freshmen), at Illinois; and Bardsley and Quigley at Case.

Reed was captain at Maine, McQuiston at Allegheny, Rankin at Washington and Lee, Scarbrough at Sewanee, Briggs at S. W. Presbyterian, Tigrett at S. W. Baptist, Anderson at Bethel, Jett at Arkansas, and Foley at Cincinnati.

Bair managed the Pennsylvania State eleven; Miles held the same position at Washington and Lee, Bahnson at North Carolina, Moore at Cumberland, Orr, with Warfield as assistant, at Georgia Tech, King at Case, Foss at Ohio State, Whetstone, assistant, and Van Matre, graduate manager, at Cincinnati, and Jones, general manager of athletics, at Iowa.

Besides Lanagan, who coached the Stanford team, other Sigma Alph coaches of the season were: Kent, assistant, at Cornell; Smith, assistant, at Pennsylvania, Oehlhoff at St. Stephens, Travis, assistant, at Georgia Tech; McIntosh at Colorado Agricultural College; Bender, Nebraska Lambda-Pi, at South Dakota State Normal; Carl Kent, Iowa Beta, at Marshalltown High School; Ashmore, Illinois Beta, at James Milliken University, and four from Ohio Delta: Peterson at a Cleveland high school; Page at Beloit; Rike at Tippecanoe City High School, and Keller at Willamette University. A very creditable bit of coaching was done by Fred Gallup, of Worcester and Cornell, who, as faculty member in charge of athletics at Woodberry Forest School, Virginia, developed a team that won the State championship with ease.

As one becomes familiar with the work of the players mentioned

in the foregoing lines, he sees that, taken all together, they represent the best element in college athletics. By way of illustration, we shall pick out a few whose record has been especially admirable. The remarks of Mr. Walter Camp about Ralph Glaze, as quoted elsewhere in this article, have been seconded everywhere. Eddie Greene has often turned out to be the man of the minute for Pennsylvania. In the Carlisle Indian game, for instance, on a fake pass, he bowled over three tackles and ran thirty-eight yards. The touchdown made possible by this run saved the game. Greene made a similar dash without interference in the Harvard game. When on the defensive, and when helping another runner, he was always to be relied upon. Arthur Aigeltinger's splendid work for Columbia showed that during his two years as substitute he must have been a hard, conscientious trainer. Scarbrough, Sewanee's light quarter-back, ran his team with a precision scarcely equaled anywhere. He did the kicking, too, and was dangerous, as an accurate drop-kicker, anywhere within forty yards of an opponent's goal. Stuart, of Cumberland, remembered by many as a participant in the St. Louis exposition track meet, had a habit of running back a hundred yards or so with punts that came his way. As a clever runner and an all-around good quarter-back, he has few peers. The genial and modest "Billy" Wilson, of Georgia Technological School, has about as many real friends and admirers as any other player in the country. As the ball goes up the field for Tech, you will hear the bleachers shout, "There goes Billy Wilson," and again, when an opponent bites the dust with unusual celerity, "Billy's got him." "Toots" Douglas, whose splendid play saved Annapolis from defeat in her most important game of the season, is naturally the idol of the hour among his fellow midshipmen at the Naval academy. And out in Nebraska, they have for four years been praising the playing of Earl Eager, who has appeared to those lined up against him as a sort of condensed combination of dynamite and lightning. No doubt we could go indefinitely, setting down what we hear them say about these players in whom Sigma Alphas are peculiarly interested, but our allotted space being now pretty well exhausted, let us conclude by expressing the sincere hope that the successors of these will follow on in the same clean, fair, game—the game of football, as gentlemen make it.



WILLIAM J. SCARBROUGH,  
Quarter-back and Captain, University of the South.



GEORGE I. BRIGGS,  
Captain and Quarter-back, Southwestern Presbyterian University.



FRANK R. REED,  
Left Tackle and Acting Captain, Maine.



JAMES LANAGAN,  
Coach, Stanford.



DANIEL A. HARRINGTON,  
Right End, Worcester.



JULIUS CARLSON,  
Right Guard, Northwestern.



CHARLES P. LAUTZ,  
Sub. Quarter-back, Gettysburg.



WALLACE J. GARDNER,  
Right Guard, St. Stephen's.



THOMAS E. STANLEY,  
Right Guard, Arkansas.



R. W. CRAWTHER,  
Right Tackle, Worcester.



CHARLES D. DYER,  
Sub. Half-back, Pennsylvania.



G. HENRY OEHLHOFF,  
Coach, St. Stephen's.



HERBERT D. CRUMLEY,  
Left Tackle, Mount Union.



FRANCIS A. SCHMIDT,  
Right Half-back, Nebraska.



A. R. ROWE,  
Left End, Gettysburg.



H. B. JOHNS,  
Right Half-back, Mount Union.



HOWARD S. GREEN  
Captain Illinois Freshman Team.



FRED MOORE,  
Center, University of Iowa.



RALPH S. KENT,  
Assistant Coach, Cornell.



GEORGE A. DEITRICK,  
Left Tackle, Gettysburg.



F. HAROLD GASTON,  
Left End, Pennsylvania



B. F. ASHE,  
Left End, Mount Union.



W. J. McQUISTON,  
Left Guard and Captain, Allegheny.



J. L. LAMMERT,  
Quarter-back, Gettysburg.

## Chapter Ideals.

By *C. D. Taylor,*

Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, '96.

THE first essential to a proper discussion of this subject is a definite conception of the fraternity idea. A fraternity chapter is not an athletic association, nor a literary society, nor a musical organization, nor a social club, nor a Y. M. C. A. It is solely a band of brothers. It is true we find athletes, students, musicians, society men and Christian workers in all properly constituted chapters of any reputable college fraternity, but these several qualities were neither the sole nor chief recommendation. There are chapters which seek to secure the best men from the gridiron, diamond and track, the leaders of the various classes, the directors of the orchestra and glee club, the chief society men and the president of the Y. M. C. A., but when the "all-star cast" has been secured the fraternity spirit has been sacrificed to the unwarranted ambition of the chapter correspondent who writes: "We have captured every honor of the college year." All the organizations of the institution will at times be represented in the ideal chapter, but never should men be initiated solely because they are "stars" in a particular sphere of college activity.

The fraternity idea is based upon the principle of congeniality, and involves a far deeper and more substantial element than mere athletic ability, scholastic attainment, musical talent, social position or religious zeal. The basis of congeniality is found not in any one of these characteristics, but rather in the ambition to be something in the world, coupled with an understanding of the real meaning of college life and a recognition that success depends upon the social, intellectual and moral qualities of the man. Collegemen are a selected and privileged class: selected to lead in the affairs of church, state and professional life; privileged in being

exempt from daily toil and having the advantage of special training. The sociological principle underlying these immunities is that the college-man will recompense society by rendering superior service in after-life. Fraternity men are chosen from this already select body, and should be the best of the favored ones, serious-minded men who intend to take their places among the leaders in their special line of work, who appreciate the advantages they enjoy and desire to make the most of their opportunities in developing those qualities of manner, mind and heart which make for ultimate success. This is the first element in a congeniality such as should be the foundation of chapter life. The second is a recognition of the fact that college days are preparation days. The first of these principles makes men serious, the second makes men earnest; and the ideal fraternity man is both. In a chapter composed of such men, bound together by such a tie, let us note the results which these factors will produce.

Every college fraternity worthy the name aims at the social, intellectual and moral development of its members; and under these three divisions we present our ideal of chapter life. The isolated individual in all ages has been a social monstrosity, looking with distrust upon all about him and developing into an eccentric, selfish and repellant being. Success in any sphere of activity depends very largely upon one's ability to adapt himself to his environment. Some men, perhaps, have succeeded in spite of their peculiarities, who would, however, have gained a larger measure of success without them. The "man among men," who knows what men are and how to handle them, always has the advantage of the man ignorant of these things. Scientists define death as a "falling out of correspondence with our environment"; and certain it is that he who is not in correspondence with his environment (in this case with men of affairs) is, as the phrase runs, a "dead one" before he leaves college, and has already had an asterisk placed before his name upon the world's scroll of men.

The ideal chapter, therefore, is the one in which no man is a stranger to another. Each must know the others intimately, must learn their dispositions, moods, purposes and ambitions, must seek to help them develop the social side of their being and at the same

time must lay flat the quills of his own porcupinian nature. No man can afford to lose his individuality, nor can he win success without urbanity. When we speak of the social side of chapter life, all too frequently we have a vision of steins and pipes and similar paraphernalia, yet we must all agree that there is a deeper significance in this aspect of our fraternity life than a pleasant evening or a convivial bout. Let us cultivate in ourselves and in one another that charm of manner so conducive to the welfare of our chapter and to the happiness and future success of its members.

In this connection we should perhaps mention those social functions which in a larger, though more superficial sense, tend to make men gentlemen. Every chapter should have, more or less frequently, those "affairs" in which the Fraternity "sisters" play such a conspicuous part, the nature and frequency being determined by local conditions. If formal, they should not be "stiff"; if informal, by no means boisterous. No member of our ideal chapter can ever afford to be less than a gentleman, and should be the more so as he is more natural. These "functions" are held for the purpose of cultivating the social side of our life, and should always tend to that end in the highest and truest sense. Never let us think that the sole object and purpose of our chapter life is to have a good time. We want to enjoy ourselves, and no chapter is a success whose members do not have the most enjoyment possible, but let us reflect that some things tend to undermine that very quality which is the charm of the truly cultured gentleman, and such a large asset in after-life. Be genial but not rude, sociable but not coarse, jovial but not boisterous, and your chapter life on the social side will be a success.

The second element in any proper chapter life is the intellectual development of the members. A fraternity chapter is not a literary society, and so far as it attempts to do the work of one it is a failure. The bearing of fraternity life upon scholarship may be clearly understood by reflecting that college life means mental training. A college course does not aim to furnish us a mass of facts, but an increase of mental power; not what we know, but how we think, determines the success of college days. The prov-

ince of chapter life in dealing with the intellectual side of our nature is to stimulate every man to be a careful student, reminding him of his opportunities and consequent responsibility, and demanding that he shall do his work well. We do not covet class standing at the expense of sociability, but we do desire men of trained minds; not "grinds," but students; not "bookworms," but all-round, intellectual men. The *esprit de corps* of the chapter should keep every man up to the mark; anything "shoddy" is a disgrace, and the fruit of it can not be an honor. Mental dishonesty is always beneath the notice of manly men. Never "crib," never go into a recitation "on your muscle."

The third element in chapter life is morals. A fraternity is not a missionary society, nor are its chapters branches of the Y. M. C. A.; yet we protest that we can not eliminate the question of morals from our chapter life without defeating the very end of our existence. College days are formative days, and we must insist that men shall grasp the deep significance of this period in its influence upon moral character or we shall have them whose record in college is a disgrace and whose careers in life are no honor. Some men "brace up" after leaving college and some "go down," yet very few carry into life other characters than those formed while at school; and no man deficient in this respect can secure the highest place in life (politics and insurance, possibly, excepted—and recent events prove that even here the way of the transgressor is indeed hard). The world is demanding more and more that men of preferment shall have some sense of moral rectitude, and some abhorrence of moral turpitude. Besides, the badge of any reputable college fraternity is the passport to the homes of all brothers, and should signify something of moral character as well as of intellectual attainment and social standing. Now, abideth culture, learning and character—these three; but the greatest of these is character, without which there can be no lasting and sacred friendship.

Having suggested the significance of college days, and outlined what is demanded in the ideal chapter by way of social, intellectual and moral training of the men, let us pass briefly to the consideration of one or two other points. The objects of fraternity

life can be secured under almost any conditions, but to vastly better advantage in a chapter-house. And what is a chapter-house? It is, I take it, the home of a band of brothers. It is not a boarding house, "a place to eat," or a club-house, "a place to loaf," or a lodging-house, "a place to sleep." It is a home; and as such should be suitably furnished, cheerful, substantial and home-like. It should be well governed by sensible house rules, kindly but firmly enforced. "Every man's room is his castle," yet in the chapter-house it should be of easy access to all brothers, at proper times, and at all times to those seeking aid, encouragement or advice. By brotherly intercourse in daily and intimate contact, serious-minded, earnest men can carry out the purposes of the fraternity as set forth in the "Objects of the Organization," thus giving and receiving incalculable help in the developing of the qualities that win. The chapter-house should be the happiest, most helpful place ever found by mortal man, and its influences should be crystalized in such qualities of mind and heart as shall bring the fullest measure of success to every brother.

May I also suggest a word or two on matters financial? Many a chapter, which might have been ideal, has fallen far short of the highest success and most pleasant chapter life because of "financial stringency," superinduced by the non-payment of dues and lax business methods. How many otherwise enjoyable meetings have been marred by necessary "duns" from the treasurer! What infelicities have arisen between brothers on account of "bad debts!" What wretchedly bad business habits have been formed by the men! Then add the questionable moral tendency of not promptly paying honest debts, and you have enough to suggest why some chapters are not ideal either in their social life, or in their effect upon the members.

Let me add, in conclusion, that if every chapter would practice the precepts roughly outlined here, and incorporate them into the character of every man who goes out, our "affiliate problem" would be thereby promptly solved, for every man of every chapter would be a social, intellectual and moral asset in any chapter to which he might come—strong, manly, "brother beloved."

May we not all make an honest effort to grasp the full signifi-

cance of these suggestions, practice them in our personal and chapter life, and thus realize the greatest pleasure and benefit from our fraternity associates? If so, the future of every man is secure and the alumni of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will consistently be found in the forefront of church, State and professional life. Let us strive to hold our "chapter ideals" so close that we may not merely admire, but may live them.

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## Some New Chapter-Houses.

By *William Kernan Dart,*

Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, '06.

WHEN the millenium has at last arrived and the fondest ideals of us all have been realized, the fraternity man will see every chapter of his fraternity magnificently situated in a splendid chapter-house with the members all good men and true, and nothing but prosperity following in the chapter's wake. The millenium has, however, been indolently awaited by the slothful for some years, while meanwhile the energetic have endeavored to forestall and be ready for its coming by the hardest possible kind of work. So it is with the average fraternity, and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity in particular. Our recent growth in the matter of chapter-houses is a fair illustration of this.

No less than ten of our chapters have entered new houses in the last fourteen months. The fortunate ones are Maine Alpha (University of Maine); Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon (Boston University); New York Mu (Columbia University); Washington City Rho (George Washington University); Ohio Rho (Case School of Applied Science); Indiana Beta (Purdue University); Iowa Beta (University of Iowa); Iowa Gamma (Iowa State College); Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon (University of Arkansas), and Colorado Zeta (Denver University).

### **Maine.**

Last October, for the first time in its history, Maine Alpha entered a chapter-house. The house is owned by the chapter, and was procured in a manner similar to that of New York Mu, described later in this article. The house cost \$12,000. A corporation was formed, and the money was raised by notes with the University faculty as security. A sinking fund has been established, out of which a certain proportion of the notes is annually paid, with the

necessary money for repairs. The building is a three-story woodex one, and covers twenty-five square feet of ground. It is on the campus, within two or three minutes' walking distance from the University proper. In the basement there is a furnace-room and kitchen. On the first floor are the parlor, reception-room, smoking-room, dining-room, butler's pantry, matron's suite, chef's room and washroom. There are nine study-rooms on the second floor. The third floor is the dormitory. The beds are all grouped together in one big room, which has large windows at each side and in the rear. The house is heated by a combination of hot air and hot water and is lighted with electricity. The chapter can use, whenever it so desires, the parlor, dining-room and reception-rooms for dancing by throwing open all the doors. Previous to purchasing and occupying the house the chapter roomed in a college dormitory. The members are now self-governing, are taking fraternity life more seriously, and are more self-reliant and stronger in every way.

### **Boston.**

Under the most difficult conditions Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon has entered a rented chapter-house this year. The chapter has obtained a house on Beacon Hill, where salable property is scarce and the price of it is exorbitant. It was through the rarest and most unexpected good fortune that the house was obtained. The house is a three-story brick structure, containing ten rooms, all of which are occupied, and bath. It is only a five-minute walk from college, and is situated very conveniently. The rent is approximately a thousand dollars a year. The result of the house on the chapter has been greatly to augment enthusiasm and make deeper the chapter's appreciation of the benefits of fraternity life.

### **Columbia.**

For some years the splendid work of New York Alpha in purchasing a costly house has been the object of general admiration through the Fraternity. Henceforward, however, we shall have to pay equal tribute of praise to New York Mu at Columbia University. The members of this chapter have by their energy put themselves far ahead of many older rivals at Columbia in the matter of



CHAPTER-HOUSE OF INDIANA BETA,  
Purdue University.



CHAPTER-HOUSE OF MAINE ALPHA,  
University of Maine.



chapter-houses. Mu's new house cost just short of \$30,000. Before entering into a detailed description of the house, it might be well to see how they succeeded in obtaining it. An organization consisting of the members of New York Mu and styled the New York Mu Corporation, issued thirty-year bonds of the face value of twenty-five dollars each. These bonds gather three per cent. interest until paid in full. The subscriptions are from members and graduates of the chapter, and the remaining necessary money was secured by a loan from our board of trustees and by a mortgage on the house.

The house is of brick and stone, twenty-two feet in width, and five stories high. It is situated on North 113th street, and is approximately eight hundred feet from the campus. There are eleven good rooms used for dormitory and meeting purposes. The chapter had to furnish the house, and consequently work progressed rather slowly during the opening months of college. All the rooms are large and comfortable, and are furnished with such modern conveniences as hot and cold running water, baths, electricity, and the like. The fact that the chapter now possesses its own home has re-inspired its members to work harder and with such vigor that another year will see New York Mu so situated that no amount of rivalry will be able to check its advance. At a recent meeting held by the New York Alumni Association expressions of admiration and commendation were frequently heard. The consensus of opinion was that New York had carried through a rather remarkable piece of work.

### **George Washington.**

Soon after its installation Washington City Rho, realizing the advantages of a home, rented a four-story brick house at 2024 G. street, N. W. The house is five squares from college, and contains eighteen rooms. In the basement there is a grill and a billiard room. The dining-room, parlors and reception-hall are on the first floor. The other three floors consist of dormitories. This eminently satisfactory house, secured at a fairly heavy rental has served to bring the men into closer contact with one another and materially to strengthen the chapter.

### Virginia.

Although founded in the latter fifties, Virginia Omicron has never occupied a house until October of the present year. The house which this chapter occupies was built last summer with the object of renting it to some fraternity. The members of Virginia Omicron, realizing that here was a golden opportunity, quietly set to work and procured an option on the house. While not built on a large scale, the home is one especially suited for fraternity use. It is made of brick and is two-stories high. Every desirable modern convenience is to be found in it, such as furnace heat, hot and cold baths, and electricity. Not counting the basement and the attic, there are eight finely-finished rooms. The cost to the chapter in rental is six hundred dollars a year. Of this those who board at the house pay a hundred dollars for the collegiate session, while the remainder is paid from the chapter treasury. The Delta Psi house is in the neighborhood, both houses being about two hundred yards from the University. Virginia Omicron has long felt the need of a home, and now rejoices in the fulfillment of one of its most cherished aspirations. Few chapters at the University of Virginia occupy houses, and the few that do have a decided advantage over their competitors, both in unity and in rushing prospective members. Our chapter has already felt the good effects of the house, for besides making it a stronger and a better chapter through additions from without, it has unified the members and aroused a greater interest in chapter and fraternity affairs.

### Purdue.

Indiana Beta, being dissatisfied with conditions in its former home, rented a new house this fall. A four-story frame house with a basement was secured. Gas, electricity, hot-air heat, hot and cold water and a dining-hall are some of the desirable features afforded by the new house. In the basement is a very large concrete meeting and initiation hall. The house is just being finished, and accommodates comfortably all the members. The house is taken on a five-years' lease, with the understanding of a longer period if so desired. It is a quarter of a mile from the University, or about a seven-minute walk.



CHAPTER HOUSE OF IOWA BETA,  
University of Iowa.



HOUSE OF WASHINGTON CITY RHO CHAPTER,  
204 G Street N. W., Washington, D. C.



### Iowa State.

Iowa Gamma, our baby chapter, although young in years is old in energy and fraternity spirit. It came into being with a splendid chapter-house as one of its possessions. Though not nominally in possession of the house, arrangements have been made so that the property will be formally transferred in 1911, when the entire debt is removed. Until then Iowa Gamma occupies the house as its own. The house is a three-story, frame structure, and is situated three squares west of the college campus. There are twenty-two rooms, of which those in the two upper stories consist of living-rooms and a smoking-room, while the parlor and dining-rooms are down-stairs. The house is generally regarded as superior to those of any other fraternities at Iowa State. The scheme of the members for making it their own is an interesting one, and may well be given in full. The house is valued at eleven thousand dollars. At present interest is paid on the money invested in the house as well as all of the running expenses. The room rent collected, which amounts to about four hundred dollars a year, is paid on the debt for payment of the house. The contract states that the chapter shall receive a deed to the house in 1911. As first mortgage security the local banks advanced nearly seven thousand dollars. The remainder is to be raised by loans from active members and alumni. The chapter is very proud of its house, which has given it the commanding position at Iowa State in fraternity circles, and every member takes an active interest in paying off the debt. No photograph of it is yet obtainable, as the house is not yet in a fully completed state.

### University of Iowa.

Iowa Beta, our other Iowa chapter, occupies a rented home, which is a frame building three stories in height, with a basement. The rental is \$1,020 per annum. It is within short walking distance of college, situated only three blocks from the campus. There are nine dormitory rooms, three parlors, a dining-room and the usual conveniences. The chapter has been able to strengthen itself materially through the occupancy of the house, and hopes to own a home in due course of time.

**Arkansas.**

Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon has just rented a two-story brick residence. It contains twelve rooms, including baths, etc. The rental is seventy-five dollars a month. It is situated in the residence district, six squares from the college campus. It is said to be the best chapter-house occupied by any fraternity at this University.

**Denver.**

Colorado Zeta has likewise entered a rented home this year. It is a unique house, peculiarly fitted for fraternity use. There are eight comfortable rooms in the house, of which two stories are brick and the upper one frame. The shingling is of the Dutch pattern. There is a table run in connection with the house, and the house has been newly furnished by the chapter.

**Colorado.**

Colorado Chi broke ground on November 6th for its new \$11,000 home. The financial scheme was the issuance of bonds by the alumni of Colorado Chi, voluntary subscriptions, and the first mortgage plan. The house will pay for itself in ten years through the chapter rent. Besides this Alabama Mu and Massachusetts Gamma have plans whereby they may soon own houses. Such a record for one year's achievement is one of which we should be proud.

## The Man DeVotie.

BY *William C. Levere.*

**N**OBLE LESLIE DEVOTIE, the founder of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, must have been a remarkable boy and man. In my study of his career, I have talked with scores, and corresponded with hundreds, who knew him intimately, and I have not heard a single sentence uttered concerning him, which was not freighted with praise.

Among the hundreds of letters I have on file concerning him, there are many from men eminent in church and State, and from these I have selected two. They were written by Judge Henderson M. Somerville, a member of the National Board of Customs Appraisers, and by Hilary A. Herbert, formerly Secretary of the Navy in President Cleveland's cabinet. Both of these distinguished men were fellow students of DeVotie's at the University of Alabama. Judge Somerville is one of Alabama's most famous sons. He was founder of the law department of the University, and an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of that State. He has lived in New York City for the last twenty-five years, where he has been a prominent member of the New York Southern Society and president of the New York Medico-Legal Society. Judge Henderson is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholarship society and an Alpha Delta Phi. His tribute to DeVotie is as follows:

Having been a classmate and intimate friend of Noble Leslie DeVotie during the period of his connection as a student with the University of Alabama (1853-1856) I knew him well, as only one college youth can know another who always wears his heart on his sleeve. He graduated from that institution in July, 1856, carrying off the highest honors in his class.

He enjoyed the greatest respect and affection of the University faculty as well as that of his classmates and of the entire body of students. His nature was as genial as the sunshine, and the ever-trusted loyalty of his character brought to him troops of friends.

I never knew any young man who loved his studies more ardently, or

pursued them with more industry and success. Gifted with a marvelous memory, he readily appropriated every principle he attempted to master, and presented the results of his labors most attractively in the recitation-room. It was a pleasure to hear him recite, whether translating the Iliad of Homer, the *De Senectute* of Cicero, or from the original Spanish of Cervantes' *Don Quixote*, or the French of Fenelon's *Telemaque*; or solving at the blackboard the intricate problems of Church's Integral or Differential Calculus; or narrating the arguments and illustrations of Wayland's Moral Science and Political Economy, or Abercrombie's Mental Science—in all of which he excelled among the foremost scholars of his class.

His habits were of the most exemplary character, his morals "as chaste as the icicles that hang on Diana's temple." I doubt if he ever tasted intoxicating liquors during his collegiate career, or even wine except at the communion table. If he ever harbored an uncharitable thought, no one ever suspected him of it, for it never passed in utterance from his lips. His life was built on a high plane, and I never knew him to say a low and vulgar thing, or to do a dishonorable one. Every element of insincerity was conspicuously absent from the composition of DeVotie's character, for I do not believe he would have "flattered Neptune for his trident."

He loved and pursued the *truth*, and the truth made him free from all those nascent vices that tend to debase and contaminate the youthful character in the dangerous stages of its early crystallization. Enjoying thus the pleasure, as Lord Bacon well says, of "standing on the vantage ground of truth," he lived a brief but beautiful life, and, though dying early, he left behind him a character worthy to be honored and imitated by every youth in the land.

Hilary A. Herbert, whose services as Secretary of the Navy were so efficient and notable, was at Alabama with DeVotie during one collegiate year. It is interesting to note that Benjamin Micou, who is associated with Mr. Herbert in the practice of law, was a member of our chapter at the University of the South, and is a prominent officer of our Washington Alumni Association.

Mr. Herbert's letter is as follows:

HERBERT & MICOU,

COUNSELLORS AT LAW,

1419 G Street, Northwest.

Fleming Building.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6, 1905.

DEAR SIR:—Noble Leslie DeVotie was with me in the Sophomore class at the University of Alabama during my stay there for most of the term of 1853-4. The boy was father to the man. He was a diligent student, stood

high in his class, and his conduct was absolutely irreproachable. All his classmates respected him highly, and those who were fortunate enough to be intimate with him were his devoted friends. I never met him after I left that college in March, 1853.

Very respectfully yours,

HILARY A. HERBERT.

*William C. Levere,  
Evanston, Ill.*

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## Don R. Almy.



**D**ON ROBINSON ALMY, a rising young lawyer of New York City, was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, March 26, 1874. He lived in Michigan until he was three years old, when his father and mother moved to their farm in the town of Gerry, Chautauqua county, New York. His education commenced in the District School there, but very shortly after he was five years old his family moved to Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, New York, where young Don lived until he was eight years old. His family then moved to Jamestown, New York, where he has spent the greater portion of his life, and where his family still reside.

Shortly after Almy went to Jamestown, he got inoculated with the commercial microbe, and went into the street selling newspapers after school hours, except during vacation, when he put in his time selling popcorn on the steamboats that ran on Chautauqua lake. During all the time he was in school and while attending college, he put in his time in connection with these steamboats, except for three years, when he was advertising agent for the Erie railroad.

Brother Almy prepared for college in the Jamestown High School, and entered Cornell University in the fall of 1892. He joined the local chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in the fall of 1893, T. N. E. in the fall of 1894, and Phi Delta Phi in the fall of 1897. He took the A. B. course in Cornell under the old curriculum. He was out of college one year (1895-1896) to study law in the office of the then firm of Cook, Fisher & Wade, in Jamestown, returning in the fall of 1897, having taken his A. B. in the spring of that year. During this year he elected nearly all his work in the college of law, and obtained one year's credit in that college. The next year he finished his law course and was granted



DON R. ALMY, NEW YORK ALPHA, '97—JAW, '98.  
Recently elected President of the New York Alumni Association.



a LL. B. Besides making the three fraternities mentioned, he held a number of class offices. He was elected to the Junior law society, the Round Table, the Senior law society, and Thelema. He was chosen president of the Senior class in the college of law, and was awarded the Boardman Thesis prize in a work entitled the "Classification of Imports Under the Tariff Acts." The whole prize was awarded to him. This has occurred only twice in the history of the prize.

Brother Almy passed his bar examination in June, 1898, was admitted to the practice of law in New York in September, 1898, and on the first of November he entered the legal department of the Metropolitan Street Railroad Company. Very soon after entering upon the duties of this position, he began to try accident cases for the company, and in five years tried over six hundred of these cases in every court in the Metropolitan jurisdiction, besides attending to a small general practice and the office work necessarily connected with his position.

It was during the first year of this work that he met his present associate, who was then occupying a similar position with the Third Avenue Railroad Company of New York. About three years ago when the lines of the Metropolitan Street Railroad Company were leased to the Inter-urban, he was made assistant to solicitor for the new operating company, which position he held until November, 1903, when he resigned to enter the general practice of the law.

He is now associated with J. Arthur Hilton, with offices at 76 William Street, New York, where he is conducting a general practice, giving special attention to the trial of causes and preparation of appeals.

In 1901 and 1902 Brother Almy took an active part in the promotion of what is now the New York Alpha Association of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He became a member of its first Board of Directors and has served ever since, never having missed a meeting. Many of the factors that have gone to make the New York Alpha chapter-house plan unique and successful have been the direct result of his labor and advice.

In the winter of 1899 he joined the New York Alumni Association of S. A. E. and became one of its most active members.

Elected almost immediately to a seat in the Executive Committee, he made a record as chairman of the Membership Committee. For his faithful and arduous work in the Association, he was the logical candidate for the vice-presidency in 1904 and 1905, and this fall was unanimously chosen its president. Members of the Association look forward to an unusually prosperous year for the Association, because Brother Almy's energy is contagious and his enthusiasm always inspiring.

HENRY GRAHAM MACADAM.

*New York Mu '95.*

## A Joint Initiation in California.



IN September, soon after California Alpha had finished her rushing and was considering the best date to take the neophytes into the fold, a telegram came to us—perhaps the most welcome telegram we had ever received—announcing the coming of William C. Levere, our Eminent Supreme Archon, and a man who occupies a higher place in the hearts of S. A. E. men on the coast than any other Eastern man. We had heard much of Levere, and had talked much of him, admiring his work and heartily sympathizing with him in all he did. We were delighted to meet him and the men of California Alpha and Beta will never forget his visit.

After two days with Beta, Brother Levere came to Stanford on Friday morning, September 15th, the day before the day set for our initiation. The boys had many informal chats with him during Friday and Saturday, and all found him easy to get acquainted with and just the sort of man they had pictured.

Saturday afternoon the men of California Beta came to Stanford and that night we had a joint initiation, the first one ever held on the coast. Brother Levere kindly consented to preside and the new brothers were put through without a hitch, California Beta initiating five men and California Alpha five.

After the formal initiation the company adjourned to the large reception hall of California Alpha's home, where the table had been spread and all sat down to enjoy themselves. Speeches were given by several of the undergraduates and by brothers Downing, Lagan, Cox and Beedy for the alumni. Several of the California Beta men also gave short talks and then came the event of the evening, the speech of Brother Levere. As he talked, the men of the West seemed to draw closer to the men of the East, and to understand more fully the meaning of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and all that her faithful sons have done for her. Our hearts swelled with love

and loyalty for the old Fraternity to which we belong and with pride and hope for the future. Every man left that table a better S. A. E. than he had ever been before, and with the purposes and ambitions of Sigma Alpha Epsilon clearer to the Freshmen than they had ever been to any Freshman class before.

Fifty-six men were present at the initiation and in every way the affair was the most successful we have ever had.

On Sunday morning the members of both chapters assembled in the library and Brother Levere told us something of the inner history of the Fraternity and explained its work and aim. It was the first time we had ever heard a talk of this kind and we deeply appreciated it. The California chapters are a long distance away from any other chapter and we very seldom meet any men from the East, or any of the leaders of the Fraternity, and Brother Levere's visit has done much to bind the ties between California Alpha and Beta and their sister chapters.

The following Friday night the alumni of San Francisco gave a banquet in his honor in that city and bade farewell to Levere.

His visit will long be remembered on the coast, and he carried with him the best wishes and love of both California chapters and left behind a host of new-made, loyal friends and a world of faith and loyalty for Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

F. B. GOUDY.

*California Alpha.*

## Province Conventions.



### Gamma.

**F**OR several months past the officers of Province Gamma have been active in their preparations for their biennial convention. After due deliberation, it was decided to hold this convention at Washington, D. C., with Washington City Rho chapter on December 29th and 30th.

As official headquarters the chapter-house of Washington City Rho, 2024 G. Street, Northwest, will be used. A most attractive program has been arranged for the delegates and visitors. Thursday night, December 28th, an informal smoker, such as took place at the Memphis Convention of S. A. E., will be given. Friday morning, the convention will be called to order and the first business session will take place. That night the chapter-house of Washington City Rho will be the scene of a large informal dance. Convention business will again be transacted Saturday morning. Sight-seeing and a matinee party at some theatre will occupy the afternoon. The convention will close Saturday night with a banquet at two dollars a plate.

The officers of Province Gamma extend a cordial welcome to every member of the Fraternity and expect the convention to be the largest one on record. Especially prominent will be the social side of the convention, and every one attending is promised a most enjoyable time. It is especially to be noted that the Supreme Council has arranged to hold its mid-convention meeting in Washington at the same time with the province convention and is expected to participate in the various social functions.

Further information will be gladly given by Alfred R. Berkeley, Province President, or Wm. H. Thorpe, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, 2024 G Street, Washington.

**Iota.**

The biennial convention of Province Iota, comprising the chapters of Kentucky and Tennessee, will be held at Nashville, Tenn., January 1 and 2, 1906. Tennessee Nu at Vanderbilt University is planning to give the visiting delegates and brothers a royal welcome and to make their stay while in the city as pleasant as possible. The Nashville Alumni Association will join hands with the local chapters in doing all they can to make the convention a success and a most enjoyable meeting.

A general gathering and reunion at the Vanderbilt chapter-house on Sunday evening has been planned for all of those brothers that arrive by that time. On the evening of January 1st a ball will be given at one of the clubs in the city. On the evening of January 2d the convention will close with a banquet at the Duncan Hotel. The business of the convention will be conducted during the day of the 1st and 2d of January. If the necessary business should run over into the third day, a matinee party will be given at one of the theaters.

All chapters in the province are urged to elect their delegates as soon as possible, and to forward their names to the province president. They are also urged to invite all brothers who will be in the neighborhood at that time. A large attendance is expected, and an enjoyable meeting promised.

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## Some Correspondents' Correspondence.



**A**N institution which has proved a somewhat mixed pleasure to more than one Greek editor is the quarterly letter from his fraternity's several chapters. The fly in the ointment has been the chapter officer's indifference on the subject. The editor usually feels that the chapter letter, being prescribed by custom and regulation, might as well be sent in. The chapter officer is not sure. Here, then, is a distinct difference of opinion and the result of it is correspondence, occasionally telegrams, always vexatious, and not seldom, it is to be feared, cuss words.

The present editor is conscious of having occasionally made himself something of a nuisance along this line. Not because of any peculiar admiration for the letters in themselves, but more out of pure pig-headedness, he entertains a prejudice in favor of seeing the letters come in. Hence he has felt compelled to go after delinquent correspondents in terms rather pungent than chivalrous, but rather pertinent, he trusts, than the reverse. His efforts in this direction have usually been well received and tolerably successful, but now and then his well-meaning overtures have been greeted with indignation or, more commonly, with a strong and stoical silence. On the whole he prefers the indignation to the silence; for the indignant correspondent, however deeply smarting under his wrongs, usually comes up with the letter. And the letter, after all, is the point at issue.

Some time ago, the day set for the incoming of chapter letters passed without the arrival of a letter from a certain Western chapter, which shall here be nameless. The editor looked up the correspondent as last known to him, and turned loose a shower of admonitory postals. In the lapse of time, he got back this reply, which is sufficiently short and to the point:

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

DEAR BROTHER:—

Received your postals but am sorrey to say that I am not attending college this term, so I am not able to write you a letter for this coming issue of the catalogue.

Fraternally yours,

HORATIO SMITH.

The correspondent's name was not Horatio Smith. His date line has been omitted. Otherwise the letter is exactly as he wrote it. The punctuation and the orthography of "sorrey" are strictly his own. So is the impression that the RECORD is a catalogue, and the unaffected indifference as to whether this coming issue of it was to harbor a letter from his chapter or whether it wasn't.

Another engaging task of the editor is the collection of the recently-established RECORD tax on all graduating members of the several chapters. As this operation, too, is conducted by way of the chapter correspondents, it is not surprising that a number of the same difficulties should result. The following letter in this connection appears to be self-explanatory:

DEAR BRO.,

I hope you will pardon me for not being more prompt in answering your letter. but it is carelessness in me. because we have no one in our Fraternity who will graduate this year. and I never paid much attention to the papers you sent me, as this makes about the fourth one you have sent me I thought I had better let you know. none of our men graduate this year

Fraternally yours

WILLIAM SIMPKINS.

Neither is this correspondent's name William Simpkins, but otherwise we have been at pains to transcribe him perfectly.

Naturally these two gems of correspondence are not to be taken as typical and representative. That would be doing a great injustice to the large number of intelligent and wide-awake men who discharge their duties faithfully and well. But they are in a sense illuminating. A little less "culchaw" and a little more exercise in plain spelling and English composition would make some of our colleges, it would appear, of more practical service to the community at large.

## Good and Evil of College Fraternities.

[From the New York *Independent*.]

[In submitting the following article the author, who is a graduate of a great Middle Western State University, writes: "I wish it to be anonymous. Were my name and fraternity known some persons would say I felt as I did because I belonged to the fraternity I did. They would say all was well in all the other fraternities, etc. But they are all alike save in minor differences."—EDITOR.]

A YEAR ago a discussion of the expediency of the college Greek-letter fraternity would have seemed almost as academic as a discussion of the expediency of the British kingship. While many possess doubts as to the justification of the kingship and look upon its ultimate abolishment as certain, they regard this consummation as too remote to be the occasion of any present agitation. While many collegians look upon the abolishment of fraternities as desirable and possible, they have not believed it is likely to happen at many colleges. Discussions of the virtues and vices of these organizations have become little more than exercises in dialectics, seldom of practical intent in any more important contingency than the attempt to influence some Freshman and his parents debating over proffered membership. Within the year, however, a movement has begun which will at least bring the fraternity question into active discussion and force the fraternities to defend their reputation, if not their right to exist.

Inhibited by faculties, opposed by fellow students even to the point of personal violence, included in the anathema pronounced by the general public in the anti-Masonic days against all oath-bound societies, the pioneer fraternities in the twenties and thirties led a precarious existence. Without much more of a definite purpose than the fun of being mysterious, so delightful to a generation which enjoyed Ann Radcliffe, these societies speedily had imitators, which, extending the number of fraternity men, weakened opposition of the students, and fraternity alumni becoming members of the facul-

ties, opposition declined there, all while the fraternities were changing from hidden cliques to actual brotherhoods. The anti-Masonic agitation dying away, the opposition of the public ceased.

Spreading during the forties from the original seat in New York and New England into the South and then the West, and giving rise to yet other orders there, the fraternities in those sections encountered the charge that they were undemocratic. They were. In the forties and fifties they had to exist *sub-rosa*, if they were to exist at all, in most of the Western colleges and many of the Southern. That the charge of aristocracy and narrowness was not made against them in the East at this time may be seized upon by some as an indication of a lack of the democratic spirit. The truth is that in general they were not undemocratic in the East, nor are the contemporary chapters of the region open to the charge in the degree that Western and Southern chapters are. At Bowdoin and Colby, often the whole student body is enrolled in the fraternities. At Wesleyan and Trinity, nearly all belong, and at some of the other New England and New York colleges the percentage of fraternity men runs so high as eighty-five. At Harvard the four or five fraternities are completely overshadowed by local clubs, and at Yale the idiosyncratic system does away with many of the objective disadvantages and many of the subjective advantages. It is at the minority of the Eastern colleges that the system becomes aristocratic through enrolling percentages of from forty to sixty. In the South the percentage in rare instances exceeds or reaches fifty, and in the West is seldom so high as forty, is more often twenty than forty, and often still lower. Where the percentage of fraternity men is small the purely social idea prevails, the man's tailor is a prominent factor in his eligibility, real personal worth tends to be disregarded, the literary and educational side of the chapter is not strongly developed. We understand, then, why the fraternities are so generally lauded in the East, while in the West and South they have been so often forbidden by faculties and even by State law. This brings up the question of their legal right to live, perhaps not entirely pertinent to a discussion of their moral right, yet of interest in itself and beyond that as regards the possibility of abolishing them by other than suasion, should abolishment be found desirable.

The Supreme Courts of California and Indiana have decided that they can not be forbidden in State universities, that a college regulation to such effect discriminates against a "class of citizens" and is unconstitutional. This in response to suits brought by students at the University of California and Purdue University, the State scientific institution of Indiana, the Legislature having forbidden fraternities at the University of California, the trustees at Purdue. The decisions stated that the fact of fraternity membership should be no more recognized by the faculty than Masonic membership is recognized by civil authorities. Yet after this decision, the State universities of Illinois and Missouri banned fraternities for periods of ten and twenty years, and even now various State universities deal with them as bodies instead of individuals, overlooking the fact, often deeply resented by non-fraternity students, that to recognize them even to punish them is recognition and becomes the basis of demands for privileges. It is of course apparent that private colleges can deal with them as they please, that State law can neither prohibit nor protect them in private colleges any more than it can interfere with conditions of membership imposed by churches.

Some four or five years ago, an anti-fraternity movement was started in the University of Arkansas and a league formed that extended to many Southern colleges, State and denominational. In Arkansas, the league succeeded in securing the passage of a law banishing fraternities from the State university, forbidding fraternity men to hold faculty positions, and fraternity students from receiving any university honor, this second redundant provision intending to cover fraternity men initiated before their chapters were dispersed and who came from other colleges. Yet the fraternities continue to exist; some of them even own chapter houses. The faculty elects to consider that the honors forbidden the fraternity men shall mean office above first lieutenant in the university battalion! The Attorney-General has pronounced the law unconstitutional, but it remains on the statute-book, which suits the anti-fraternity element and is ignored, which suits the fraternity element. In Mississippi, the work of the league resulted in a law banishing fraternities, but this was rescinded by the same session which passed it, leaving the fraternities operating under onerous restrictions, but still alive.

It is customary, in repelling criticisms of the fraternity system, to recount, as I have done, somewhat of the opposition the system has encountered and the way it has triumphed, presumably proving that opposition to it was founded upon ignorance and vanished when the real character and aims of the system became thoroughly realized. Oberlin and Princeton are now the only important colleges that forbid fraternities, and, save in the non-essential matter of a Greek name, Princeton's clubs are indistinguishable from fraternities.

To-day the majority of the fraternity chapters occupy houses, and if they do not in all instances own the house, it is safe to say they are accumulating funds to purchase or build. The chapter-house feature is made much of by the educators who commend fraternities. Managing the house gives the members both a sense of responsibility and business experience. The discipline acquired in adjusting your temper to that of the other members of the common household is valuable, the necessity of managing some of your mates teaches tact. In the matter of "rushing," as the campaign for new members is called, you learn to make up your mind about men quickly, to judge quickly. Again, you exercise tact in making a favorable impression upon the man you rush, and if you have a personal interest in him, in seeing that he makes a favorable impression upon the society. To be sure, tact here is likely to degenerate into finesse. In some institutions the fraternity will give you a good deal of political training, though in general fraternities are far less in politics than is popularly imagined. In some institutions they hog all of the offices and portion them out among the various chapters, leaving the independent students very little. But this is rather looked down upon in most colleges, and the fraternity men enter politics entirely as individuals. There is much training in diplomacy in the smaller and medium-sized institutions. In the very large institutions the fraternities are somewhat lost. Each lives to itself a great deal, an isolated monastic community. But in the institutions small enough for the students to know each other there is the same contest among fraternities that there is among the European powers. The balance of power must be maintained. The strong must not get too strong and the weak must be bolstered up.

In general, the life in the chapter-houses is morally good. Few chapters permit drinking and gambling on the chapter premises.

Some whole fraternities are fast and brag of it as their proudest glory. Andrew D. White, a strong defender of fraternities, always made an exception of one, which he mentioned by name. It is true that some fraternities never try to make their chapters behave, that some try all the time and others attempt it sporadically. My own is one of the sporades. Under some presidents, a close watch is kept upon all chapters and the "sporty" ones are called to time; threatened, sometimes. We have more lively chapters than the average, and yet, thanks to a pretty close supervision by the fraternity council, the society is far from being the worst behaved. Without exception, every society has some disorderly chapters. Some chapters are disorderly year after year, choose their members from the sporting element; others pass into temporary occultation and out again. Frequently a chapter which could hardly be called a circumspect organization is collectively better than the average of its component individuals. Even a lot of pretty bad fellows can often be kept within some sort of bounds through fear of injuring the reputation of the society. Fraternities are really quite strong on prudential morality. However, the very great insistence upon prudential morality may make the member fall into the bad habit of looking at every moral problem from no other side than that of expediency. Taken by and large, the fraternity does not corrupt the conduct of its members. If it is at all open to the charge of disorderly behavior, that is because it is composed of men who would incline to frivolity even if no such thing as a fraternity existed. In the colleges where the percentage of fraternity men is sixty and less, the members are from the wealthier students. They have more money than they need, have been indulged at home, perhaps have an example in their parents before them. In college and out, virtue often springs from a narrow purse. The fraternities merely collect a moneyed element which would in whatsoever event study less and play more than the poorer students. It must be admitted, though, that in the fraternity you are often tied to men you would repudiate in a state of free society; must countenance, condone and palliate the conduct of boors and drunkards, if such there be in your society, and they certainly do get in at times. Such men may be expelled, but an expulsion always seems a travesty upon your oaths. Some

of the strongest societies expel men very easily. Others almost never expel a man, no matter what he does. In my own society, only conduct so bad, so disgraceful that a father would turn his own son from his door will cause a chapter to cast out a member. Though this results in the retention of some unworthy members, I must say I like this strong sense of brotherhood and believe the society is better for it after all. The ties of blood are seldom stronger.

One is unpleasantly aware in giving the good points of the fraternity system that he is talking solely of the benefits it confers upon its own members, that it is purely selfish, that often its members have more pleasure than other men because through it these other men have fewer. It is perhaps significant of a decay of true Americanism that the long line of eminent gentlemen who defend the fraternities so warmly, almost apoplectically, calmly ignore this.

Some educators affect to see in the chapter-houses grouped about the university an approximation to the English university system of separate colleges. This is not so far-fetched as might appear at first blush. Each chapter is more than the twenty or thirty lads in college. It is a strongly bound unit of several hundred men of all ages. As the English university graduate is an alumnus not only of the university, but of some constituent college, so is the fraternity alumnus not only an alumnus of the college, but of his chapter. The chapter performs a valuable service in keeping him interested in the college. As a contributor to the house-fund, he has a vital interest in something connected with his alma mater. Once or twice each year he gets a circular letter from the chapter with news of the college and alumni. His record is kept by the chapter. It is a clearing house for information concerning all of its members. No matter how long he has been away, he finds somebody in the college town who knows who he is, who is glad to see him. His name has been read in the old minute-books. Traditions concerning him have been told around the fireplace, and he out of college these twenty-five years, perhaps. When he enters the chapter-house he gets a warm clasp of the hand. The boys proceed to pick out his picture in the groups hanging on the wall. In my chapter they call you by your old college nickname, or by your given name, unless you are too frostily dignified, and make you a boy again with them, an

elder brother, but a brother. When I go into the house of my chapter and they call me, fifteen years out of college, by my given name, it warms the cockles of my heart and my blood flows faster. Your old college name in the mouths of college boys. How sweet it is! Here is time defied, here is the one place in the world where the fountain sought by Ponce de Leon ever flows, perpetual youth realized. The chapter is eternally young, eternally joyous, and to have an eternal welcome to it is a precious privilege.

In some chapters there are literary exercises. Complete success in this respect means complete supplanting of the old open literary society, so this can not be argued as a plea for the fraternity. It is not a desirable substitution. In a great many chapters there is a system of supervision over the class work of members. In some this merely takes the form of a "class officer" chosen to look after men who are lagging, who counsel with him and his instructors, get his marks, which perhaps are read in meeting. But in some few chapters the marks of all members are read in meeting; there is personal exhortation and appeal to personal and fraternal pride. The chapters which do this have made remarkable records in scholarship, and wherever you find one that has carried on the system long—and some have been doing it for half a century, have half a century's marks in their archives—you will find that the alumni list has a notable number of scholars and distinguished men of affairs. Every chapter teaches social polish, taste in dress, *savoir faire*. Whatever else they fail to do, they all certainly do this.

In my own case, my fraternity has seconded the education given by my college. I do not refer to the chapter, but to the fraternity, which is one of the nine or ten fraternities which can truthfully call itself "national." I know that several fraternities in nowise entitled to this designation, thin lines strung along our northern border, with cool effrontery claim it. Geography is not debatable. One may speak disrespectfully of the equator, but hardly call its location into question. The sectional fraternities, until recently, bragged of their sectionalism. There were no noble men but New Englanders, New Yorkers and Pennsylvania Dutch. They had no part in that very substantial work of uniting all sections of the land performed by the national fraternities. Their lack of catholicity is now seen to

be a disadvantage, and occasionally the organizations which a decade ago got into a fine fury of contempt for those which had chapters in Dixie, or could consider the barbarous West, are now from their hyperborean fastnesses proclaiming themselves "national." I have found the gatherings of my fraternity, with their hundreds of educated men drawn from every section of the country, highly instructive. The resulting acquaintance and friendships have made me know the country as I never otherwise could. In a material way, my membership has been a social advantage, has brought me into the life of many communities.

In the Central States and South you find that the public is surprisingly familiar with fraternity badges and inclined to accept them as social guarantees, that is, if the society is represented in that section. The sectional fraternity member is here at a disadvantage. The name of his society, perhaps famous in the section where it exists, means nothing in the region where fraternities mean most. The fact of membership not only means a kindly reception by members of your own society, but members of other societies also. Individually, of course. You would not introduce yourself to a chapter of another fraternity, but in traveling you may approach an individual, or in meeting him in the ordinary way you find it makes a difference. The fraternities are broken up into alliances, groups. Most of these groups run in threes. While the individual chapters may squabble, the allied fraternities as a whole stand by one another, say nice things of one another, and tell how much better their group is than some other group. My own group is a very large one. It includes all but one of the national fraternities, which is partially included in another alliance, though logic forces it in with the rest of its class. As the national fraternities had to meet widespread criticism for their policy of wide extension, and as they now feel that their judgment has been triumphantly vindicated, the alliance begun in times of trial and continued in the hour of proud victory has drawn them together into a closer union than exists in any other group. I have personally found this fortunate, since it has enabled me to know many people from many parts of America whom I never otherwise could have known. It is true that outside my group I have sometimes found that a chill reception met me from a member of an-

other, but as this frigidity is found in but a small section and my life has not been parochial, I am quite satisfied to belong to a society which believes that men from Maine and Texas, Minnesota and Louisiana are equally worthy of enrollment in its ranks.

I said I thought the fraternity system was about to enter a period of criticism and perhaps attack, that it would have to defend its reputation, if not its life.

A movement has been gaining force for over a year now against the amazing raft of pestiferous little high-school and even grammar-school fraternities, presenting as they do nearly all of the evils and very few of the virtues of the college societies. The daily press of the country has made onslaught, in city after city, the boards of education have forbidden them, and woman's clubs of every degree have passed adverse resolutions upon them. It has been so easy to sweep them away, so surprisingly easy, that the opponents of college society will take courage. When the public has heard all the allegations against them, it seems impossible that the question will not be asked if the college societies are not guilty of some of the things which have caused the abolishment of their high-school imitators. The inquiry will surely extend to the college society, whose membership cheapened, whose badge discredited by these inane organizations, will shortly find its repose if not existence threatened by these societies which have already taken away the chief value of the visible-token of membership, its indication of the college man. I take this to be the reason why you so seldom see the college fraternity badge now in the North. The high-school fraternity has not yet invaded the South.

The nation is beginning a war upon privilege. We were almost on the verge of *vehmgerichte*, of *carbonarii*. New Harmodiuses and Aristogeitons would soon have been killing our new Pisistratidæ. But we have begun the movement through forms of law. The privileged organizations in college must answer the questions that privilege will be asked everywhere. In the attempt to restore democracy the Greek-letter fraternity, in the form in which it exists at present, will have something to reckon with. If the malignant growth of narrowness and class feeling is so entwined about its vitals that no sur-

gical operation can remove it without endangering the subject's life, it will remain to cause death ultimately.

As for myself, I am a disciple of the French Revolution. As such, I really have no place in defending the Greek-letter fraternity system. And yet I love my fraternity, I love my chapter. As I think what they have meant to me, I feel the force of Charles Dudley Warner's words when asked to write a defense of his fraternity: "Defend my fraternity! I could as soon think of defending the sunlight, and I can not get myself into the proper mood to do either." As a disciple of the French Revolution and a believer in the brotherhood larger than the largest college fraternity, I would that the college fraternity might be for all. Much as I love my fraternity, I deplore the reactionary tendencies for which the system stands. We can never rid the world of selfishness, of privileges, but if we could keep one corner of it free for noble ideals, if college could still be a place of noble illusions, life would be better in this country. In monarchical Britain, in despotic Russia, the university has been the well-spring of democracy that has refreshed the nation. Alas, in this country the Greek-letter fraternity sullies the fount. I dismiss as matters of no moment, and not worthy the time to explain or refute them, all things else said against the system in the face of this most serious charge that it vitiates the spirit of college democracy.

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#### Notice.

The particular attention of our readers is called to the fact that Charles P. Wood, New York Alpha, 1904, has just been appointed assistant editor of the RECORD. For the future all chapter letters, remittances, subscriptions and all general business correspondence must be directed to Charles P. Wood, 145 Spring Street, Atlanta, Georgia.



The pressure of other duties has considerably curtailed those hours which the editor was wont to expend upon the RECORD, and rather wiped out his hours of leisure. In this situation, it became

The Assistant  
Editor.

evident that outside help would be highly desirable, and the approval of the Council was secured to our proposal to appoint an assistant editor of the RECORD. After careful deliberation, Charles P. Wood, New York Alpha, '04, was chosen for this position, and the RECORD, with this issue, introduces him as its editor's right-hand man. Wood is a Virginia boy, who went to Cornell and became an active and prominent member of our chapter there. In his last year he was chosen to the office of correspondent, where his excellent work and strict and faithful attention to business early attracted the notice of the editor. Wood's annual football articles, one of which appears in this issue, are known to all readers of the RECORD. These articles entail a large amount of correspondence and other work, and are in no sense easy to prepare. The assignment for the first one was given to Wood at very short notice, because we had a conviction that he, if anybody, would get it ready in time for publication. In this belief we were not disappointed. Later Wood was called to the associate board of the RECORD, where his work has been consistently good. A young man of excellent abilities, of fine industry, of unusual efficiency and of a full appreciation of his obligations and responsibilities, he has inspired us with the

highest confidence in his ability to render good service to the RECORD and thereby to the Fraternity.

Brother Wood's duties will include the handling of the general business correspondence of the RECORD, and the superintendence of all relations of this office with the chapters. His address is given in another place.

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Our readers are already familiar with the details of the killing of the young Kenyon college boy while undergoing the preliminary roughing of a fraternity initiation. This deplorable affair has

*The Kenyon  
College Tragedy.*

stirred the whole country, and the press with one voice has cried out for the abolishment of a custom at once so silly and so dangerous. Of all criminal intent the men who were concerned in the tragedy are of course acquitted. Nobody for an instant believes that the frolicsome lads who sent young Pierson to the railroad track had any idea that they were sending him to his death. Of criminal carelessness it is more difficult to acquit them. The real facts of the matter still appear to be shrouded in doubt. If the unfortunate lad was merely bidden by his mentors to wait at the railroad bridge till called for, and, drowsy from loss of sleep, as has been averred, sat down on the track and fell asleep, the blame of the fraternity men is relatively trivial. It must be said, however, that this does not seem altogether likely. If the lad was actually bound to the track, as the coroner found, on the supposition that no train was likely to pass at that time, the men who did this exhibited a folly simply stupendous, and are guilty of a deliberate jeopardizing of another's life that is little short of criminal. In this case they have swelled the ranks of the dangerous "didn't know it was loaded" class by several exemplars of uncommon stupidity.

These men, however, are having their own punishment, and it is a bitter one. One of them is the boy's own father. They will expiate their folly in a lifetime of regret. It is not our concern to point out what must already be so painfully clear to them, or to add to their already heavy burden of sorrow. But let us certainly learn from them a lesson of which Sigma Alpha Epsilon, with doubtless all other fraternities, stands in direst need.

The fraternity which thus brought a candidate for admission to his death was not Sigma Alpha Epsilon, but it might very well have been. The men concerned in it were of no different sort, character or habits from our men, and were engaged in no different practices from those which our men engage in. Like us, they were merely following the traditions of an old, very foolish and very unseemly custom. From their terrible catastrophe let us learn, while there is time, our lesson. Let us, here and now, resolve to cut out for the future all horse play from our initiations. Let us conduct the ceremony of ushering new members into our field in an orderly, decorous and dignified way, quite relieved from all hazing and roughing tactics. Antics of this kind are dangerous, even, as here, homicidal. In addition, they have the further element of being as utterly inappropriate as it is possible to be imagined. Let us now have done with them. Boisterous fun is rather dear at the price of a good man's life, and it's a poor way that seeks to show a man the value of fraternity life by killing him on the threshold of it. Let us conduct our initiations with dignity, as befits the occasion; wholly within our own walls, as the private nature of the ceremony demands; and so spare ourselves the horror and the stain of a tragedy like this at Kenyon.

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The indifference of our chapters to the song-book matter is rather hard to understand. Yet it seems to be unmistakable. The question has had the attention of conventions and of the Supreme Council for years, with very unsatisfactory results.

As to the  
Song-Book.

No form of fraternity self-expression is more genial and commendable than a good collection of fraternity songs, and in none is this Fraternity so conspicuously weak. Two years ago the council, at its mid-convention meeting, took up this matter in earnest, with a view to getting definite results at the earliest moment. A strong committee was appointed, under the chairmanship of Roy H. Monier, of Northwestern, to stir up interest in the projected collection and to solicit and receive contributions. A prize of \$25 was offered for the best song, which has never been awarded. It is known that the committee has done excel-

lent work. Yet after two years' endeavor, it has succeeded in getting together but thirty-six songs, and even all of these are not up to the mark. The finished song-book, at this rate, will be a matter of the remote future.

Why is this? Is it to be inferred that this Fraternity, with all its splendid achievements in other directions, is incapable of producing a song-book? We prefer to think not. Why, then? The explanation certainly is not that our undergraduate members don't care for singing. You have only to go into almost any of our chapter-houses of a winter's evening to be convinced of that. It isn't that there is no real need for a national fraternity song-book, for the very vitality and persistence of the question shows that it is based upon a very real and fundamental need. Nor is it, surely, that we have no men in the Fraternity who are capable of writing the kind of songs we want. With men in the literary departments of most of the great universities of the country, and with representatives on a great many college papers and annuals, it would be futile to maintain that we have not dozens of men who are fully capable of setting the old familiar airs to new and appropriate words. The real difficulty must be that these men, for one reason or another, have not felt enough interest in the matter to bestir themselves.

Let that interest now come forward and exhibit itself. In addition to the pleasure of performing a service in so worthy a cause, a good song will mean fraternity immortality. And still further, the Supreme Council has recently increased the consideration for the best song to \$50—surely a reasonable bonus for the work of an hour or two. Here is a chance, then, both to serve the Fraternity and to make money while doing so; and we earnestly hope that so favorable a chance will be embraced by our brothers in sufficient numbers to make the early appearance of a good song-book a foregone conclusion.

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Within the last year the number of houses occupied by chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has increased in a really gratifying way.

An article in another place recounts in detail some of the more important recent developments in this direction.

**Our Chapter-Houses.** Since the opening of the college session of 1904-05, a year ago, our chapters at the following colleges have moved from rooms or halls into chapter-houses: Maine, Boston University, University of Virginia, Arkansas, Denver University, and Kentucky State. In addition, we have installed new chapters, all occupying houses, at George Washington University, Case, Iowa State College and the University of Iowa. This is a gain of ten chapter-houses within a year. As an offset to this, however, our chapters at Washington University and Kentucky State, which had tentatively occupied small houses, were compelled by diminished numbers to abandon them for the present. The net gain, therefore, stands at eight, which is a rate of progress with which we may be fairly satisfied. In addition to this our Columbia chapter has bought an exceedingly desirable house in the face of serious obstacles; our Wofford chapter has bought the house which it has previously been renting; and several others have moved into larger and better homes. Eleven of our chapters are now occupying their own houses, and thirty-three more are renting.

There is still ample room for further growth in this direction, however. Twenty-odd chapters are still out in the cold. Province Alpha shows a clean score, as does Province Eta. Beta has only one chapter, that at Gettysburg, unhoused. Zeta's sole laggard is Washington University, where high real estate values place a formidable stumbling-block in the chapter's way. The other provinces do not show up so well. Delta, however, with fourteen chapters, lists the creditable number of eleven houses. Theta, with four chapters, has two. Gamma has seven chapters and three houses. Iota has nine chapters and two houses, while Epsilon brings up the rear with only one house among its seven chapters.

Some of these chapters, like those at Gettysburg, Adrian and Franklin, are necessarily so small that the maintenance of a house is scarcely to be expected of them. But for the vast majority no such excuse can be advanced. Our long-established and strong chapters in the South, for example, must be perfectly able to get into a house and stay there, if they would but properly bestir them-

selves. They owe it both to themselves and the Fraternity to do this. The examples of our far younger chapters at Cornell, Columbia and Maine, who have recently bought desirable and costly homes for themselves, should sting their pride to go and do likewise.

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Recorder Stowell, whose lot it is to handle the periodical chapter reports of various sorts, finds that his labors are very considerably enhanced by the carelessness of the men who prepare these documents. Poor penmanship and ill-tabulated statistics

Punctilio in  
Penmanship.     tics are the chief faults—both rather serious ones. If figures are to maintain their old reputation for

non-mendacity, they must certainly be authentic to begin with. Moreover, they must be set down with sufficient carefulness to make them intelligible to another eye. The point about legible writing is even plainer. Hard to condone at any time, slovenly chirography in connection with proper names is altogether inexcusable. With ordinary narrative writing, the patient editor or compiler can usually decipher any word, however badly or stenographically written; but in the case of names of people, or even towns, this is obviously impossible. The aggregate of letters may be read seven different ways, and there is nothing to determine which of them is right. Possibly all of them may be, in the manner of Mr. Kipling's lays—

There are five and sixty ways  
Of constructing tribal lays,  
And every single one of them is right.

Unless a man writes an exceptionally good hand, there is but one way for him to transcribe proper names, and that is to "print" them out in unmistakable capitals. Indeed, with even the deft penman, this is by far the safest method. On our own account, as well as on behalf of Brother Stowell, we ask our correspondents to bear this simple precept in mind. If they can not write legibly as a regular habit, let them at least have an interval of it when legibility is an indispensability.



## Exchanges.

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- July.— *Alpha Phi Quarterly.*  
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November.—*The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta.*



"Money is the root of all evil." This is at least as true in chapter finance as in the cold, cold world. Business and sentiment rarely mix, and that chapter which has at its head a good business mind is to be truly thankful. The importance of maintaining a chapter

upon a sound financial basis can not be overestimated. It is absolutely necessary. We herewith clip a pertinent article from the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.:

Now, considering the financial standing. The prosperity of the chapter is founded not merely on the number of men but on its solvency. The chapter life is maintained not only by a belief in the abstract truth of fraternity love, but on the hard, cold basis of financial support. It is one thing to cry out "Phi Psi is a religion to me," and quite another to contribute to the financial support. This support is given by the fees and dues of the active men. Nearly every chapter has experienced the dire effects that result from laxity in financial matters. Bills go unpaid, the books are kept carelessly, accounts are run until the day comes when the chapter finds itself up against the grim fact of insolvency. And here is the opportunity of the archon. It should be his duty to carefully run over the finances of the chapter, considering whether or not the income of the chapter is sufficient to meet its expenditure, that it gets no unnecessary debt. He should impress upon each chapter the necessity of keeping every man paid up in his account. But the solvency, the financial strength of the chapter, depends greatly upon the efficiency of its members. The membership committee in, perhaps, every chapter can tell of the self-complacency that descends upon the men when they feel that a fine [crowd] has been gathered together, that they are a congenial lot, and they need no longer worry about the chapter being the best in college. Their efforts relax. The good men go out and but little new material [comes] to take their places. How many times has it happened that a chapter finding itself in such a state, suddenly realizing its weakness, and with nothing in mind but the need of men, takes all sorts and conditions. The one idea is to fill the chapter roll and obtain the initiation fee. The result is the accumulation of dead wood which proves an obstacle to any advancement. The chapter is really in a worse condition than before. Its efficiency is impaired by the number of those whose only qualification to membership was that they ate with forks and were able to pay their initiation fees. The position of the chapter in college depends upon the efficiency of its men. It is as "they honor themselves they honor her." As the men are rated, so is the chapter. Men are needed who are not merely contented to do their work and smoke their pipes, but who will rise in prominence, both in the college, scholastically or athletically, and in the chapter.

But the men to be efficient must be of the right quality. And the first element of quality is that a man be a gentleman. We hear much talk of a fellow being of the right Phi Psi timber. That is a fair-sounding, clap trap phrase well suited for fraternity dinners and jollifications, but coming down to a practical consideration of facts it is, in the parlance of the day, "hot air."

A man who is of good fraternity material is good material for Phi Psi.

We seek no different class of men than do other fraternities. But the aim should be to obtain men in one chapter who would be congenial to men in all the chapters. Each chapter should not have a different standard. If the fraternity means anything, it means that all the brothers are united by a common bond. But the fact that men are members of one organization will not make them congenial unless they have other matters in common, unless they are of the same class, the same quality. How many instances do we see of brothers initiated in one chapter going to another institution where there is a chapter of the fraternity and being refused affiliation. Is not this a source of weakness to the general fraternity? Other fraternity men are quick to see this and make use of it. To a new man who is in doubt what stronger argument can be put up than "Oh, yes, that fraternity is pretty good here, but it is weak in other places. Look at these men, they belong to that fraternity, but their brothers here won't notice them. What you want to do is to get into a good fraternity—one that is good everywhere." And here again is the opportunity of the archon. If he be a man of ability, of tact, of observation; if the visits he pays mean anything, he can by virtue of his office very readily size up the cause of the trouble. Then by judicious, tactful advice and continual hammering bring every man up to the standard.



When the college fraternity and the college faculty wake up to the fact that they can help each other, a better spirit of friendliness will result. Harmonious and friendly intercourse breeds respect. Co-operation is the thing. We clip the following from the *Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma* relative to this subject:

Many articles have been written about Pan-Hellenic Associations and the good they do in bringing together different fraternities at a college, and in giving each fraternity the same broad basis upon which to work.

Now in these associations nothing is done to bring the faculty closer to the fraternity. Why is this? Surely it would be well to have the approval of the faculty, for no chapter will thrive if opposed by the professors of a university. How much better it would be if the faculty believed that fraternities were college institutions and not mere pleasure clubs, that their members attained scholastic honors and that the object of each chapter was a serious one, the founding of scholarships and prizes, not a continual endeavor to distract and amuse Freshmen. I am sure if every chapter could make clear to the faculty the good it really does, one word from a president or professor of our large universities would do the general fraternity world more good than any number of articles written by individual members.

If in answer to the charges of narrowness brought about by fraternity life, some well-known professor could say, "I have been in close touch with the fraternities at my university and I have seen chapters with a definite work,

such as founding scholarships, or taking care of the new students during the first few lonely weeks. Their members are good students and are in every way beneficial to our college," think what a justification of fraternity life this would be! Rushing season would be made easier; certainly a student would more easily be won by a recognized and honored college institution than by a fraternity which was merely tolerated or opposed by the faculty. The beginning of the college year is near; let us think seriously of co-operation with the faculty.



In view of the recent article published in *THE RECORD* relative to the small college, the following editorial from the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta will be of interest:

Life in the great universities is growing more attractive, more varied and more useful to the student, and for pursuits requiring special skill they furnish a training more efficient than ever known before.

Nevertheless, the small, well-equipped colleges have a noble mission which should never be ignored. Aside from their incalculable contribution to the upbuilding of this country, they deserve in their own spheres our enduring appreciation. When the greatest universities are richer and greater than we yet dream of, there will still be a necessary place for the colleges that do not attempt so much, but do well and thoroughly what they do attempt. Not only have they produced some of our greatest men, but they are likely to do this hereafter. Their best product is men of native strength, of simple tastes, of dynamic purposes. They would probably never go to college at all if they were compelled to attend the larger institutions, and in saying this we do not forget that most of the state universities charge no tuition fees. Such men often have been encouraged at first to go to college at all by the very existence of small colleges near them. Another reason for them is that a large number of parents will send their children only to schools of decided moral or religious tone, such as is fostered in the denominational schools. It is undeniable that many of them have been narrow and sectarian, but the growth out of this spirit is an existing process as well as a solemn duty. It is no reason for abandoning these institutions but rather for devoting more money and attention to them for the sake of their other and better purposes. A final reason for them is that they are already firmly implanted, will continue to live and form, after all, a large part of the educational interests of the country.

It is no wonder that the wise Mr. Carnegie is now devoting his beneficence to small colleges, and that Dr. Pearson has given to them this very year \$1,000 for every day in it, that in every state are being conducted systematic and intelligent movements for better endowment and equipment of them. The weakness of too many colleges in a given locality and too many fostered by a given denomination is becoming more apparent and in the

great readjustment of all conditions these days this weakness will be overcome. Very small ones will be federated into worthy and self-reliant ones. Others will be reduced to mere training schools. But there will still remain of them a healthy, stable and thorough class of colleges more intensive than extensive, whose mission to train men to work well at the forge of life will be ever appreciated by the world outside. For all of these reasons, we think it very appropriate to publish once in a while the truth about some of the worthiest of these institutions in order that they may not fail of our esteem.



To reason with an instructed delegate is like giving medicine to the dead. Nowadays this unfortunate practice is becoming quite fashionable, and seems to have roused the ire of the editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*. Writing upon this subject in a recent issue he has the following to say:

Some of the chapters always vote "No" on every proposition. We suggest that it would save the fraternity considerable money if they kept their delegates at home. We can not readily understand that a delegate may come to a convention and intelligently vote "No" on every proposition which is presented for its consideration. This may happen once and be the result of sincere consideration and intelligence. It may happen twice, possibly as a coincidence, but it certainly can never happen at three, four or five successive conventions without being the result of a deliberate plan. We have many times made an appeal to the members of this group of chapters to send uninstructed delegates to the convention, but the appeal does not seem to be heeded, and we believe that some legislation is necessary concerning this matter in order to free the delegates formally and officially from what they believe to be loyalty to their chapter. They do not seem to realize that they owe a greater measure of loyalty to the fraternity. A delegate from one of the chapters referred to told the writer, while a vote was being taken, that his personal convictions were in favor of the measure under consideration, but that he should vote "No" because his chapter had instructed him so to vote if such a measure was urged, although he said that the chapter had not debated the matter or considered it, except casually. Such conduct is neither just nor fair to the fraternity or the Betas whose interests would possibly be benefited by the proposed measure.



We clip the following apt definition of fraternity from the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*:

A fraternity is an obligation  
Of necessity, an introduction,  
A recommendation, a passport,  
A lesson, an influence,  
An opportunity, an investment,  
A peacemaker, and a pleasure.

Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, is not opposed to fraternities even though he is sometimes quoted to that effect. He believes that fraternities accomplish a great deal of good, but at the same time he sees some attendant evils. His criticisms are always interesting and deserving of careful consideration. The *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, for October, contains the following article from his pen:

The long list of prominent men and women named on the rolls of Greek-letter organizations is a strong indication that these organizations have wrought much good. Chapter houses have evidently been centers of character and culture. Life friendships of the highest value are formed there, productive often of great social advantages. The desire to uphold the standing of one's fraternity stimulates to excellence as an athlete or as a scholar. In a word, properly organized and dominated by high ideals, fraternities are capable of inestimable good, both to their members and to the institutions of learning with which they are connected.

Yet evils in fraternity life are apparent, at least in localities, which, if they are not corrected, bid fair greatly to impair the influence of these bodies.

Early "rushing" is one of these. A student's first weeks at college are distracting enough at best. He needs all his time and wits for the work of gaining a proper perspective of the school, his studies, his surroundings. The electioneering attentions to which so many are subjected involve endless and most harmful excitement, unfitting for due work not only the newcomer but those who are appointed to win him.

Electioneers, to gain a pledge, often use the "now or never" argument. It is an insult to the one sought, implying that he is of little worth. Any student exhibiting scholarship and character can join at his leisure, as testified by the fact that upper-classmen proving desirable are every year taken in by the best fraternities.

The desire of securing as members such novices as are stylish or wealthy brings with it the danger of pledging some who are uncongenial or otherwise undesirable. The introduction in this way of one unsuitable member may, even if of some advantage to the member, which would usually not be the case, end in lowering the standard or even in the deterioration of the entire society. Let the new student wait, look about, and decide at leisure whether if he joins he will be among his kind or a fish out of water, giving us also time to take his measure more accurately. Good fraternities can not but gain in this way; would-be members can not but gain.

The tendency of fraternity members to associate only with fraternity members, thus forming cliques, is to be deprecated. Close friends are not seldom separated by the entrance of one of them into a fraternity. Cliques beget narrowness of mind and snobbishness. The fraternity man looks

down on the "alien" and the "alien" hates the fraternity man; the student body is divided and the college suffers.

Notwithstanding interfraternity associations the relations of the fraternities to each other leave much to be desired. Only too often they are marred by bickerings, petty rivalries and jealousies that are altogether deplorable. Cases are not unknown in which fraternity members have been subjected to gross indignities for not bestowing class honors as fraternities wished. Indeed, it may be classed as among the worst dangers arising from the fraternity system, that it tends to make its devotees exalt fraternity interests over those of the university.

Let there be more kindness in the relations of fraternities to each other, more generosity, more breadth, and also in their attitudes to the outside college world and to the college itself, and there will be no talk of their abolition, less criticism of their methods and a great increase in the good they accomplish.

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## News of the Fraternities.

At Minnesota, Sigma Chi is occupying a new house built for them this past Summer, and Delta Kappa Epsilon has broken ground for a new house on University avenue close to the Alpha Delta Phi house.

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Small bunches of initiates are the rule this year at Louisiana State. With the rushing season practically over, Sigma Nu has four new men, Kappa Sigma three, Kappa Alpha two, Sigma Alpha Epsilon two and Pi Kappa Alpha one.

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**SIGMA CHI.**—Sigma Chi has just entered the University of Arkansas, making the sixth fraternity to be represented there.

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A new feature in fraternity statistics is the attempt in the recent sketch of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, by Dr. George H. Kress, to give the number of deceased members of all fraternities—twenty-eight in number—to which he devotes a paragraph. He succeeded in the case of twenty fraternities.—*Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.*

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A new social club, secret in nature, has been organized at the University of Illinois, under the name of the Yo San. The mem-

bership of the society is made up by three representatives from each of the following fraternities: Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Kappa Sigma, Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta. It is anticipated that this club will be the means of bringing the Greeks of Illinois into closer harmony.

At Emory College the fraternity membership is thus given by the correspondent of the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*:

Φ Δ Θ 15 returned, 8 new, total 23; K A 9 returned, 8 new, total 17; Σ N 8 returned, 5 new, total 13; X Φ 8 returned, 4 new, total 12; A T Ω 7 returned, 4 new, total 11; Σ A E 6 returned, 4 new, total 10; Δ T Δ 2 returned, 3 new, total 5.

Kappa Sigma is to be congratulated upon her houses. She owns one of the fine eastern houses at Cornell; rents the best house in the Middle West, at Iowa, owns the best house in the South, at Texas, and divides honors with Sigma Alpha Epsilon for the finest house owned on the Pacific Coast, at Stanford.—*Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.*

In proportion to its enrolment, Bowdoin College (Maine) has possibly a larger number of Greeks than any other college in the country. The percentage of fraternity men is no less than eighty-five. The percentage at Dickinson is sixty-two, at Brown sixty, and at Southwestern Presbyterian fifty-three.

From a material point of view, the Greeks here are making rapid strides. Within the last two years Δ T Δ, Β Θ Π, Φ Κ Σ, Σ Ν, and the local club Κ. Κ. have had built expressly for them beautiful and commodious chapter houses. At present none of these except Illinois Eta owns its chapter house. Of the remaining fraternities all occupy large rented chapter houses and most of them have on foot plans looking to the building of new chapter houses.—*Illinois Correspondent in the Scroll of Φ Δ Θ.*

Kappa Alpha is building a new chapter house between our own and that of the Dekes. This completes "fraternity row," and any later crowds coming will have to build in a less convenient locality. Theta Delta Chi has also purchased a house on the campus; and this leaves only three of the fraternities still in Palo Alto. The legal fraternity of Delta Chi has entered Stanford, and will build on the campus.—*Stanford Correspondent in the Κ Σ Caduceus.*

None of the chapters at the University of Colorado own their houses. The new Sigma Alpha Epsilon house, the construction of which has just begun, will probably be the first owned chapter-house at Boulder. Fraternities represented at this university are Delta Tau Delta (1883), Sigma Alpha Epsilon (1891), Beta Theta Pi (1900), Alpha Tau Omega (1901), Sigma Nu (1902), Phi Delta Theta (1902), Sigma Phi Epsilon (1904).

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K  $\Sigma$  entered New York University, April 6; Dartmouth College, April 11; Harvard University, June 24; University of Idaho, September 30. No other fraternity has ever equaled the record of K  $\Sigma$  in the last few years. In 1900 it established two chapters; in 1901, five; in 1902, four; in 1903, five; in 1904, five, and so far in 1905, four. In number of chapters it heads the list of fraternities, now having 74 that are active. The fraternity with 100 chapters is in sight.—*The Scroll of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .*

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The catalogue of the University of the South, for 1904-1905, recognizes fraternities at the institution with the following: "Seven fraternities, or Greek Letter Societies, have chapters at Sewanee: the Alpha Tau Omega, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the Kappa Sigma, the Phi Delta Theta, the Delta Tau Delta, the Kappa Alpha, and the Pi Kappa Alpha. These fraternities have separate chapter houses. They are controlled by the laws of the University and by a joint convention of their own representatives, and form a pleasing feature of university life. *No conditioned student of the academic department is eligible for membership in any fraternity.*" The June, 1903, Cumberland University *Quarterly*, an official publication of the University, said: "Cumberland University has three fraternities: the Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Pi Kappa Alpha. They are all in a flourishing condition. Fraternities are a valuable feature in university life. They afford splendid opportunities for recreation, the cultivation of the social nature, and very greatly safeguard the morals of many young men." All this is something new in college catalogues.—*Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.*

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DELTA UPSILON.—Delta Upsilon has granted a charter to the "K. K." Club at the University of Illinois. Three new locals have been organized there this autumn.

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At Pennsylvania State College, Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta have broken ground for new houses which are booked to be completed by commencement time.

BETA THETA PI.—The Wisconsin chapter of Beta Theta Pi has purchased a lot 180x105 feet, at a consideration of \$4,000.

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Of the nine fraternities at North Carolina, all now occupy chapter-houses except Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma. Beta Theta Pi is the latest chapter there to move into a house.

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The recent entrance of  $\Sigma N$ ,  $\Sigma A E$  and  $B \Theta \Pi$  at this college [Iowa State] is an indication that fraternities are disposed to recognize more generally than formerly the institutions which are devoted mainly to the applied sciences. However, fraternities have had chapters in such institutions for many years. The first fraternity entered Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1853; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1873; Stevens Institute of Technology, 1874; Purdue University, 1875; Alabama Polytechnic Institute, 1878; Case School of Applied Science, 1885; Georgia School of Technology, 1888; Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1889; Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, 1893; Rose Polytechnic Institute, 1893; Armour Institute of Technology, 1898.—*Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

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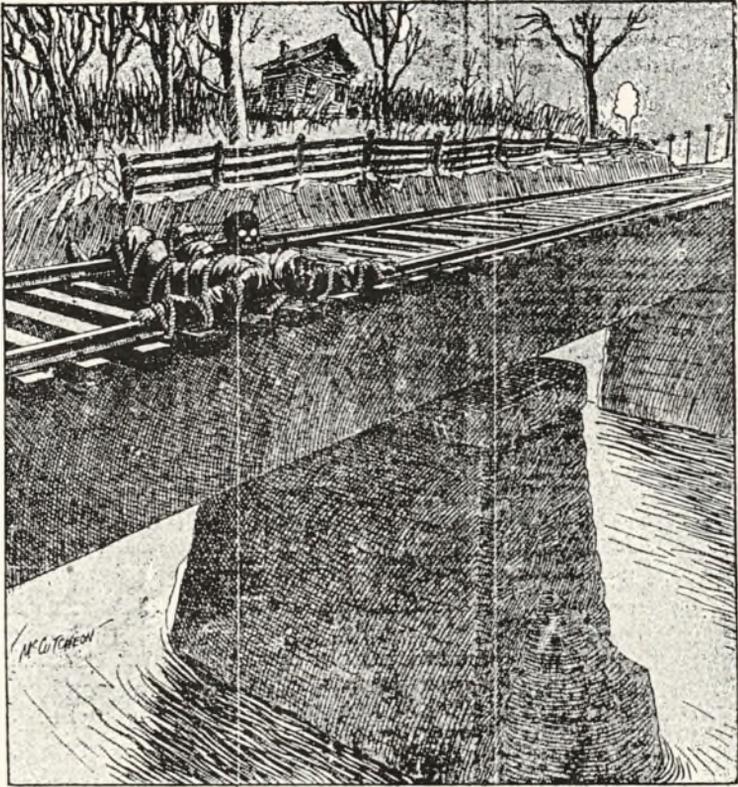
### The Fatal Initiation at Kenyon.

[From the Springfield *Republican.*]

If it is true that young Stuart L. Pierson, of Kenyon College, Ohio, was tied to a railroad track as a part of the ceremony of initiating him into a Greek-letter fraternity, and so came to his death, the fact ought to be given the widest publicity, and the college authorities and Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity men should assist, to the end that the warning may have full effect in checking and softening the hazing and other "pranks" of college students.

Nevertheless, there has been manifested a disposition on the part of the Kenyon College authorities, the "Deke" fraternity alumni, and even the father of the victim of this horror, who is a member of that fraternity, to call off the investigation and hush the talk about the tragedy. This will appear from a statement of the case as it now comes from the coroner at Mt. Vernon, O., and goes before the Knox county grand jury.

On Saturday night, October 28, the D. K. E. fraternity at Kenyon College was to initiate a body of Freshmen, among whom was young Pierson, and his father was present. The story of the students, and of the elder



### A TWENTIETH CENTURY INITIATION.

[John T. McCutcheon in *Chicago Tribune*.]

Stuart Pierson, the Kenyon College boy whose tragic death shocked the entire country, was a Cincinnati boy and first cousin to Daniel L. Pierson, Ohio Epsilon, 1903. "He was well known to all of us College Hill Sig Alphas," writes Clyde K. Cairns, "and had he come to the University of Cincinnati would undoubtedly have been one of us." For an account of this unhappy affair, which is scarcely less peculiar than sad, with some sensible comments upon it, see the newspaper article facing this page.



Pierson, is that at nine o'clock the boy was sent off to take a position on the railroad bridge in a lonely spot, and there await the coming of a committee to escort him to the chapter-house. When the committee arrived at ten o'clock they found Pierson's mangled body lying between the rails on the bridge. The body was carried to the house of President Pierce, of the college, hastily prepared for burial, and hurried off to Cincinnati before morning by the victim's father. This of itself was a very remarkable, not to say an illegal, proceeding. When the news came to the ears of the civil authorities Coroner Scarborough immediately sought a view of the body, and finding that it had been removed from the county in the night, went to Cincinnati and examined it. He now says in his verdict that he found unmistakable evidence that the boy had been tied by the right wrist and left ankle; that the hand had been pulled away from the socket so that the bones protruded, while neither the hand nor the wrist was crushed. There were marks of a rope at the wrist and ankle, and his theory is that the boy had been tied between the rails, and so desperate was his attempt to escape the approaching engine that he tore the arm partly from the tied hand. Another singular fact, which seems not to be disputed, is that all traces of the tragedy had been removed before the civil authorities were informed. The rails and ties had been washed of blood marks, and if there had been ropes in use, the fragments were taken away.

The coroner further declares that he has worked on the case under the threats and censures of the students and faculty of the college; and, most singular of all, the father of the boy decried an investigation from the beginning. He is quoted as saying that "this is merely a case where a country official is trying to make a reputation for himself at the expense of my wife's heart and my peace of mind." His theory is that the boy, who had been up the night before, was worn out and fell asleep while standing on the bridge, and was run down—a supposition that seems ridiculous. But he does not know whether this is the truth or not, and why should he oppose an inquiry? If it will not help his own sad case, it may prove the means of saving other fathers from the loss of their boys through the heedless hazing deviltries of a college life which evidently will stand a lot more of reforming here and there.

And the Kenyon College authorities—why are they discouraging an investigation which can not possibly hurt the institution half as much, whatever it may bring out, as this effort to save possibly guilty students and condone their reckless hazing tricks? Yet this is what they have been doing, even though President Pierce denies it. He declares, for example, that the members of the D. K. E. fraternity "can prove an alibi"; "they were at the fraternity house when Pierson was killed"; he can testify that their character is above the suspicion of doing such a thing; and never have the students tied any one to a railroad track, etc. Now, if he knows for

a certainty all these things, then he is the most remarkable college president who ever lived. But of course he can not know. He may believe the charge to be impossible, and may say so with all propriety, and then call for the fullest investigation which he now does, but not until the coroner's verdict has gone out to the country and a grand jury is sitting on the case. It may very likely be true that the D. K. E. men were all where he says they were, and still it may be true that young Pierson was tied to the track, and by fellow-students. The coroner declares that others had been subjected to the tying process, and he has the testimony of townspeople, who say they have seen students tied, to sustain him.

No one charges or believes that the boy was fastened to the railroad in any purpose to do him serious injury. He was killed by a stray engine, not noted on the railroad time-table, and the supposition is that Pierson was placed where he was, only to be removed before the time of the next scheduled train. Nor is any one except the college authorities and the D. K. E. alumni, in convention at New York last week, disposed to prejudge this case. The trouble with them is that no other reasonable explanation of Pierson's death is available or has been offered, and accordingly the fullest inquiry is to be welcomed and not discouraged. If the coroner's verdict is true, the fact ought to be made known; for there are other colleges in this country besides Kenyon where the foolishness of irresponsible student life stands greatly in need of a check.

Another question is also raised by this awful affair. If the influence of college secret fraternities is to develop a spirit of hanging together, even to the extent of overriding the natural instincts of the parent, then there is presented for discussion, which has already been started in Chicago, the subject of their abolition. We can not believe that generally speaking the fraternities foster any such spirit except in a passing boyish manner. But in this particular case we seem to have an instance of fraternity youths and men who have for the moment forgotten that they are first of all members of the general society of organized humanity.

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### Recent Growth of Fraternities.

[*From the Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*]

The following table gives the number of active chapters of the various general fraternities for men in 1898 and 1905, as shown by the editions of "Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities" issued in those years. The rank of each fraternity, according to the number of its active chapters in each of the two years, is given in parenthesis:

|                             | 1898 |     | 1905 |     | Gain   |
|-----------------------------|------|-----|------|-----|--------|
| Kappa Sigma.....            | (5)  | 47  | (1)  | 70  | 23     |
| Phi Delta Theta.....        | (1)  | 63  | (2)  | 69  | 6      |
| Beta Theta Pi.....          | (2)  | 62  | (3)  | 67  | 5      |
| Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....    | (3)  | 54  | (4)  | 66  | 12     |
| Phi Gamma Delta.....        | (6)  | 44  | (5)  | 57  | 13     |
| Sigma Nu.....               | (8)  | 39  | (6)  | 54  | 15     |
| Sigma Chi.....              | (4)  | 50  | (7)  | 53  | 3      |
| Alpha Tau Omega.....        | (7)  | 42  | (8)  | 51  | 9      |
| Kappa Alpha (Southern)..... | (11) | 37  | (9)  | 49  | 12     |
| Delta Tau Delta.....        | (9)  | 38  | (10) | 47  | 9      |
| Phi Kappa Psi.....          | (10) | 38  | (11) | 42  | 4      |
| Delta Kappa Epsilon.....    | (12) | 35  | (12) | 41  | 6      |
| Delta Upsilon.....          | (13) | 31  | (13) | 36  | 5      |
| Pi Kappa Alpha.....         | (20) | 13  | (14) | 29  | 16     |
| Alpa Delta Phi.....         | (14) | 23  | (15) | 24  | 1      |
| Theta Delta Chi.....        | (5)  | 21  | (16) | 24  | 3      |
| Phi Kappa Sigma.....        | (21) | 12  | (17) | 24  | 12     |
| Psi Upsilon.....            | (16) | 21  | (18) | 22  | 1      |
| Zeta Psi.....               | (17) | 20  | (19) | 22  | 2      |
| Chi Phi.....                | (18) | 19  | (20) | 20  | 1      |
| Phi Sigma Kappa.....        | (23) | 8   | (21) | 19  | 11     |
| Chi Psi.....                | (19) | 19  | (22) | 18  | Loss 1 |
| Sigma Phi Epsilon.....      |      |     | (23) | 13  | 13     |
| Delta Phi.....              | (22) | 12  | (24) | 11  | Loss 1 |
| Sigma Phi.....              | (24) | 8   | (25) | 8   | 0      |
| Delta Psi.....              | (25) | 8   | (26) | 8   | 0      |
| Kappa Alpha (Northern)..... | (26) | 6   | (27) | 7   | 1      |
| Alpha Chi Rho.....          | (29) | 3   | (28) | 6   | 3      |
| Omega Phi Alpha.....        |      |     | (29) | 6   | 6      |
| Delta Sigma Phi.....        |      |     | (30) | 5   | 5      |
| Theta Chi.....              |      |     | (31) | 2   | 2      |
| Mu Pi Lambda.....           | (27) | 4   |      |     | Loss 4 |
| Phi Phi Phi.....            | (28) | 4   |      |     | Loss 4 |
|                             |      | 781 |      | 970 | 189    |

The number of chapters established during the year 1898-1905, is far greater than during any similar period in the history of American college fraternities. The increase of chapters in the seven years was about 25 per cent. Never before were fraternities extending as rapidly as now. Owing to extension within the last six months, Kappa Sigma has increased the number of its active chapters from 70 to 74, Beta Theta Pi from 67 to 68, Sigma Alpha Epsilon from 66 to 67, Sigma Nu from 54 to 55, Sigma Chi from 53 to 55, Alpha Tau Omega from 51 to 52, Delta Tau Delta from 47 to 48.

## College Notes.



The first number of the *Dartmouth Bi-Monthly*, a graduate publication, was issued in November.

This year's Freshman class at Smith College numbers 355, the largest ever matriculated in the history of that institution.

The coach of the University of Mississippi football team aroused much interest last fall by the announcement of his intention to introduce jiu jitsu in football this season.

Lafayette College has raised a fund aggregating \$162,000 to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the college. More than one-half of the fund was the donation of a single alumnus.

The Waseda University baseball team has gone back home to Japan. Their tour through the Western States seems to have been profitable, for the members are now coaching high school teams at home.

George William Catt, who left his body to be dissected by a medical school, gave \$175,000 in his will to Iowa State College, Ames, Ia. In early life Mr. Catt worked his way through Iowa State, milking cows to defray his tuition.

Columbia has arranged with the University of Berlin for an exchange of courses. A wealthy New Yorker will contribute Columbia's share, and the German government will pay the expenses connected with the establishment in Columbia.

In comparison with the limited attendance at American universities during the summer sessions, the following enrolments in the German Universities are interesting: Berlin, 6,279; Munich, 5,197; Leipzig, 3,855; Bonn, 3,029; Freisburg, 2,219; Halle, 1,903.

In contrast with the usual small means of the college professor is the wealth of Professor Alpheus DuBois, of New York. He has accumulated half a million dollars in fifty years from a grammar school principal's salary ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,000 a year.

The eccentric Vardaman, Governor of Mississippi, recently declined, on behalf of the State, the gift of a Carnegie Library to

the University of Mississippi, on the ground that "it was mercilessly wrung from the blood and by the toil of the masses."

Of 160 guests who attended a banquet given to President Elmer E. Bryan, of Franklin College, by business and professional men of the city on September 28, 100 were poisoned by viands served at the function. President Bryan, among others, was at one time very ill.

While Harvard is busy refuting reports that this year's decrease in enrolment is the result of a reputation as "a rich man's college," Pennsylvania is rejoicing in an advance of 16 per cent. over last year's registration, in the face of a rise in tuition fees in all departments.

The University of Chicago probably enjoys the distinction of being the only educational institution in the country, perhaps in the world, that has an official press agent. President Harper has selected Oscar D. Skelton to keep the Chicago newspapers supplied with "facts that deserve publicity."

A fire which swept the trees and brush on hills behind the State University, Berkeley, Cal., revealed the fact that a Freshman named L. L. Loud, unable to afford room rent, had been living in a little tent in the woods. He cooked for himself, and no one knew where he lived. He is said to be a good student.

The annual Sophomore-Freshmen rushes this fall seem to have been fiercer than usual. At Wisconsin legs and arms were broken. At Yale a squad of policemen were ignominiously vanquished by the Freshmen, while at Columbia, as the result of a row in a cafe, three Sophomores received a year's suspension for having severely hazed the Freshies.

Both the Mississippi and Louisiana Universities were closed until November, because of the prevailing yellow fever in those States. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the fever situation in the South was much exaggerated by Northern papers, and that slight harm was really done by the fever's presence save temporarily to check business.

The Carnegie School of Technology at Pittsburg, founded and endowed by Andrew Carnegie, recently opened with 173 students. There were over 7,000 applications, but as only one building was completed, no more than 173 could be accepted. The other buildings will be rapidly pushed to completion and it is believed by many that the Carnegie School will soon be the greatest of its kind in America.

The appended note appeared in a recent press dispatch:

Students at the University of Nevada will be tried for hazing, as the father of a Freshman has issued thirty-two warrants for assault and battery and had them served on students who maltreated his young son. The Freshman refused to join in the college yells, so they ducked him in the lake on the campus and subjected him to other indignities, for which his father now demands satisfaction from the boy's tormentors.

History does not relate what afterwards happened.

Professor Hall, of Harvard, has brought to light the fact that President Eliot can not compete as an amateur athlete, as a result of his rowing for money while an undergraduate. It is a humorous commentary on the efforts of one of the leaders in the movement toward cleaner athletics that this should have come out. Nevertheless, we do not learn that President Eliot is at all discouraged at being thus barred from competition.

Some critical traveler contributes this to the *Topeka Capital*:

I had always had an idea that the undergraduate body at Harvard and the other big Eastern colleges was of a sort different from that with which I had been brought into familiar contact in the fresh water colleges of the West. But the Harvard bunch had a strangely familiar look. They were coming on every trolley car the day we were in Cambridge, and while the proportion was not so great as at Washburn, for instance, there were a good many who looked as though they had yet to take their first lesson in sleeping in a night-shirt. And I concluded, after a careful scrutiny of the bunch, that the Bud Hickses do not all matriculate at K. U.

The last annual report of President Thwing, of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, Ohio, just printed, shows that for every dollar given by the students of Western Reserve University in payment for tuition, the University gives \$3. The report shows that the number of men taking Greek is lessening, while the number of girls in similar course remains about normal. The

choices of study which men and women make do not vary greatly. Few women choose the natural and physical sciences, and fewer study mathematics. The number of men who elect mathematics and sciences is relatively small. The most popular studies are English, history, economics and philosophy. Lack of interest in the sciences is believed to be largely due to the fact that boys who would naturally take these subjects commonly enter technical schools.

In his address at the opening of Cornell University President Schurman referred to a Chicago manufacturer who recently said: "I prefer boys that have a good school education. In business they are cheaper, will last longer, and are more easily reduced to cogs in the machinery. Our college men know too many things."

In reply to this President Schurman said: "If we have reached a point where the end of life is that each individual shall prepare himself to be a cog in the machinery and nothing else, this gentleman is right.

"If on the other hand culture for its own sake amounts to something now, as in the past, I think this gentleman is wrong, and so much the worse for business, for it is not the place for college men if they are to be no more than mere cogs in the machinery."—*Chicago Tribune*.



### College Men in the Cabinet.

Of the nine members of the Roosevelt cabinet five hold degrees from well-known higher institutions; two have had several years in academies; two are entirely without college training, and one of these is self-taught, never having attended any school. John Hay, Secretary of State, is a graduate of Brown University and the law department of the University of Illinois. Leslie M. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury, took the master's degree from Cornell College and finished the course in the Iowa School of Law. William H. Taft, Secretary of War, graduated from Yale and took the doctor's degree from the Cincinnati Law School. William H. Moody, Attorney-General, is an alumnus from Mr. Roosevelt's own alma mater, Harvard. Victor H. Metcalf, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, is a Yale man, and Ethan Allen Hitchcock studied at the Military School of New Haven. George P. Cortelyou took an academic course at Hempstead, L. I. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, never went to school, and Paul Morton, late Secretary of the Navy, quit school at the age of 14 years and entered a railroad office.—*Delta of Sigma Nu*.



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



- Maine Alpha, '04.*—Clifford Gray Chase to Zora Helen Hayward, at Calais, Me., 6 September, 1905.
- Maine Alpha, '05.*—Ira Mellen Bearce to Maidie Moody, at Hebron, Me., 5 July, 1905.
- Maine Alpha, '08.*—Judson Gould Spofford to Charlotte Sutton Harris, at Orono, Me., 26 September, 1905. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Meikle Brockie, Maine Alpha, '06.
- Massachusetts Iota-Tau, '01.*—Lester F. Miller to Jessie Maude Kell, at Proctor, Vt., 25 October, 1905.
- Massachusetts Iota-Tau, '02.*—Edward Henry Cutter to Elizabeth Sarah Fisk, at Covington, Ky., 18 October, 1905.
- Massachusetts Iota-Tau, '04.*—Herman Otto Blatt to Winifred Burg, at South Weymouth, Mass., 12 August, 1905.
- Massachusetts Gamma, '03.*—MacAllaster Moore to Mary Katharine Jones, at New York, N. Y., 6 November, 1905.
- Massachusetts Delta, '00.*—Harold Gerard Irons to Winifred Kendall, at Hyde Park, Mass., 14 September, 1905.
- Pennsylvania Delta, '01.*—Rev. William H. Hetrick to Margaret M. Deatrick, at Gettysburg, Pa., 27 April, 1905. Rev. John Koser of Pennsylvania Delta, '02, acted as groomsman.
- Pennsylvania Delta, '05.*—Bruce U. P. Cobaugh to Jennie Smith at Lestie, Pa., 28 June, 1905.

- North Carolina Xi*, '97.—Dr. Thomas M. Green to Emma Perrin Green, at Wilmington, N. C., 16 November, 1905.
- Illinois Psi-Omega*, '03.—Karl Frederic Putnam to Fannie Gibbs Johnson, at Danville, Ind., 24 October, 1905.
- Illinois Psi-Omega*, '05.—J. Fred Van Deventer to Pauline A. McDermit, at Denver, Colo., 11 October, 1905.
- Illinois Psi-Omega*, '05.—James Allen Whitmore to Florence Belle Crane, at Addison, N. Y., 4 September, 1905.
- Illinois Psi-Omega*, '05.—William Sheller to Delia Jane Hoyt, at Mason City, Iowa, 12 September, 1905.
- Illinois Beta*, '03.—Ralph Hawes Gage to Nell Jeannett Davidson, at Champaign, Ill., 1 June, 1905.
- Illinois Beta*, '04.—Harry Bertram Kircher to Mary Alice Ayre, at Urbana, Ill., 1 August, 1905.
- Illinois Beta*, '04.—William George Kaeser to Clara Vogt, at Saint Louis, 6 September, 1905.
- Illinois Beta, ex-'05*.—Dwight Armistead Parish to Dorothy Frances Kincaid, at Springfield, Ill., 12 April, 1905.
- Illinois Beta*, '05.—Thomas Stanley Bailey to Jennie Mae Hoagland, at Danville, Ill., 3 June, 1905.
- Illinois Beta*, '04.—Albert Edwin Logeman to Mary Newman, at Elgin, Ill., 20 June, 1905.
- Iowa Beta*, '05.—Oscar William Okerlin to Susanna Rosamond Denne, at Atlantic, Iowa, 18 October, 1905.
- Iowa Beta*, '09.—John Hyren Peck to Myrtle Caroline Byers, at Anomosa Iowa, 6 November, 1905.
- Louisiana Tau-Upsilon*, '04.—Dr. Walter B. Dobson to Clio Legard Best at Leland, Miss., 19 October, 1905.
- Louisiana Tau Upsilon*, '00.—Philip Morgan Gilmore to Edith Hurt, at New Orleans, 22 November, 1905.
- Colorado Chi*, '00.—Dr. Harold Gould Garwood to Amy Johnson, at Evansville, Wis., 5 September, 1905.

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*New York Sigma Phi, 1901.*—A Sig Alph, born to the Reverend Oscar F. R. Treder and Mrs. Treder, November 10, 1905.

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*Mississippi Gamma, '07.*—William A. Bethune, at Aberdeen, N. C., 16 September, 1905.

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## In M e m o r i a m .



### Goul Carrier.

On Tuesday, November 14th, Goul Carrier, Pennsylvania Zeta, 1904, died at his home in Summerville, Pennsylvania, of typhoid fever. He was the second member of this chapter to die this fall, Brother Reimensnyder falling a victim to the same disease less than two months ago. Carrier had been in the employ of the Westinghouse Electrical Company for the past year. He was a quiet, unassuming fellow, with the good of his fraternity at heart and his efforts in its behalf will long be remembered by those who were associated with him in this work. He was initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon on June 15, 1901.

WILLIAM GRAY MURDOCK.

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**John D. Van Buren, Jr.**

Inasmuch as our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from this life our beloved brother, John D. Van Buren, Jr., one who has upheld in his short career the teachings of our noble order; be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of Brother Van Buren New York Mu chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity has lost one of her most loyal members, one who has been, and was still more destined to be, an honor and credit to his Fraternity; and be it

*Resolved*, That we, deeply mourning his loss, tender to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of our chapter; that a copy be sent to the family of our lamented brother, and that a copy be published in the RECORD OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

THE COMMITTEE.

**David Kedzie Smith.**

WHEREAS, It has pleased Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to remove from us our beloved brother, David Kedzie Smith; and

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

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

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

RALPH C. TURNER,  
ALFRED W. MELLOWES,  
CLIFFORD M. HUSTED,  
Committee.

5 November, 1905.

**Daniel Howard Maxwell.**

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to cut short the promising career of our beloved brother, Daniel Howard Maxwell; and,

WHEREAS, In the death of Brother Maxwell, Sigma Alpha Epsilon has lost one of its truest and most faithful members, and one who has always cherished a lasting regard for the Fraternity; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the brothers of Massachusetts Delta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of our departed brother; and further, be it

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family and that a copy be inscribed on the minutes of the chapter, and that a copy be published in the RECORD OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

W. Y. HAYCOCK,  
W. A. STEIMER,  
WILLIS L. TOWNE,  
Committee.

### Roderick Henry Hill.

WHEREAS, An all-wise Providence has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved brother in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Roderick Henry Hill, an ever loyal and devoted brother of our Fraternity, fulfilling ably and well every duty imposed upon him ; and

WHEREAS, By his earnest and conscientious work as a student he gained the respect of the faculty and students alike, and through the faithful services he rendered his college, and his general interest in her welfare, he had endeared himself to the whole student body and won from them deserved recognition ; and

WHEREAS, At the time of a grave crisis in the affairs of our Fraternity, he, by many noble and unselfish sacrifices and by his excellent ability, was the instrument of re-establishing it on a firm financial basis ; and

WHEREAS, In numerous other ways he showed his loyalty to his Fraternity, and

WHEREAS, His genial manners, lofty character and fidelity to a friendship once formed, gained for him the love of all who knew him ; be it, therefore

*Resolved*, That in his death our Fraternity and our college lose one of their most promising alumni, whose record in this University presaged a most brilliant and honorable career in after life ; and be it

*Resolved*, That in his death the State of Georgia loses one of her best examples of the highest type of young manhood ; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we deeply mourn and deplore his untimely end, and extend to his grief-stricken family our sincerest sympathy in their sorrow ; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be inscribed in our minutes on a page set apart for that purpose, and that a copy be sent to his family and one to THE RECORD.

LANSING B. LEE,  
W. L. ERWIN,  
E. P. HOKE,  
Committee.

**Luther M. Reimensnyder.**

On Saturday, September 23, just three days after the opening of college, the members of Pennsylvania Zeta at Bucknell University were thrown into sadness and gloom by the death of one of their members, Luther Reimensnyder. Although he had seen only three months of fraternity life, Reimensnyder, through his cheerful disposition, his pleasing manner, his kindness, and above all his splendid qualities as a man, had won his way into the heart of every Sigma Alph with whom he came in contact. This popularity was not confined to the members of the Fraternity, nor to the students at the University, but every one who knew him, old or young, laboring man and business man, regarded him as a friend, and when they heard he had fallen a victim to typhoid fever they felt that an unusually promising career had been cut off. He was the son of Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, D. D., of Milton, Pa., and was born twenty-one years ago. He was educated at the public schools of Milton and entered Bucknell with the class of 1903, but owing to an aversion to secret societies did not join a fraternity at that time. After two years he dropped out of school in order to accept a position as draughtsman with the American Car and Foundry Company, and during the year 1904 was in their main office in New York City. While there he became acquainted with some of the boys of New York Mu at Columbia and impressions received there, together with the fact that Pennsylvania Zeta has an unusually fine chapter, had their effect, so that when he reentered the University last year it was but natural that he should choose to cast his lot with Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He made the highest average in his studies, during the spring term, of all the students in the college, was elected manager of the track team for the year 1907, and was regarded as the most promising candidate for the basketball team for this winter. S. A. E. has lost a good, a splendid man, one who loved the doctrines of the Fraternity, and who, had he been spared, would have brought honor to it and to himself.

*Pennsylvania Zeta, '04.*

WILLIAM GRAY MURDOCK.





## The Men of the Fraternity.



Rev. Lewis Gouverneur Morris, New York Sigma Phi, '94, has recently removed to Los Angeles, Cal., in response to a very desirable call.

The flock of St. John's has been for some months without a shepherd. But in a few weeks there will again be a rector of St. John's, which in former years was the most fashionable congregation in Los Angeles. The vestry consider themselves exceptionally fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. Lewis G. Morris, who is reputed to be a very energetic worker and a forceful preacher. Mr. Morris was born in Stillwater, Minn., 1873, a descendant of Lewis Morris of Morrisania, N. Y., one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He graduated from St. Stephen's College, Annandale-on-Hudson, 1894, and studied at the General Theological Seminary of New York, 1897; was ordained deacon in 1897 by Bishop Doane and priest in 1898 by Bishop Gilbert. Was curate at Church of St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul, Minn.; rector of Christ Church, Pittsford, N. Y.; became rector of Christ Church, Oswego, May, 1900. Married Miss Ruth Myers of St. Paul, Minn., in 1900 and has two children. Mr. Morris will preach his first sermon in St. John's, September 10.—*Los Angeles Graphic*.



A recent issue of the Columbus *Enquirer-Sun* pays the following high tribute to the editorial work of two able young brothers, Wil-

son M. Hardy, Georgia Beta, '02, and John D. McCartney, of Illinois Psi-Omega and Georgia Beta.

*The Thomasville Times-Enterprise*, which is one of the oldest papers in the State, has just celebrated its third anniversary under the management of Editors Wilson M. Hardy, and John D. McCartney. During these three years *The Times-Enterprise* has progressed and improved in every department and ranks among the best dailies in the State. Its pages give evidence of hard, conscientious work and of that determination which is characteristic of the real newspaper man, to publish the best paper possible.

*The Times-Enterprise* demonstrates its progressiveness and the wisdom of its management by its unceasing work for upbuilding the prosperity of the city and section in which it is published. It is typical of that class of papers published in the southern portion of the State that have done more for the advancement of that section than any other single factor.

*The Enquirer-Sun* cordially congratulates *The Times-Enterprise* editors upon their success and hopes that they will spend many more prosperous years in the work in which they are now engaged.



The subjoined clipping from the New Orleans *Picayune* tells of the sad death of William A. Bethune, Mississippi Gamma, '01:

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 16.—W. A. Bethune, a young attorney of Bond, Miss., was killed at Aberdeen, N. C., yesterday afternoon by the accidental discharge of his gun.

Bethune had gone to Ray's mill pond to take a row. He had his gun with him, and while placing it in the boat struck the hammer on the vessel's side, discharging it. The entire load of shot entered his head, causing instant death.

The young man was on a visit to his former home. Three years ago he left Aberdeen to practice law at Bond. He leaves a mother, three sisters and two brothers.



The appended clipping from the Atlanta *Journal* of November 5th, tells the story of the tragic death of a very promising young member of our Georgia Phi chapter:

Charles Reeve Troutman, 21 years old, a Tech student and son of Rev. M. L. Troutman, pastor of the Park Street Methodist Church, in West End, was run down and instantly killed shortly before 12 o'clock last night by a car near his home.

The car, No. 113, of the East Point line, was coming into the city, and young Troutman, who had stepped off the outgoing car on Lee street, near Zachary, and started around it to go to his home, at 174 Lee street, was

caught unawares. He was run down and terribly mangled, his head being crushed and his arms and nearly every bone in his body broken. The motormen and conductors of both cars, with their passengers, went to the aid of the young man, and got the car off him. He was dead then, however, and his body was sent to the undertaking establishment of H. M. Patterson.

Troutman was the second son of Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Troutman, who live at 174 Lee street. He was in the apprentice class at the Technological school, where he stood well in his class, and was a leading spirit in the life there. His mother and father, who were informed of their son's death a few minutes after it happened, are almost prostrated.

Troutman, it is understood, had been to a fraternity meeting on Edgewood avenue. He boarded a West End Whitehall street car to go home, and left it near Zachary street at 11:40 o'clock.

The young man walked around the rear of the car to cross to the corner, and apparently was not watching for the incoming car on the other track. He is said to have walked directly in front of it.

The motorman was unable to stop the car before it had run down the young man. It mangled him above the waist, tearing off his right arm and crushing his head.

His death will come as a great shock to his fellow students at the Technological school, where young Troutman not only stood well in his class, but also took a leading part in social and athletic affairs.



This obituary notice of **Franklin Hayes Davis**, Massachusetts Iota Tau, '96, is clipped from the *M. I. T. Tech.*

Franklin Hayes Davis, Superintendent of the Armor plate department of the Midvale Steel Works and one of the most prominent experts in his line in this country, died suddenly of heart disease Thursday night, June 22, at the home of John B. Stephenson, Great Barrington, Mass. Mr. Davis had been in poor health for some time, and two weeks before went to Massachusetts for a short vacation.

Mr. Davis was the son of John H. Davis, of Wayne, Pa. He was born in Albany, N. Y., received his early education in the schools of Philadelphia and graduated from the Central High School. In 1896 he graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the same year was appointed assistant inspector of ordinance for the United States Government at the Midvale Steel Works. He held this position until two years ago, when the Armor plate department was organized. On account of his high standing in his profession he was given charge of this department and by hard work soon rose to be an expert. Too hard work and too close concentration to his duties brought on poor health.

Mr. Davis's death was sudden and was attributed to heart disease, brought on by previous overwork.

**Henry R. Safford**, [*Indiana Beta*, '95] was in June appointed Assistant Chief Engineer of the "Illinois Central Railroad Company," headquarters Chicago. Mr. Safford is an unusually young man to fill a position of so much prominence.—*Purdue Exponent*.



**H. U. Wallace**, *Indiana Beta*, '94.—Mr. Harold U. Wallace, son of John F. Wallace, who has just resigned the chief engineership of the Panama Canal Commission, has accepted the third vice-presidency of J. G. White & Co. Mr. H. U. Wallace resigns as chief engineer of the Illinois Central Railroad to accept this position. He has been connected with that road since 1894, and since 1902 has been its chief engineer.—*Engineering and Mining Journal*.



**A. E. Carpenter**, *Pennsylvania Theta*, '06.—Classmates of Aaron Everly Carpenter, 2d, who will not graduate from the University of Pennsylvania until next year, learned yesterday that he is the father of triplets.

The stork, with its unusual burden, visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter at 2105 North Eighteenth Street, last Saturday. Two of the babies were girls and one a boy. Of the former one has since died, but the other two and their mother are doing well.

Mrs. Carpenter is also known at the University, for she has taken a prominent part in several social affairs of the seat of learning.

Mr. Carpenter is a son of Charles E. Carpenter, chairman of the City party in the Thirty-second Ward.

"The Pennsylvanian" is issued under his editorship, and he is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and the Zelosophio Society.

He is twenty-two years old and his wife is three years younger.



**William Frederick Ford**, *Pennsylvania Theta*, '05.—The wedding of Miss Emma Florence Rehffuss and Mr. William Frederick Ford, of Washington, was solemnized at 7:30 o'clock last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. George Rehffuss, 1327 South Broad street. The Rev. Dr. Vollmer officiated. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Helen Rehffuss, as maid of honor, and by Miss Gertrude Haveck and Miss Florence Greve as bridesmaids. Mr. E. C. Rutschman acted as best man, and Mr. A. Bushnell and Mr. Charles Rehffuss were the ushers. The bride wore a white silk dress, a tulle veil caught up with orange blossoms, and carried a large bouquet of roses. A reception followed. The bridegroom was a student of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1905. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Ford, after a short honeymoon, will reside in this city.



**MacAllaster Moore**, *Massachusetts Gamma*, 1903.—The marriage of MacAllaster Moore, son of Charles Moore, secretary of the Union Trust Co., and

former secretary to Senator McMillan, and Miss Mary Katharine Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Townsend Jones, of New York, will be celebrated at noon Monday at the residence of the bride's parents, 140 West Seventy-fourth street, New York. Only relatives will witness the ceremony, at which Rev. Dr. Strong of the Episcopal Church, New York, will officiate, assisted by Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, of Washington. Whitney Ball, of Washington, will act as best man, and Messrs. Bleecker and King of New York, E. H. Virgin, of Cambridge, Mass., and Dr. W. E. Blodgett, of Detroit, will usher. A wedding breakfast will follow the ceremony. Mr. Moore and his bride are to make their home in the Renaud apartments, Detroit. Mr. Moore is a graduate of Harvard College and has spent most of his time in the East since his graduation. The University Club gave a dinner in his honor Wednesday night. He leaves tonight for New York, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moore.—*Detroit Journal*.

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## The Doings of the Old Grads.

### WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC.

'04. The engagement is announced of Fred M. Feiker and Miss Elizabeth Balsler Campbell, of Northampton, Mass.—'05. F. Boardman Clapp who has been spending a vacation at his home in Australia, has recently set sail for this country, where he will take a position with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y.

### CORNELL.

'95. Assemblyman George Norton Rigby has been nominated for City Judge of Yonkers, N. Y.—'98. Arthur Chase Nutt is head of the English Department of the Central State Normal School at Edmond, Oklahoma.—'01. L. E. Gould is now editor-in-chief of the *Street Railway Review*, Chicago.—'03. H. E. Gehring has been appointed an instructor in Civil Engineering for this year.—'05. G. C. Robertson has been appointed an instructor in chemistry. Howard Ehrlich is assistant cashier for a brokerage firm on Wall Street, New York City. W. A. Vawter II is in the offices of the Baker-Vawter Co., in Benton Harbor, Mich. C. F. White is now an architect in Cleveland, Ohio. J. J. White is in the offices of the Westinghouse Electric Co., Pittsburg, Pa. R. L. Kingsland is also with Westinghouse. W. R. Johnston is a civil engineer with the Lackawanna Railroad in New York City. H. C. Rice is with the Buffalo Forge Co., in Buffalo, New York.

C O L U M B I A .

'00. Henry Sydnor Harrison has had interesting short stories published in three recent issues of *The Smart Set*.

G E T T Y S B U R G .

'01. J. G. F. Holston, Jr., M. D., Jefferson Medical College '04, is associated in practice with his father at Zanesville, Ohio. Dr. Harry C. Hoffman, University of Pennsylvania, '05, is resident physician at the West Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa. Rev. William H. Hetrick is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cor. Herkimer St. and Rochester Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Dr. John H. Mehring, University of Pennsylvania, '05, has taken up his duties as resident physician at the Pottsville Hospital, Pottsville, Pa.—'02. Rev. John Koser is pastor of the Lutheran Church at Eglow, W. Va.—'03. D. Snyder Babylon is Secretary and Treasurer of the firm of Babylon, Lippy & Co., proprietors of the Cash Department Stores, Westminster, Md. D. C. Jacobs is professor of Chemistry and Mathematics at Irving College (Female), Mechanicsburg, Pa.—'04. John M. Diehl has entered the Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.—'05. Bruce Cobaugh has returned to Gettysburg to take up graduate work in Chemistry. James B. Landis is employed in the editorial department of the *Berlin Gleaner*, Berlin, Pa.—Ex-'06. Ralph D. Pfahler is associated with his father in the wholesale dry goods business, at Meyersdale, Pa.—Ex-'07. Wm. O. Reinecke is with the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Co., 299 Broadway, New York City.—Ex-'08. John M. Leonard is engaged in the grocery business in Washington, D. C. Bruce Wolff has entered the Dental Department of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md.

G E O R G E W A S H I N G T O N .

'59. The New York *American* Syndicate recently published an essay by William A. Harris, entitled "Reciprocity Merely a Square Deal to the Exporter."

W A S H I N G T O N A N D L E E .

'70. After announcing his candidacy for Governor of Tennessee, William Henry Washington withdrew before the canvass began.—'79. E. B. Kruttschnitt has recently been chosen Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements of the Confederate Veteran Convention to be held next May, at New Orleans.

N O R T H C A R O L I N A .

Lieut. Bruce Cotten, Artillery Corps, U. S. A., is now stationed at Fort Caswell, N. C.—'97. Michael Schenck has removed from Greensboro to Hendersonville, N. C., where he has formed a partnership with W. A. Smith, Esq., the leading attorney of that section of the State.—'00. Gaston L. Myers has been made agency director of The Mutual Life Insurance Co., with headquarters at Richmond, Va.—'01. Chalmers L. Glenn is cashier of

the Wacheria Bank, High Point, N. C. He is the only son of Hon. R. B. Glenn, Governor of North Carolina. Calvin D. Cowles, who graduated from Johns Hopkins University last commencement with degree of M. D., has been retained as an interne at the Johns Hopkins University—'02. O. Stedman Thompson was married to Mary Kincey Boylan in Raleigh, N. C., 15 November, 1905. Brother Thompson is connected with the Southern Ry. Co., in the office of the Vice-President.—'06. Paul W. Schenck has been made 2d Vice-President of the Southern Underwriters Fire Insurance Co., of Greensboro, N. C., an unusual position for a young man less than twenty-five years of age.

## MOUNT UNION.

A life of William McKinley of this chapter is being prepared for the *American Statesman Series* (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.) by Hon. T. C. Dawson, United States Minister to San Domingo.

## OHIO WESLEYAN.

'04. Wesley Page was married to Miss Ethel Boyd O. W. U., '04, of Fredrickstown, O., August 23d, at Lake George, N. Y. He is located at Beloit, Wis., where he has charge of the Y. M. C. A. and athletics at Beloit College.

## CINCINNATI.

'96. Howard L. Melvin is with the Ohio Paper Box Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.—'98. Albert T. Ellis is with the Provident Life & Trust Co., of Philadelphia. He is located in Cincinnati, and his many friends are glad to welcome him again as a resident of the Queen City.—'00. A. Leonard Innes, M.D., has returned to Cincinnati, having completed his internship at the Cumberland Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. He will enter upon a general practice of medicine.—'03. Claudius Newkirk is chemist at the Cincinnati Rubber Mfg. Co., Norwood, O. Eustace Hale Ball is occupying a position on a Boston newspaper, as well as being on the art staff of *The Review of Reviews*.—'04. Howard T. Jones is Cincinnati salesman for the Wagner Electric Mfg. Co., of St. Louis.

## NORTH WESTERN.

'96. William Sheller has been appointed Master in Chancery in the United States Federal Court at Everett, Wash.—'01. James H. Hance is a member of the faculty of the University of Washington.—'03. Ora L. Hall is Sunday Editor of the Chicago Inter-Ocean.—'05. Granville H. Twining has a fellowship in the biological laboratory at Northwestern. James Allen Whitmore is professor of literature and elocution at Bellevue College, Bellevue, Neb.

## ILLINOIS.

'03. Albert M. Johnson is draughtsman with the Lunkenheimer Co., Cincinnati.

GEORGIA.

'93. A short story by Garrard Harris entitled "The Avilars" appears in the July issue of the *All-Stories Magazine*.

MERCER.

'76. Thomas E. Watson has changed his place of residence to the Mountain near Charlottesville, Va.

LOUISIANA STATE.

'03. George B. LeSueur was appointed Superintendent of Sanitary Work at Baton Rouge, La., during the recent yellow fever epidemic.—'07. D. B. Gore is attending Tulane this session.

TULANE.

'01. William A. Bofinger, Jr., with his wife and child, have moved to Chicago, Ill.—'04. Hugh D. Gayden is practicing medicine at Ben Lomond, Miss.

MISSISSIPPI A. & M.

'88. John Darrington is practicing medicine at Yazoo City, Miss.

SEWANEE.

The Macmillans have recently published a paper edition of Edgar Gardner Murphy's "Problems of the Present South."

UNIVERSITY OF NASHVILLE.

'59. George W. Gordon is a candidate for Congress from the 10th Tennessee District.

## Association Letters.

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### Cincinnati, Ohio.

IN this first letter written by the new Secretary of the Cincinnati Association, there is little to say of moment. Two dinners have been held, on September 29 and November 10, in conjunction with the active chapter; and before this is in the hands of the faithful, another will have been past history. We are planning to hold these dinners monthly during the winter.

Our new president, Brother Leue, is already working on the Semi-Centennial Founders' Day Banquet, at which we expect to reach the century mark in attendance. It is not improbable that the guest of honor will be Governor Beckham, of Kentucky, who will attend unless prevented by press of official business.

As usual our association has been instrumental in aiding the local chapter during the rushing season, and as a result we have taken in the largest number of all the chapters here, and are in close touch with some other good men, whose names may soon appear in *THE RECORD*.

MORGAN VAN MATRE.

21 November, 1905.

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### Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

THE monthly dinner system is becoming firmly established in the

Milwaukee Alumni Association, so firmly that every Sigma Alpha in town looks forward with pleasure to the first Saturday of every month.

At our dinner in August we had the pleasure of entertaining Brothers Lerum and Williams, of Wisconsin, Gillan and Crossman, of Minnesota, and Snite of the Harvard chapter.

Brothers C. C. Jett and C. M. Jett are no longer with us. C. C. has gone to Cleveland, and C. M. to Chicago.

Our membership has been increased by the arrival of Brothers Scott from Georgia, Ross from Ohio and Dr. Holbrook from Harvard. Our present membership numbers in the twenties, but we feel there are many Sigma Alphas in and around Milwaukee with whom we have been unable to get in touch. We want every such brother to come into the fold. Drop a line to Dr. Wenstrand, care of the N. W. Mutual Life, Milwaukee, Wis., and we will be glad to call and tell you all about the ambitions and plans of the Milwaukee Alumni Association.

B. O. PAUST.

4 November, 1905.

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### Seattle, Washington.

SEATTLE was honored this fall by a visit from Brother Billy Levere. One of the good results of this visit

was the organization of the Seattle Alumni Association. For our membership we draw upon all Washington, west of the Cascade mountains, and from this district expect to enroll between fifteen and twenty active and enthusiastic men.

The opening of the University of Washington this year brought us three more loyal brothers: H. L. Bowlby, J. H. Hance and E. O. East-

wood, all of whom are members of the Engineering faculty. This gives us an enviable representation in what is bound to be the great college of the Northwest.

We are always glad to see a Sigma, and any brothers wandering westward are urged to make their presence known to us.

JOHN D. CARMODY.

25 October, 1905.



## Initiates.

We print herewith a roll of all initiates properly reported to the Recorder's office since the last appearance of this list in May, 1905. To obtain correct representation in the roll of initiates, which is now printed twice annually (December and May), the correspondents should report the full names of their new men, their year of graduation and their home town. As the appended list is arranged on a topographical plan, chapters which fail to report the last-named item are debarred from representation.

| Home Town.            | Name of Initiate.               | Chapter Initiating.  |
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| PROVINCE ALPHA.       |                                 |                      |
| <i>Maine.</i>         |                                 |                      |
| East Machias .....    | Edward Earle Gardner .....      | Maine, '09.          |
| Jefferson .....       | Ralph Lysander Jackson .....    | " '09.               |
| " .....               | Frank Cummings Richardson ..... | " '09.               |
| Kennebunk .....       | Edward Watts Morton .....       | " '09.               |
| Old Town .....        | John Meikle Brockie .....       | " '06.               |
| South Paris .....     | Judson Gould Spofford .....     | " '08.               |
| <i>New Hampshire.</i> |                                 |                      |
| Concord .....         | John McNeil Stark .....         | Boston Univ., '06    |
| <i>Massachusetts.</i> |                                 |                      |
| Allston .....         | Lewis Marks .....               | Boston Univ., '07.   |
| Andover .....         | Theodore Dwight Olmsted .....   | W. P. I., '09.       |
| Boston .....          | James Harris Broderick .....    | Colorado Mines, '07. |
| Dorchester .....      | William Newland Moffett .....   | Boston Univ., '07.   |
| " .....               | Elmer Cushing Gray .....        | " " '06.             |

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| <b>PROVINCE ALPHA.—Continued.</b> |                                |                      |
| <i>Massachusetts—Continued.</i>   |                                |                      |
| Fall River.....                   | James Henry Manning.....       | W. P. I., '06.       |
| Greenfield.....                   | Myron Sibley Stevens.....      | W. P. I., '09.       |
| Lawrence.....                     | Bertram Mellor Hall.....       | Maine, '09.          |
| ".....                            | Walker Flanders Prescott.....  | W. P. I., '09.       |
| Littleton.....                    | Ralph Waldo Conant.....        | Cornell, '09.        |
| Lowell.....                       | John Cochrane Legatt.....      | Boston Univ., '06.   |
| Roxbury.....                      | Elmer Albert Merriam.....      | " " '05.             |
| Somerville.....                   | Harrison Parker Higgins.....   | Maine, '09.          |
| Woburn.....                       | Raymond Marston Adams.....     | Boston Univ., '07.   |
| Worcester.....                    | George William Woodward.....   | W. P. I., '08.       |
| <i>Rhode Island.</i>              |                                |                      |
| Woonsocket.....                   | Edwin Randolph Thomas.....     | Cornell, '08.        |
| <b>PROVINCE BETA.</b>             |                                |                      |
| <i>New York.</i>                  |                                |                      |
| Albany.....                       | William Bew White.....         | Cornell, '08.        |
| Buffalo.....                      | Clifford Mackay Husted.....    | " '08.               |
| Brooklyn.....                     | Thomas Ahearn Lant.....        | Columbia, '08.       |
| ".....                            | Joseph Elliott Prentiss.....   | Missouri, '09.       |
| New York.....                     | Lewis Montgomery Allen.....    | Colorado Mines, '09. |
| ".....                            | Edward Percy Eglee.....        | Colorado Univ., '09. |
| ".....                            | Frederick Fillmore French..... | Columbia, '09.       |
| ".....                            | Emil Michael Herrmann.....     | " '09.               |
| ".....                            | Milton Crawford Mapes.....     | " '09.               |
| Ogdensburg.....                   | Dudley Russell Howard.....     | Cornell, '07.        |
| Pt. Byron.....                    | Lewis Swift Waterman.....      | Adrian, '08.         |
| Syracuse.....                     | Harry Newton Buchans.....      | M. I. T., '07.       |
| Wantagh, L. I.....                | Frank Phipps Rhame.....        | Cornell, '09.        |
| <i>New Jersey.</i>                |                                |                      |
| Montclair.....                    | James Gillies.....             | Columbia, '09.       |
| <i>Pennsylvania.</i>              |                                |                      |
| Albion.....                       | Charley Orley Peters.....      | Allegheny, '09.      |
| Bloomsburg.....                   | Frank Warren Turner.....       | Stanford, '08.       |
| Blossburg.....                    | William F. Keefe.....          | Purdue, '08.         |
| Knox.....                         | Harry Hess Hamm.....           | Allegheny, '08.      |
| Meadville.....                    | Lawrence Burr Starr.....       | " '08.               |
| Pittsburg.....                    | Paul Rineheart Lasear.....     | Adrian, '09.         |
| ".....                            | William Russell Lyons.....     | " '09.               |
| Sharon Center.....                | Amos Newton Cole.....          | Stanford, '08.       |
| Tarentum.....                     | William Ralph Mahaffey.....    | Allegheny, '09.      |
| Tidionte.....                     | Ralph Curtis Siggins.....      | " '08.               |
| Wilkinsburg.....                  | James Lindsay Weldon.....      | " '08.               |
| Williamsport.....                 | Ralph Emerick Bell.....        | Gettysburg, '09.     |
| <b>PROVINCE GAMMA.</b>            |                                |                      |
| <i>Maryland.</i>                  |                                |                      |
| Easton.....                       | Charles Bryden Low.....        | Virginia, '07.       |
| Oakland.....                      | Edmund Longinus Manges.....    | Gettysburg, '08.     |

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| P R O V I N C E   G A M M A—Continued. |                                |                       |
|  | <i>District of Columbia.</i>   |                       |
| Washington.....                        | John Leonard Chatterton....    | Geo. Washington, '07. |
| ".....                                 | William Postelwait Elliott.... | " " '07.              |
| ".....                                 | Wilbur Walter Fowler.....      | " " '06.              |
| ".....                                 | Fred Henshaw Low.....          | " " '08.              |
| ".....                                 | Henry Petingale Merrill.....   | " " '07.              |
| ".....                                 | Frederick Clinton More.....    | " " '08.              |
| ".....                                 | Harry Alfred Ong.....          | " " '08.              |
| ".....                                 | Ira Halsey Patchin.....        | " " '07.              |
| ".....                                 | Theodore Lenus Reed.....       | " " '08.              |
|  | <i>Virginia.</i>               |                       |
| Craddockville.....                     | Henry Alexander Wise.....      | Central Univ., '05.   |
|  | <i>North Carolina.</i>         |                       |
| Fayetteville.....                      | Eugene Morehead Morgan....     | Davidson, '09.        |
| ".....                                 | Thomas William Rankin.....     | " " '09.              |
| Penelo.....                            | Francis Augustus Cox.....      | Virginia, '07.        |
|  | <i>South Carolina.</i>         |                       |
| Anderson.....                          | Albert Bleckley Means.....     | Georgia Tech., '09.   |
| Barnwell.....                          | Ernest Henry Harley.....       | Wofford, '08.         |
| Bennettsville.....                     | Warren Duvall Jackson.....     | " '08.                |
| Coronaca.....                          | Charles Everett Klugh.....     | " '08.                |
| Greenville.....                        | Nathan Bachman Preston.....    | Davidson, '08.        |
| Greenwood.....                         | William James Parks, Jr.....   | Wofford, '08.         |
| Sumter.....                            | Water Cunningham Boyle.....    | " '08.                |
| Tatum.....                             | Leroy Stanton.....             | " '08.                |
| P R O V I N C E   D E L T A            |                                |                       |
|  | <i>Indiana.</i>                |                       |
| Kingsbury.....                         | Earle Granville Hewson.....    | Chicago, '09.         |
| Rose Lawn.....                         | Ritze Mulder.....              | Northwestern, '07.    |
| Warsaw.....                            | Frazier Arnold.....            | " '09.                |
|  | <i>Illinois.</i>               |                       |
| Bloomington.....                       | Frank Grover Adams.....        | Northwestern, '08.    |
| ".....                                 | Thomas Fitch Harwood.....      | Colorado Mines, '09.  |
| Chicago.....                           | Harold Holmes Scott.....       | Northwestern, '08.    |
| ".....                                 | Leslie Stuart Gordon.....      | Purdue, '07.          |
| Elburn.....                            | George Cook Read.....          | Iowa State, '05.      |
| Elgin.....                             | John Connor Loncks.....        | Tennessee, '09.       |
| Evanston.....                          | Raymond Prentice Bowman.....   | Northwestern, '08.    |
| ".....                                 | George Oliver Crume.....       | " '09.                |
| ".....                                 | Herbert E. Heren.....          | " '09.                |
| ".....                                 | James de Fees LeCron.....      | " '08.                |
| Riverside.....                         | George Herbert Bryant.....     | Virginia, '08.        |
| Rockford.....                          | Hugo Henry Hering.....         | Wisconsin, '08.       |
| Sandwich.....                          | Gilbert Emery Ryder.....       | " '07.                |
|  | <i>Michigan.</i>               |                       |
| Detroit.....                           | George Watson Wallace.....     | Minnesota, '06.       |
| Ionia.....                             | George Newton Ellis.....       | Michigan, '10.        |
| Traverse City.....                     | James Alfred Moore.....        | Michigan, '08.        |

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| PROVINCE DELTA.—Continued. |                               |                     |
| <i>Minnesota.</i>          |                               |                     |
| Benson.....                | Irving McLaren Hudson.....    | Minnesota, '06.     |
| Brainerd.....              | Clark Sherwood Smth.....      | " '07.              |
| Buffalo.....               | Albert Gay Alley.....         | " '03.              |
| Dawson.....                | Axel B. Lund.....             | " '06.              |
| Hector.....                | Bainbridge W. Foster.....     | " '07.              |
| Heron Lake.....            | Walter Judson Gessell.....    | " '08.              |
| Mankato.....               | Maurice Vaughn Evans.....     | " '03.              |
| Marshall.....              | George Sloan Langland.....    | " '06.              |
| Minneapolis.....           | Walter Jewett Allen.....      | " '00.              |
| ".....                     | Ralph Harvey Baldwin.....     | " '05.              |
| ".....                     | Charles Roland Conkey.....    | " '09.              |
| ".....                     | Laidley B. Curtiss.....       | " '08.              |
| ".....                     | George Wudham Caplin.....     | " '04.              |
| ".....                     | E. R. Edgerton.....           | " '07.              |
| ".....                     | Royce Wheeler Gilbert.....    | " '08.              |
| ".....                     | James Hugh Hartzell.....      | " '05.              |
| ".....                     | O. E. M. Keller.....          | " '05.              |
| ".....                     | Henry Clinton Mackall.....    | " '08.              |
| ".....                     | Robert Stanley Merriam.....   | " '05.              |
| ".....                     | Arthur Edward Mitterer.....   | " '09.              |
| ".....                     | Chelsea Carol Pratt.....      | " '05.              |
| ".....                     | Arthur Edward Smith.....      | " '05.              |
| Northfield.....            | Pierce Powers Furber.....     | " '08.              |
| Owatonna.....              | Floyd Sterling Loomis.....    | " '07.              |
| St. Cloud.....             | Luther Oakes Whitman.....     | " '05.              |
| St. Paul.....              | Charles Norton Hursel.....    | " '08.              |
| Winnebago.....             | Andrew Paul Dunn.....         | " '06.              |
| Winona.....                | Ralph Elmore Squires.....     | " '02.              |
| <i>Ohio.</i>               |                               |                     |
| Barnesville.....           | Ross Phillips Thomas.....     | Mt. Union, '09.     |
| Bissels.....               | Virgil Aldelbert Root.....    | Case School, '08.   |
| Cincinnati.....            | Earl Arthur Emerson.....      | Cornell, '09.       |
| ".....                     | Albert Paul Preyer.....       | " '08.              |
| Cleveland.....             | Howard Hume Dawson.....       | Case School, '06.   |
| Dayton.....                | Winfred Forrest Coover.....   | Iowa State, '05.    |
| ".....                     | William Henry Artz.....       | Ohio State, '08.    |
| Green Camp.....            | John Francis Travis.....      | Iowa State, '05.    |
| Hamilton.....              | Timothy Seymour Goodman.....  | Cornell, '08.       |
| Hanoverton.....            | Ralph Pearce Cape.....        | Mt. Union, '10.     |
| Martin's Ferry.....        | Everett Drennen.....          | Cornell, '07.       |
| Minerva.....               | Edgar William Ramsey.....     | Mt. Union, '09.     |
| Mingo Junction.....        | Clarence Roy Clark.....       | Case School, '08.   |
| New Concord.....           | Henry Halsted Harper.....     | Chicago, '08.       |
| Perry.....                 | John Gordon Belknap.....      | Ohio State, '07.    |
| ".....                     | Harry Tyler Belknap.....      | Ohio State, '07.    |
| Randolph.....              | John Sherman Woolf.....       | Mt. Union, '09.     |
| Sandusky.....              | Ralph Hugh Bookmeyer.....     | Stanford, '08.      |
| Senecaville.....           | William Franklin Millhon..... | Mt. Union, '09.     |
| Sidney.....                | Raymond V. Forsyth.....       | Denver, '09.        |
| Steubenville.....          | Howard Simpson Joyce.....     | Adrian, '09.        |
| Toledo.....                | William Clifford Acklin.....  | Cornell, '09.       |

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| PROVINCE DELTA—Continued. |                                  |                     |
| <i>Ohio—Continued.</i>    |                                  |                     |
| Toledo.....               | Joseph Edward Kewley.....        | Ohio State, '06.    |
| <i>Wisconsin</i>          |                                  |                     |
| Ashland.....              | Louis Bernard Williams.....      | Minnesota, '09.     |
| Merrill.....              | Julius Goodwin Carlson.....      | Northwestern, '05.  |
| Milwaukee.....            | Charles Nye Crossman.....        | Minnesota, '06.     |
| ".....                    | Silas Lee Gillan.....            | " '07.              |
| ".....                    | Robert Emery Williams.....       | Wisconsin, '09.     |
| PROVINCE EPSILON.         |                                  |                     |
| <i>Alabama.</i>           |                                  |                     |
| Anniston.....             | F. A. Swanburg.....              | Southern, '08.      |
| Auburn.....               | Clay I. Hudson.....              | S. W. B. U., '09.   |
| Birmingham.....           | Leicester Le Mort Jackson.....   | Chicago, '08.       |
| ".....                    | Fred Gillman Koenig.....         | Alabama, '07.       |
| Demopolis.....            | John Henry Woolf.....            | " '07.              |
| Flora.....                | Gilderoy Killough.....           | Southern, '08.      |
| Greensboro.....           | Morgan Suraw.....                | " '09.              |
| Ozark.....                | Noel T. Dowling.....             | " '08.              |
| Prattville.....           | William Howard Smith.....        | Iowa State, '06.    |
| Pushmataha.....           | S. W. H. Williams.....           | Southern, '07.      |
| Wetumpka.....             | Charles Benjamin Gaddis.....     | Alabama, '07.       |
| <i>Florida.</i>           |                                  |                     |
| Jacksonville.....         | Alex'r Bronson Campbell, Jr..... | W. P. I., '09.      |
| Pensacola.....            | Kirke Monroe.....                | Virginia, '07.      |
| <i>Georgia.</i>           |                                  |                     |
| Atlanta.....              | Remsen Porter King.....          | Georgia, '07.       |
| Athens.....               | John Zimmerman Hoke, Jr.....     | " '09.              |
| Augusta.....              | Henry Hunter Cranston.....       | " '09.              |
| ".....                    | Frank Branch Rheney.....         | Emory, '10.         |
| ".....                    | William Carrington Sherman.....  | Georgia, '07.       |
| Boonesville.....          | Henry Hall Lambdin.....          | Georgia Tech., '10. |
| Brunswick.....            | Frank Brailsford Atkinson.....   | " '10.              |
| Columbus.....             | Eugene Mayson Ransom.....        | Georgia, '08.       |
| Covington.....            | Otto Lee Henderson.....          | Emory, '09.         |
| Decatur.....              | James Julius Scott.....          | Georgia, '09.       |
| Griffin.....              | Henry Heywood Deane.....         | " '08.              |
| ".....                    | John Blakeley Mills.....         | Georgia Tech., '09. |
| Hamilton.....             | Charles Llewellyn Williams.....  | " —.                |
| Macon.....                | Neel Reid.....                   | Columbia, '08.      |
| ".....                    | Bryan Brown Davis.....           | Georgia, '07.       |
| Rome.....                 | John Lindsay Johnson, Jr.....    | " '07.              |
| Thomasville.....          | Fred Lyle Boyer.....             | Emory, '09.         |
| ".....                    | Alexander Smith Cassels.....     | Georgia, '09.       |
| Valdosta.....             | William Roberts Strickland.....  | Emory, '08.         |
| Washington.....           | Harry King Brooks.....           | " '07.              |
| ".....                    | Carroll Demcie Colley.....       | Georgia, '09.       |
| Waynesboro.....           | Alvin Zack Cox.....              | " '07.              |

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| <b>PROVINCE ZETA.</b> |                            |                       |
| <i>Arkansas.</i>      |                            |                       |
| Clarksville           | Heartsill Hiram Ragon      | Arkansas, Special.    |
| Fort Smith            | Ralph Edward Daniels       | Geo. Washington, '08. |
| " "                   | William Theodore Reynolds  | Arkansas, Special.    |
| Haynes                | John Jackson Hughes, Jr.   | " "                   |
| Little Rock           | William Howard McLean      | Arkansas, '09.        |
| " "                   | Francis Augustus Terry     | " Special.            |
| " "                   | Clifton Lee Brack          | " '08.                |
| <i>Iowa.</i>          |                            |                       |
| Ames                  | Adolph Shane               | Iowa State, '05.      |
| Anamoso               | John Hyren Peck            | Iowa, '09.            |
| Carroll               | Frederick Paul Collison    | Iowa State, '06.      |
| " "                   | Henry Mathias Hanssen      | " " '06.              |
| Cedar Rapids          | Louis Denton Dennis        | Iowa, '06.            |
| Charles City          | Conrad Erwin Trudden       | Iowa State, '08.      |
| Creston               | Isaiah John Waterman       | Iowa, '09.            |
| Council Bluffs        | Robert Weir McPherson      | Iowa State, '06.      |
| " "                   | Ralph Denny Robertson      | " " '07.              |
| Des Moines            | Russell Forest Balthis     | " " '07.              |
| " "                   | William Joseph Kirsher     | " " '07.              |
| Early                 | Guy Russell Kenny          | " " '06.              |
| Hampton               | William Barton Barney, Jr. | " " '08.              |
| Humbolt               | Royal F. French            | Iowa, '06.            |
| Iowa City             | Philips Douglass MacBirde  | " '08.                |
| Keokuk                | Theodore T. Meyling        | Iowa State, '07.      |
| Le Mars               | Miles O. Bolser            | " " '07.              |
| " "                   | William Yale Smiley        | Minnesota, '09.       |
| Marshalltown          | William Henry Long         | Northwestern, '06.    |
| " "                   | Samuel S. Nichols          | Iowa State, '05.      |
| McGregor              | Karl Daniel Bickel         | " " '07.              |
| " "                   | Fred Mathews Sloan         | " " '06.              |
| Marengo               | Lewis Francis Hermann      | Northwestern, '09.    |
| Monticello            | Lyle Jewett Hicks          | Iowa State, '07.      |
| Muscatine             | Walter Lawrence Myers      | Iowa, '08.            |
| Newton                | Jay Smith Lambert          | Iowa State, '08.      |
| " "                   | Hugh A. Seeberger          | Northwestern, '09.    |
| Odebolt (?)           | Wayne Moser Sayre          | Minnesota, '09.       |
| Parkersburg           | Clarence Arthur Mahanke    | Iowa State, '05.      |
| " "                   | Gus John Scherling         | " " '07.              |
| Reinbeck              | Lyman Andrew McIntyre      | " " '08.              |
| State Center          | Raymond Edward Rickerson   | " " '08.              |
| West Liberty          | Roy Daniel Whitacre        | " " '07.              |
| Zearing               | Lester Maynard Burkhart    | " " '08.              |
| <i>Missouri.</i>      |                            |                       |
| Columbia              | John Wood Read, Jr.        | Missouri, '09.        |
| Kansas City           | Robert H. Bowman           | Cornell, '08.         |
| " "                   | Ralph Edgar Ellis          | Missouri, '07.        |
| " "                   | Earl Blair Mill            | Michigan, '09.        |
| " "                   | Virgil Kinsey Morgan       | " '09.                |
| Sedalia               | Walter Chanslor Dalby      | Missouri, '09.        |
| " "                   | Dell Almond Shields        | " '09.                |

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| PROVINCE ZETA—Continued.   |                                 |                     |
| <i>Missouri—Continued.</i> |                                 |                     |
| St. Louis.....             | Fred Louis Bock .....           | Washington, '09.    |
| " .....                    | Charles Ruby Castlen .....      | " '09.              |
| " .....                    | Harry Wightman Castlen .....    | " '09.              |
| " .....                    | Charles Bond Deibel .....       | Missouri, '09.      |
| " .....                    | Frank Henry Fisse .....         | Washington, '09.    |
| " .....                    | Miller Roberts LeVoy .....      | " '09.              |
| " .....                    | George Franklin Reppy, Jr ..... | Missouri, '09.      |
| " .....                    | Alleyn Von Schrader .....       | Washington, '09.    |
| " .....                    | Walter Schmitz .....            | " '09.              |
| " .....                    | Ralf Toensfeldt .....           | " '09.              |
| Webb City.....             | Leonard Case David .....        | Case School, '09.   |
| Webster Park .....         | John David Biggers .....        | Washington, '09.    |

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| <i>California.</i>    |                                  |                      |
| Colton.....           | Charles Henry Wondries .....     | Chicago, '08.        |
| Los Gatos.....        | George Franklin Shaner .....     | Stanford, '07.       |
| Oakland .....         | Harry Frederick Bruning .....    | " '09.               |
| " .....               | Milton Jeffery Horsville .....   | California, '09.     |
| " .....               | Howard Benjamin Kinsman .....    | " '09.               |
| Onburn.....           | George Vincent Bell .....        | " '09.               |
| Sacramento.....       | Norman Eugene Doan .....         | Stanford, '09.       |
| San Francisco .....   | Philips Ries Faymonville .....   | " '09.               |
| " .....               | James Rose .....                 | California, '09.     |
| San Juan.....         | Henry Hiram Ray.....             | " '09.               |
| San José .....        | Clarence M. Lynn .....           | Stanford, '09.       |
| Santa Barbara .....   | James Barrows Vaile.....         | Colorado, '07.       |
| <i>Colorado.</i>      |                                  |                      |
| Cedaredge.....        | Melvin W. Gipe.....              | Denver, '09.         |
| Central City.....     | Jesse Ulysses Harry Barker ..... | " '05.               |
| Denver .....          | Enos Rescarick Ayres .....       | Colorado Mines, '09. |
| " .....               | Nathan Lindell Coleman.....      | Denver, '08.         |
| " .....               | Curtis A. Gondy .....            | Michigan, '09.       |
| " .....               | John Rhys Griffith .....         | Denver, '08.         |
| " .....               | Kennett Henderson .....          | " '09.               |
| " .....               | Gordon Ferguson Macbeth.....     | Colorada Mines, '07. |
| " .....               | Albert Teller Orahood .....      | Colorado, '09.       |
| " .....               | William Brownlow Patrick .....   | Colorado Mines, '09. |
| " .....               | Charles William Sterling .....   | Denver, '09.         |
| Greeley.....          | Willis Arthur Clark .....        | Stanford, '07.       |
| " .....               | Lloyd Binford Neill .....        | Denver, '09.         |
| Hotchkiss.....        | George Hiram Duke, Jr .....      |                      |
| Plattville .....      | Guy Lycan Hammist .....          | Denver, '09.         |
| Pueblo.....           | William Martin Carey .....       | " '08.               |
| " .....               | John Lewis Schuer .....          | Colorado, '09.       |
| Telluride.....        | Austin Rodgers Krocaw .....      | Denver, '09.         |
| University Park ..... | Charles Odell Thibodeau.....     | " '08.               |
| <i>Oregon.</i>        |                                  |                      |
| Portland .....        | Gorham Lane Goodell .....        | Stanford, '09.       |
| " .....               | Roy Viets Meikle .....           | " '07.               |

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| PROVINCE ETA—Continued. |                                 |                       |
| <i>Washington.</i>      |                                 |                       |
| Spokane .....           | Ralph Webster Rogers .....      | Wisconsin, '08.       |
| <i>Wyoming.</i>         |                                 |                       |
| Cheyenne .....          | Henry Allen Patten .....        | Cornell, '07.         |
| PROVINCE THETA.         |                                 |                       |
| <i>Louisiana.</i>       |                                 |                       |
| Baton Rouge .....       | Wilbur Fenner Nicholson .....   | Louisiana, '08.       |
| Monroe .....            | Samuel Hornsby Calvert .....    | Tennessee, '09.       |
| New Orleans .....       | George Eveleth Dicks .....      | Georgia Tech, '10.    |
| " .....                 | Lionel John Gottschalk .....    | Cornell, '08.         |
| Vanceville .....        | Jacob Zeigler Wise .....        | Louisiana, '08.       |
| <i>Mississippi.</i>     |                                 |                       |
| Columbus .....          | William Craddock Boyd .....     | Southern, '09.        |
| Hattiesburg .....       | Joseph Rowan Haney, Jr. ....    | Mississippi, '03.     |
| " .....                 | Charley Creuna Hightower .....  | " '08.                |
| Jackson .....           | Charles Buck Hamilton .....     | " '05.                |
| New Albany .....        | Lome Napoleon Mitchell .....    | " '08.                |
| Okolona .....           | Erie Allen Dawson .....         | " '08.                |
| Oxford .....            | Will Reid McBride .....         | " '08.                |
| Senatobia .....         | T. S. Hooker .....              | S. W. B. U., Special. |
| <i>Texas.</i>           |                                 |                       |
| Austin .....            | Lloyd Parnell Lockridge .....   | Texas, '09.           |
| Columbus .....          | Jack Green Duncan .....         | " '08.                |
| Dallas .....            | William Edwin Keating .....     | " '08.                |
| Fortworth .....         | Sneldon Irwin Edgell .....      | " '09.                |
| Waco .....              | DeWitt Clinton Bolinger .....   | " '08.                |
| PROVINCE IOTA.          |                                 |                       |
| <i>Kentucky.</i>        |                                 |                       |
| Auburn .....            | Lynn David McCarley .....       | Bethel, '08.          |
| Bryantville .....       | Joseph Hogan Ballard .....      | Kentucky State, '09.  |
| Campbellsville .....    | Percy Alexander .....           | Central Univ., '06.   |
| " .....                 | Albert Leonard Bass .....       | " " '07.              |
| " .....                 | Charlie Fleece Cowherd .....    | " " '09.              |
| " .....                 | William Grenshaw Cloyd .....    | " " '06.              |
| Carlisle .....          | Frank Dingleton Powell .....    | Kentucky State, '09.  |
| Covington .....         | Lawrence Ingles McQueen .....   | Central Univ., '09.   |
| Edmonton .....          | Harry Anderson .....            | Bethel, '08.          |
| Flemingsburg .....      | John Palmer Dornell .....       | Central Univ., '07.   |
| " .....                 | Charles Woodson Dudley .....    | " " '07.              |
| " .....                 | Clyde Louis Garr .....          | " " '08.              |
| " .....                 | Robert Andrews Harbeson .....   | " " '08.              |
| " .....                 | Henry C. Power .....            | Kentucky State, '09.  |
| Hardin .....            | Robert Ellison Irvan .....      | Bethel, '09.          |
| Louisville .....        | Napoleon Bruce Brennan .....    | Central Univ., '07.   |
| " .....                 | Nicholas Herman Dasker .....    | " " '07.              |
| Manchester .....        | Geo Madison Adams Manning ..... | Kentucky State, '08.  |
| Mayfield .....          | Olin DeRoy Price .....          | Cumberland, '06.      |
| Maysville .....         | Maurice Cushman Kirk .....      | Kentucky State, '08.  |

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| PROVINCE IOTA — Continued.   |                               |                     |
| <i>Kentucky — Continued.</i> |                               |                     |
| Murray.....                  | Hugh McCorkle McElrath...     | Bethel, '08.        |
| Nolin.....                   | Millard K. Wilson.....        | " '08.              |
| Point Lick.....              | Harry Cecil Frierson.....     | Central Univ., '07. |
| Union.....                   | Coleman Hamilton Lossing...   | " " '08.            |
| <i>Tennessee.</i>            |                               |                     |
| Colliersville.....           | Alfred Orville Canon.....     | S. W. P. U., '09.   |
| Covington.....               | Francis Small Hill.....       | Bethel, '08.        |
| Floursville.....             | William A. Hale.....          | Cumberland, '06.    |
| Jackson.....                 | Percy Howard Callahan.....    | S. W. B. U., '08.   |
| Knoxville.....               | Merrill Doyle Arnold, Jr..... | Tennessee, '08.     |
| ".....                       | John Walker Leach.....        | " '09.              |
| Lebanon.....                 | Alexander Lee Anderson.....   | Cumberland, '06.    |
| ".....                       | Erwin Foster Doak.....        | " Special.          |
| ".....                       | Joseph Ashley Lester.....     | " '09.              |
| ".....                       | Wade Hampton Lester.....      | " Special.          |
| Lewisburg.....               | Walter Steele Marshall.....   | S. W. P. U., '08.   |
| Macon.....                   | Henry Hardy Edenton.....      | S. W. B. U., '08.   |
| Memphis.....                 | James Seddon Allen.....       | Tennessee, '07.     |
| ".....                       | George Booth Malone, Jr.....  | " '07.              |
| ".....                       | Joseph Henry Smith.....       | " Special.          |
| Paris.....                   | Charles William Head.....     | Cumberland, '06.    |
| ".....                       | Dudley Porter.....            | " '06.              |
| Tate Springs.....            | William Baxter Ragsdale.....  | Tennessee, '09.     |
| Union City.....              | William Edgar Hudgins.....    | Cumberland, '06.    |
| FOREIGN.                     |                               |                     |
| <i>Hawaii.</i>               |                               |                     |
| Honolulu.....                | Benjamin Hale Austin.....     | Cornell, '08.       |

## Chapter Letters.

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

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### PROVINCE ALPHA.

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Maine Alpha, University of Maine,  
Orono.

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Now that we are well started in the work of another year, it is well to look around us and see how we stand in the fraternity and college life about us.

We met this fall under the most auspicious circumstances. Our house was all ready for us to come right into when we arrived. All of the old men came back but two. Spoford, whom we initiated late in the spring of last year, made the all-important choice in life and was married in September. Brooks decided it was best for him to stay out and work one year, at least. He is now working for the M. C. R. R. at Waterville. All arrangements for carrying

on the work of the chapter, were made at the end of last year, so that things have run smoothly from the very first.

We have been especially fortunate in getting Freshmen this year. Our new quarters made it possible to have a few prospective men visit us last year. Most of those men have come in with us, this fall, and now we have seven new men, whom we are sure will make good.

Our men are going into the college work with enthusiasm. We have had eight men out for football, four or five men in every game. There are also about ten or twelve fellows out for the musical clubs.

Our matron has been a great addition to the life of our chapter. She has made it seem more home-like,

and has made it possible for us to have visitors and friends at the house at all times.

We have had two or three house parties, which have proved to be very enjoyable times.

It seems as though never before has harmony and good feeling reigned to such an extent as at the present time, and we look forward to a very happy and successful year.

JOHN T. BATES.

Σ A E House,  
13 November, 1905.

Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Boston  
University, Boston.

Now that the first "rush" is over we are glad to announce that we have been successful in pledging several good men. The University opened most auspiciously for fraternities, as the registrations showed the largest Freshman enrollment since the founding of the institution. This was a most welcome fact to us, for coming back with only nine of our last years chapter with us, it is obvious that we were glad to notice so much good material. We believe that we are doing no one an injustice in saying that the men we have initiated, together with those whom we have under consideration, constitute the cream of the new material. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has almost always been the choice with students here, and consequently our bids have been eagerly awaited.

We take great pleasure in announcing the fact that we are in a new chapter-house. Our house-warming on October 17 was

a decided success, and all pronounced it a most enjoyable evening. There was not a dull moment in the whole evening. As each man left the house he went with a broad smile and a hearty handshake, assuring us that his sojourn of a few hours with us had been a pleasant one.

On November 8, we held our first initiation of the year. We initiated into the bonds of Σ A E, Harris E. Wales, Frank E. Raymond, Gustaf E. E. Miller, Lester W. Russell, Irving T. C. Coates, Leon Hitch and Theodore L. Stoddard. They are all exceedingly enthusiastic over the Fraternity, and will prove to be good workers, we are sure. At the initiation about twenty-five of our brothers from Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology were present, and we enjoyed their visit very much.

The first of our semi-annual province banquets, more commonly known as "The Auburndale Joint Initiation and Banquet," comes next month. These events are always looked forward to by all the brothers in the province with much pleasant anticipation, and we have every reason to believe that this fall "Auburndale" will be as much of a success as in the past.

Sigma Alphas who find themselves passing through Boston, upon calling on us, will always find awaiting them a sincerely cordial welcome and hands extended to give them the grip that binds us all in the bonds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

LEWIS MARKS.

Σ A E House, 3 Bellingham Place,  
10 November, 1905.

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

THIS year eighteen of us, about the average number, reassembled, and we have been rather quicker than usual with our rushing. Five men have been pledged and three more are probable, so that—if that were our way of doing things, which it isn't—we might now lie on our oars a bit. Before Auburndale, which is fast approaching, we shall, no doubt, have several more neophytes.

We have taken a very important step towards having a house of our own by instituting the custom of each man's pledging himself to pay to the Building Fund \$100 within ten years of graduation. In a few years when this money begins to come in Massachusetts Iota Tau will be able to build any kind of a house it likes.

Our Hallowe'en party was possibly a greater success than usual. These social functions are a strong point with us, and we find them a very fine lure for men we want. If any chapter does not go in for dances and parties let it take our advice and get one up and have the rushed men around.

Congratulations are in order to our brothers of Boston University, who have just entered a house in the face of difficulties few of us encounter or can easily appreciate. Several of us and of the Harvard chapter paid them a visit not long ago.

A number of our alumni and other Sigmas have favored us with visits lately. Brother Healy, '04, came in from the West and stayed with us some time and was very welcome.

Brother Holland, '95, also showed up from Honolulu. We hope these and all our other brothers may find opportunities to call on us often.

J. K. HEYDON.

Σ A E House, 263 Newbury St.  
12 November, 1905.

Massachusetts Gamma, Harvard Uni-  
versity, Cambridge.

MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA woke up from its summer nap to find only sixteen active members left her, a rather startling reduction from the forty odd that left here in good health and (apparently) in sane state of mind last June. As a result, we have been dissipating in an unusually large number of "beer nights," and many men are now pledged.

We hear various intimations that other chapters are also busy. Our brothers of Boston University, who have just succeeded in "housing" themselves on Beacon Hill, invited us in to their first initiation a little while ago. The writer himself did not go, but he heard enthusiastic accounts. Among other things he was told that when a *second* party of our men were hunting for the house, giving the whistle as they went, crowds of muckers emerged from various nooks and corners, crying: "We knows where you'uns wants to go!" I mention this in order that if any stray Sigma should feel doubtful about finding our enterprising Boston brothers he may know wherein lies the "open sesame."

Before the RECORD is out we shall probably have made our annual call on Massachusetts Δ (Worcester) in

response to their invitation. We are just now considering the problem of getting up a football team out of a chapter of sixteen men.

The fall Auburndale takes place in early December. We expect to show the natives of that peaceful hamlet an impressive array of "its." We are hoping to see some men from Worcester there (as we did last spring) and perhaps some from Maine A.

Come and see us, fellow Sigs. "Noctes atque dies patet janua" of 20 Prescott street.

C. S. DOWNES.

Σ A E House, 20 Prescott St.  
14 November, 1905.

**Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Poly-technic Institute, Worcester.**

**A** GAIN the cold hand of Death has been laid upon Massachusetts Delta, and we are mourning the death of Brother Daniel Howard Maxwell. He was popular and energetic while in active membership and showed great loyalty and zeal during his subsequent life outside the college walls. We have lost in him a true Sig Alph.

The thread of active fraternity life was resumed this fall when twenty loyal sons of Minerva gathered for another year of strenuous Tech life and harmonious good-fellowship. Our first attentions were turned to the selection of Sig Alph material from the large entering class of 152 Freshmen. Four from this class (as well as one Senior and one Sophomore) have been initiated in the teachings of the order. Another

Freshman is pledged and much good material is still at hand.

Our rivals are prospering. Within a week a new pin has appeared on the scene bearing the letters Pi Omega Pi. Both of the other two locals have gone into houses and their numbers are increasing rapidly.

In athletics, football is our stroug point. The Sigma badge rests on three "W's," while a fourth "W" man is a pledge. Two Varsity subs and several prominent men on the class teams come from our ranks. In the annual elections, also, the offices of president, two directors and the manager of the track team came our way. We were substantially represented in the tennis tournament and cross-country runs and have two members of last year's basketball team on the floor again this year.

Our social tendencies have resulted in two smokers and an informal dance with its attendant and ever-present house-cleaning. We look forward with great pleasure to the yearly visit and a much anticipated football match with our Gamma brothers in the near future.

Thanks to Providence (R. I.), "Col." Stowell is now quite near us, and we hope to have him with us on many occasions during the year.

Brother Scott dropped in on us the other day and several of our alumni visit us occasionally, but our new visitors' book is not filling up as fast as we had hoped it would. The latch is always out and a warm welcome within for the wandering Sig brother at Humboldt avenue.

WILLIS L. TOWNE.

Σ A E House, Humboldt Ave.  
13 November, 1905.

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 PROVINCE BETA.
 

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 New York Alpha, Cornell University, Ithaca.
 

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NEW YORK ALPHA returned twenty-four men this fall, which number includes every man of last year's chapter who did not graduate. Our membership in the faculty has been increased by the return of Gehring, '03, and Robertson, '05, and by Brother Derickson, of our Allegheny chapter. These men have accepted instructorships. By the initiation of six men on October 28, our membership has been brought up to thirty actives.

At the meeting of the New York Alpha Association, on October 28, we were glad to have with us Brothers Army, Cowdrey, Marland and C. F. White, four of our most enthusiastic alumni. The Association meeting was the most profitable and enthusiastic one yet held. The good which this supervision by the alumni does the chapter can not be over-estimated.

Among other visitors we have had this fall were L. E. Gould, '01, and his wife, who made us a short visit on their honeymoon; Ehrich, '05; Kingsland, '05, and J. B. Newman, Michigan Iota Beta, '94, who was on business in this section of the country in his capacity as secretary of W. S. Moore & Co., of Chicago.

We are well represented this fall in college activities. Turner and Wolfersperger are in the Senior honorary society Sphinx Head; Lyford is captain of the basket-ball team, of which Dickerman is also a member;

Turner is on the Varsity track team; Wolfersperger is secretary of the Senior class; Robinson, Gillette and Drennen are in the Mandolin club; Joerger and Drennen in the Glee Club and Masque; Patten was on the '07 class crew and Austin on the '08 class crew; on the tennis team, Drennen, who was elected secretary of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association; White, '08, is on the *Sun* board, which operates our college daily.

Our lodge has elastic accommodations, and we wish all Sigma Alphas who visit Ithaca to make Hill Crest their headquarters.

J. J. WOLFERSPERGER,  
 Σ A E House, Hill Crest.  
 5 November, 1905.

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 New York Mu, Columbia University, New York.
 

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COLLEGE opened the 28th of September, so that by this time we are fairly launched on our daily routine. A week before the opening of college some of the brothers were in the city starting in rushing. This present rushing season is awfully hard to us, as we are without a house to take the Freshmen to, for we can not get in the new house before the sixteenth of October, and our lease on the old one ended the first. Nevertheless we initiated, last night in the house of one of the brothers, four splendid fellows that we expect will do the chapter a great deal of good. There are three or four more very good men that we hope to get.

New York Mu is well represented in the football team, as we have two men playing on the Varsity, the center and one of the ends. This is the beginning of what we expect to be a most successful season for our chapter. The house we bought is situated near college and is a new and splendid house, which will enable us in rushing to compete with the very oldest fraternities at Columbia.

We hope that every brother will consider that there is a permanent invitation extended to him to spend as much time with us as he possibly can.

FREDERICO LAGE.

Σ A E House, 531 W. 113th St.,  
12 October, 1905.

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

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THE season opened for New York Sigma Phi with great evidence of good feeling and fraternal spirit. We were not large in numbers, but we worked together as one man, and have pledged already four of the best men of the incoming class. We had a great fight for two of our neophytes, but will appreciate them all the more as brothers. A great help to us has been the fact that we now have a brother Sigma on the faculty. T. McN. Simpson, of Virginia Omicron, is now Professor of Mathematics at St. Stephens.

Brothers Drumm, Thompson and Lewis spent a few days with us at the beginning of the year, and since we have had visits from Selvage, Sidman and Wescott. Σ A E still holds her place in college activities.

We have four men on the football field, Gardner at right-guard on the Varsity, Oehlhoff as coach, Simmonds on the Scrub, and Shroeter, pledge, as quarter. We also hold the presidencies of the Freshman, Junior and Senior classes.

We are proud of our embryo brothers in Σ A E, and extend congratulations to all the new men of our sister chapters.

FRANK L. SIMMONDS.

Σ A E House,  
13 November, 1905.

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Pennsylvania Omega, Allegheny Col-  
lege, Meadville.

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PENNSYLVANIA OMEGA commenced activities this fall very weak in numbers but inversely strong in spirit. With but three men from last year's chapter back, it was "up to us" to get to work and this we did with a will. Our first step was to initiate Weldon and Peters,—two men who were pledged last year, and with their help we entered into the rushing season confident that we would get our share of the good men. As a proof that our confidence was justified, we can report the initiation of Siggins, Mahaffey and Hamm, three of the strongest men in the school.

In the general activities of the College, our men are all showing up wonderfully well. In athletics, we have McQuiston of this year's football team. "Bill" is the only man we have on the squad, but considering that he is captain and is playing a star game, we feel well represented.

Weldon, together with making the Quill Club, the school's main literary

organization, has had the honor to be elected one of the Sophomore Class debaters and we have no doubt that when the debate comes off in January, he will prove to the class that their selection was a wise one. Colter and Peters were elected Historians of the Sophomore and Freshman Classes respectively. Peters had the distinction of being the only Fraternity man in the Freshman Class who was elected to an office.

Our College Glee Club has organized for the year and on it we have two men, Peters and Siggins. The other musical member of the Chapter is Mahaffey, who is playing on the College Band.

The basketball season is about to open and we expect to have at least two Sigmas on the squad. In spite of the fact that three of last year's Varsity men are gone, we look forward to our usual successful season in this line of sport.

Our new preparatory school building is now nearing completion and as far as may be judged from outside appearances, it is going to be a beauty. Fred S. Breed, M. A., a Sigma of the class of '98, is president of the preparatory school this year, and the manner in which he is booming that institution shows that he is a typical son of Minerva. Because of his position on the faculty, he is not able to take an active part in the chapter's work, but nevertheless we feel much strengthened by his presence here.

Since school commenced we have had the pleasure of short calls from Brothers Fred and Charlie Smith and Brother Bryson.

THOMAS A. COLTER.

Σ A E House,  
14 November, 1905.

Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson  
College, Carlisle.

DICKINSON COLLEGE opened about the middle of September with the largest Freshmen class that has been enrolled for many years. This inpouring of so many Freshmen was the starting signal. The "Rush" was on. Every fraternity seemed hard at work trying to get all they could of the best men. Σ A E got her share. She showed her great influence and power in the final part of the rushing season by having her bid accepted by two men who had been bidden by at least three other of the most important chapters of fraternities here.

We have lost Hammond, '07, Nicodemus, Felt, Green, '08. Hammond is attending Manheim Medical College in Philadelphia, Felt is at Hamilton College. Green, '09, is now in New Jersey. Nicodemus is at his home in Walkersville, Md.

During the time we have been back, Fletcher Sisk, Elbert Nuttle, Thomas A. Smith, Jr., J. R. Chaffinch, George Peters, Edward Barnity, all of the class of '09, have been initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Also H. B. Woodward, '07.

Roush, '05, Johnson, '06 Law, and Thompson, '05, are at the law school this year.

The parlor of our house has been repapered and is in fine condition. Invitations are out for a social stunt Friday, November 10th.

Our hopes are high for our chapter this year, and we look forward to a successful year for Σ A E everywhere. WM. WHITE BANKS,  
Σ A E House, 173 W. Louthier St.,  
7 November, 1905.

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

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA ZETA returned to college in September seventeen strong. With the "regulars" came Culbertson, ex-'05, and Norton, ex-'06, to complete their courses. Among our "Fratres in Facultate" we again number McCamant, '04, and Goddard, '03. Gerber, '05, has returned for a P. G. Ashcroft, Hayes and Topper have left college.

Our rushing season has been very successful. The following good men have been added to our number: S. S. Riddle, '08, Bloomsburg; R. E. Cranmer, '09, Lebanon; P. A. Marhoff, '09, Tarentum; Malcolm Ross, '09, Homestead; G. C. Pidgeon, '09, Hontzdale, and Claire Henrie, '09, Bloomsburg.

Since our last letter we have received visits from D. A. Jones, '03, and H. H. Allen, '97.

We are represented on the Varsity this year by Campbell, '08, at end, and by Bair, '06, as manager. Childs, '08, and Meckley, '08, are out for fall track work.

Friday, November 24th, is the date set for the Thanksgiving Hop, and on the 23d we give our house-dance. As usual we give a house-party, and with Friday being Pennsylvania Day and the game with West Virginia on Saturday, we expect to show our visitors a good time. We take this means of extending a cordial invitation to our sister chapters.

D. A. ELIAS.

Σ A E House,  
13 November, 1905.

**Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University, Lewisburg.**

ON September 22d the fall term opened at Bucknell University. Its beginning was clouded with sadness for the chapter in the death of Brother Reimensnyder, '07.

Reimensnyder was the brightest man in the class, and was very highly regarded by his classmates. He had recently been elected assistant track manager. Brother Reimensnyder's death was the third in the history of the chapter.

Our rushing season did not begin very early, but the delay did not affect us, for with the assistance of Brother Olmsted, of Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta who has affiliated with us, we have eleven pledged men. We expect to initiate two at the end of this term.

Smithgall is a member of the dramatic club, and has a leading part in the play which is to be given this term. Frank represents us on the Varsity football team, playing quarter-back. Owing to the fact that the team is composed of new material, it has not been as successful as in former years, but the prospects for a good team in the future are very bright.

We were very much pleased to receive not long ago a visit from Brothers Childs and Culbertson, of Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, and we extend a hearty invitation to all brothers to visit us.

GEORGE W. LEACH.

Σ A E House,  
11 November, 1905.

Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg  
College, Gettysburg.

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ANOTHER school year has begun, and the old members have returned to take up their studies and to put forth their best efforts for the advancement of the chapter during the year. Two men of the Sophomore class did not return. Wolff has entered the dental department of the University of Maryland, and J. E. Diehl has secured employment at Durham, New Jersey.

Although the entering class is almost as large as that of last year, the percentage of Fraternity timber is much smaller. We have initiated two men, and have pledged four more who will be initiated in the near future. We have also pledged one man in the preparatory department.

This year we are represented on the Varsity eleven by Lammert, Deatrick and C. P. Lautz; also by two of our pledged men, Rowe and Pawnell. C. P. Lautz has been elected president of the Sophomore class, and is a member of the mandolin club. Pawnell is a member of the glee club.

D. C. Jacobs, '03, is professor of Chemistry and Mathematics at Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

We have recently received visits from several of our alumni and from Brothers Davies, Jameson and Emrick, of Pennsylvania Sigma Phi, and Edwin McMillan, of Ohio Sigma. We hope to receive many of these visits during the year, both from our alumni and members of other chapters.

GEORGE M. RICE,

13 November, 1905.

Pennsylvania Theta, University of  
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

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ON the twenty-ninth of September, now six weeks past, the bell in the ivy-clad tower of old College Hall tolled its greetings to the one hundred and sixty-fifth year then beginning at Pennsylvania. From mountain and from sea-shore they came, ready and anxious to take up the pleasures and trials of another college year. Among these also were the Freshmen, the largest and finest class that ever entered the University, and coincident with their arrival the Fraternity "rushing" season began in real earnest.

Pennsylvania Theta, weakened numerically by losses through graduation, ill-health and matrimony, felt the urgent need of some new blood, and started out to get it. Several "corking" smokers were held, and a great deal of rushing in other ways was done, with the result that nine good men were pledged and have since been initiated. They hail from all parts of the country, and our chapter is demanding congratulations for its successful season.

Of course at present writing football occupies the limelight, and our team this year, after a series of real misfortunes, shows promise of finishing the season successfully. We are well represented in the sport. Lathe Smith, last year's All-American full-back, is assistant field-coach. Greene is the same "old reliable," and Gaston, Junk and Dyer are all Varsity subs. Lamberten is playing on the scrub team, while Jacoby is captain and left half-back of the Freshman team.

In other athletics we are also active. Thomas, Simmons, Giller and Foster are busy respectively with fall baseball, rowing, swimming, and basket-ball. Lamberton is captain of the water-polo team.

But athletics does not hold our entire attention. Barry has for the third time been elected president of his class in the Dental school. Weddele, Mendenhall and Milds are all members of the Friars, a Senior society. Bright, Hammer and Foster are all serving on class committees, while Morgan is editor-in-chief of our college daily and an associate editor of the monthly, *Red and Blue*. Walling is also an editor of the former publication.

But to return to football. The big game with Harvard, looked forward to with such great expectations ever since we "sprang" our surprise of last year, is now athletic history.

Suffice it to say, the team played a hard-fought, up-hill game against far heavier opponents. The game brought to the city many of the "old boys," and Brothers Hoffman, Fish, Evans, Ward and Dietrich stayed at the house. Brothers Smith, Usher and Chase were also here from Harvard, and we offered to them our most bountiful hospitality as a partial solace.

We are all looking forward to the annual chapter tea and the Province Beta convention, to be held here this year. To these functions we extend a most cordial invitation to all Sigmas. We have had numerous visitors here this fall, but have by no means exhausted our supply of hospitality. We simply demand a visit from every Sigma traveling this way.

W. C. FOSTER.

Σ A E House, 3705 Walnut St.,  
13 November, 1905.

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PROVINCE GAMMA.

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Washington City Rho, George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON CITY RHO has many things to be thankful for this November. Two stand out above the rest: The first is the large chapter-house, which was taken possession of early in the fall, and the other is the fine bunch of men who were made brothers a few weeks ago. Our new quarters consist of a four-story house of nineteen rooms, and is situated in one of the most fashionable districts in Washington. Last, but not least, it is only a few blocks from the University build-

ings. The house has been completely furnished, and with this auspicious start we feel that Washington City Rho will now have a permanent home.

On November 3d and 4th we initiated seven men. All of them are already well known in college, and we are sure will be better known before their college days are over. We also affiliated three men: Daniels from Missouri Alpha, Biscoe from Virginia Omicron, and Thorpe from California Alpha. This gives us twenty-five active members, and they are active in the true sense of the word—each one alive to every possible means of advancing the

interests of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in this section.

On December 28th, 29th and 30th, Gamma Province will hold its convention in the Capital City, and we are looking forward to "big doings" at that time. The plan of campaign as mapped out by the entertainment committee is as follows: Thursday night there will be a smoker in the chapter-house; Friday morning and afternoon will be devoted to regular sessions of the conventions, and Friday evening a dance will be given at the fraternity house; Saturday morning is set aside for convention "parley"; the afternoon to theater-going, and the convention banquet will take place Saturday night. Sunday will be the day after. Of course, there will be several side issues which will tend to keep the ball rolling, and which might be misconstrued if put in print. We sincerely hope a great many of the brothers will arrange their vacation schedule so as to be with us at that time. To revive an old slogan, "On to Washington"—in December.

We have experienced great pleasure in the visits of brother Sig Alphas during the past two months, and trust no son of Minerva will ever spend an evening in Washington without making the home of Washington City Rho his headquarters.

M. H. THORPE.

Σ A E House, 2024 G St. N.W.,  
23 November, 1905.

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Virginia Omicron, University of  
Virginia, Charlottesville.

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OF the twenty-six active members of last year, only fourteen returned to Virginia Omicron last

fall. To these have been added three initiates and two transfers, bringing our number up to nineteen. The transfers are Francis A. Cox, of the University of North Carolina, and C. C. Faires, of George Washington University, and we are glad to welcome both of them into our number.

This session marks the beginning of a new era for Virginia Omicron, for we are, for the first time, in a chapter-house. We are at present renting, but our plans for raising funds for building are progressing, and we hope eventually to live in our own house. Until a very few years ago there seemed to be no great need for fraternity houses at Virginia, but within the last two or three years conditions here have changed to such an extent that chapter-houses are in great demand, and seem to be almost essential. At present, only two of the local chapters own their houses, but we predict that within a short time, the large majority of the fraternities at Virginia will be in their own houses. Virginia Omicron can not afford to be behind the others in this movement of progress and improvement.

Of the men who graduated last year, two are back with us: F. H. Dennington is Assistant in Physics, having charge of the Rouss Physical Laboratory; and C. P. Oliver is Fellow in Astronomy at the Observatory. Among other honors received this year, R. B. Crawford has been elected president of the dramatic club, the Arcadians; J. B. Smith is Assistant Editor-in-Chief of *College Topics*, and Crawford is Associate Editor; J. J. Williams has been recently initiated

by the Delta Chi law fraternity. Besides these, we have among our number, members of all the professional fraternities, and of many of the various organizations throughout the University.

We have had pleasant visits from a number of brothers, alumni and active members from other colleges. We wish to extend to all Sig Alphas who come our way an invitation to visit us in our new house.

J. BROOKES SMITH.

Σ A E House,

13 November, 1905.

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

**E**IGHT old men of Virginia Sigma returned in September, and Brother Vincent Miles, who had been sick with typhoid fever, came back to his work in October, making a total of nine old men. We were fortunate enough to get two fine affiliates in Brother Sorsby Jemison, of Tennessee Omega, and Brother Robert Wright, of North Carolina Theta. The latter was forced to leave soon after his arrival on account of a severe throat trouble, but he was with us long enough to gain a warm spot in our hearts, and we wish him a speedy recovery, and an early return into our "midst."

Virginia Sigma wishes to introduce to the Fraternity four new brothers: Hood, of Alabama; Vawter, of West Virginia; and Moore and Cole, of Louisiana. They are all of the proper kind for Sig Alph material, and we consider the chapter more than fortunate in the rushing season. On the night after the initiation, we had

a feast to welcome the new brothers into the bonds of Σ A E. After two hours around the festal board, Washington and Lee and Σ A E yells were given, and we scattered to our quarters, each one proud of the fact that he belonged to the grandest and noblest of all fraternities, and confident that we had four new brothers worthy of the honor of being a subject of Sigdom.

Brother Rankin, '07, is captain of the most successful football team in the history of the game at Washington and Lee. Up to the present, we have played six games, winning them all; and as yet, no opponent has crossed our goal. It is well to add, that Jemison is right end, and Hamilton right guard of this team.

Under the managership of George Miles, the Washington and Lee Reserve football team has come into prominence, and has literally slaughtered the nearby prep school teams. George Miles is also one of the committee of three who picks the boat crew, and we expect to see him again fill the coxswain's seat this spring. Among the other honors held by Sig Alphas, Dunn is Secretary and Treasurer of the Cotillion Club, in which we have a membership of seven men, out of a total membership of twenty-five; and Vincent Miles was manager of the football team, but had to resign on account of sickness. His place has been capably filled by A. F. White, Kappa Sigma.

The clear moonlight nights of the last week in October were entirely too enticing for undergraduates to stick to books, so the fellows of Virginia Sigma gave a chestnut roast.

We secured tally-hos and a bushel of chestnuts, and left Lexington with our Sigma Alph sisters at eight o'clock, on the most beautifully clear night of the autumn. With songs and yells, we drove to the place appointed, and after three hours of solid fun, during which we roasted chestnuts in the ashes of a big log heap, we climbed back into the carryalls, and started for Lexington. At midnight, the sleeping residents of the historic old town were rudely awakened by "Phi Alpha alicazee!" and "Rah! rah! rah! Washington and Lee!"

Dunn, Vawter, Jemison and Rankin went over to Charlottesville to see the V. P. I.-Virginia game on November fourth. They report that they were entertained in true  $\Sigma A E$  fashion by the brothers of Virginia Omicron, and came back swearing they had never had a better time.

In closing, Virginia Sigma again extends her hospitality to any  $\Sigma A E$ 's who may wander into this section of the Valley of Virginia.

VINCENT M. MILES.

10 November, 1905.

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

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THIS year Chapter Xi finds her ranks rather depleted, a condition due to our extending no invitations this session. We feel that some explanation is due to our brothers for such a radical movement on our part. We returned to college to find a great scarcity of fraternity material in the Sophomore class, and we soon realized that in order to get initiates our chapter

would be forced to lower its standard. We considered very earnestly and carefully the advisability of taking in men at such a cost, and determined to extend no invitations.

It is our pride to feel that our chapter has sufficient strength to sustain our action. We feel that we have gained and not lost by preserving the individual strength of our men. Occupying the position that we do, we can afford to remain small as long as we uphold our place in college.

This action upon our part was due also to the fact that we have a large and very promising list of Freshmen who will be candidates for initiation next year. We have these men located among our own men, and so closely associated with us in the daily routine of college life that we entertain very little doubt of securing those whom we may wish to become  $\Sigma A E$ 's. Our chapter, though small, is united and realizes the work ahead of it. We are fortunate in having good material to work upon for next year, and we feel that our efforts will be attended with success.

We regret that four of last year's brothers have not returned to college. F. A. Cox has affiliated with Virginia Omicron; Worth graduated in June and is now engaged in textile work; Kenan obtained his license to practice law in August, and will probably locate in Greensboro, N. C.; Schenck completed the law course in June, and is now engaged in business at Greensboro, N. C.

We were glad to have with us this fall Brothers Berkeley, Shore, Cox

and Schenck, all of whom still preserve their allegiance to the chapter.

To all the new Sigmas Chapter Xi extends her greetings, and wishes for them success in the bonds of  $\Sigma A E$ .

STAHLE LINN.

$\Sigma A E$  House,  
15 November, 1905.

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North Carolina Theta, Davidson  
College, Davidson.

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CHAPTER THETA is not so large numerically this year as for the last few seasons, but this is more than compensated for by congeniality and the true spirit of  $\Sigma A E$ . In college affairs the members of the chapter are taking a prominent position. Hicks is playing half back on the football team, where he has won much praise. The same brother is vice-president of both athletic association and student body. With two class presidents, a society president and vice-president, a class monitor and two vice-monitors, assistant manager of the football team, and representatives in other lines of college work, we feel that chapter Theta can give a good account of herself.

We enjoyed very much at the beginning of the term a visit from Brother A. R. Berkeley, who gave us many valuable suggestions, most of which we have since carried out. We were very glad to meet him, as the majority of us had not known our province president before, and the province can not help being brought closer together by knowing Brother Berkeley.

Davidson College is growing rap-

idly, having this year the largest Freshman class ever enrolled. The Senior class is the largest we have ever had, four of which are members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

EDWARD J. ERWIN.

14 November, 1905.

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South Carolina Gamma, Wofford College, Spartanburg.

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THE start made by Gamma is, on the whole, a very satisfactory one. We returned eight old men, and these, together with our six initiates, have entered the arena to battle for  $\Sigma A E$  with the determination of making this a happy and prosperous year for Gamma.

The initiates now donning the diamond, all of the class of '08, are: Ernest Henry Harley, Spartanburg, S. C.; LeRoy Stanton, Tatum, S. C.; Charles Everett Klugh, Coronaca, S. C.; William James Parks, Greenwood, S. C.; Mareen Duval Jackson, Bennettsville, S. C.; Walter Cunningham Boyle, Sumter, S. C.

Hampered as we are by "the one-year rule" our opening was not characterized by that brisk rushing season which is so trying to some of our brothers in the various chapters, but we have, none the less, shown the straight and narrow road to a number of Freshmen, and each day note with eagle's eye their progress under the sheltering wings of Minerva.

Our institution is now in a very prosperous condition. The number of students is greater than that of last year. Three men have been added to the faculty to assist in English, mathematics and chemistry. A new classroom building is in proc-

ess of construction, which when completed will be a very handsome structure.

As usual, Gamma has taken her share of honors. Richardson has been elected captain of the Senior football team and captain of the baseball team for 1905-06. Latimer holds the position of captain of the Junior football team and is literary editor of the Annual. Prince is captain of the Junior baseball team and manager of the basket-ball team. Taylor is captain of the gymnasium team. There are also a number of society offices held by Sigma Alphas.

Through the untiring efforts of, and gratifying donations made by, her alumni, Gamma now boasts of its own chapter-house. She has taken the initiative step along that line at Wofford, the other fraternities renting their houses. With a few improvements and a little repairing we will have a very desirable place in which to live. To all brothers, who happen to brace the clime of the Palmetto State within the coming year, Gamma extends a cordial welcome.

S. WILSON TAYLOR.

Σ A E House, 94 East Cleveland St.,  
10 November, 1905.

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

**A**BOUT two weeks before college opened last September several of us were in town, and when college opened on September twenty-sixth, and rushing began, we were in good trim to make a most successful season. Brother Holmes, with his touring car was very popular with the Freshmen, as well as with his brother members, and after two weeks we had pledged five new men.

We did not lose a man to another fraternity this year, and, on the other hand, left several vacant places in the calculations of our rivals. Our chapter numbers twenty-four and one pledge who will be initiated after Thanksgiving.

We are glad to have with us this year Brother Buchanan, of Ohio Epsilon, and three of our old men who have been out of college for a year or two—Roy S. Davis, Philip Arm-

strong and Ora D. Snyder, the latter of whom, although not attending college, is making his business headquarters in Ann Arbor.

In football this fall, Michigan has lived up to her past reputation. The game with Nebraska on October twenty-first, stood 0-0 at the end of the first half and it looked bad for Michigan; but when Tom Hammond made a thirty-two yard field goal at the beginning of the second half, Nebraska lost heart, and the final score was 31-0.

We are looking forward with great hopes, to our game with Wisconsin on November eighteenth. As is the custom here, a banquet is given in the gymnasium, on the night before our hardest game, and this banquet will be on November seventeenth.

There are nine hundred seats on sale and in view of the fact that eight hundred students participated in the banquet of 1905, there is little

doubt of the nine hundred seats being occupied.

In speaking of banquets, I am reminded of one which, though less democratic, was fully as enthusiastic as our great University banquets. It was given on the night of October fourteenth, after the ritual of our initiation and in honor of our new brothers. Our dining-room was decorated with fraternity emblems and lighted with candles during the courses, but when our worthy toastmaster began his opening remarks, we turned on more light. It was by no means an altogether light occasion, however; for between the jests and stories at the expense of the various brothers, songs were sung to good old  $\Sigma$  A E and toasts were given to every Sigma, to every chapter and to our Fraternity.

Since September Ed Lucius has been elected captain of the Michigan Tennis Team, Howard Ellis has made the Glee Club, George Ellis the Banjo and Mandolin Club, Cox, captain of his class football team, Albert Barr class football team, Harry Dickerman the Barrister's Club, and Wagener class football team and banquet committee.

Phelan, in trying to capture the Freshman flag in the Soph-Fresh rush, had his collar bone broken, but is getting along nicely and will soon be able to use his arm.

We have had the pleasure of meeting this fall brothers Renwick of Indiana Beta, Eager and Schmidt of Nebraska Lambda-Pi and Appleton of Colorado Zeta. We hope that many others will visit us this year.

RAI,PH W. MCCRILLIS.

$\Sigma$  A E House, 1402 Washtenaw Ave.  
5 November, 1905.

### Michigan Alpha, Adrian College, Adrian.

ADRIAN COLLEGE opened on the twentieth of September. Six of our old men returned to work. We were very much disappointed when we learned that Stevens would not be with us this year, and it was also disappointing to find that the fraternity material was limited. Although fifty new male students came to college this fall, only two have been admitted to membership in  $\Sigma$  A E. They are George Voorhees and David Ramsey. We have our eyes on several more whom we think may develop into desirable timber.

Our school has improved very much in the last year. The new president, Dr. Anthony, who took charge of affairs in the fall of 1904, raised over \$18,000 in one year toward clearing the debt which is on the college. By the will of Mrs. Whitney, the college received \$2,000 with which to repair the science building and remodel the gymnasium. The necessary repairs were made during the summer, and when we came back we did not know the place. Where an old, dilapidated building had stood a new up-to-date science building is in its place, with a well-equipped gymnasium on the second floor.

Last commencement our alumni promised to look after a house for us. We have been assisting them in looking around for a location, but nothing definite has been decided upon.

We are very glad to have with us Rev. Ernest Evans, '05, who is preaching at the Methodist Protest-

ant church in Adrian. He generally makes one or two calls a week on us. Prof. Freeman, who is the Sigma member of the faculty, represented Adrian at the inauguration of President James, of the University of Illinois, and he reports a very enjoyable time with the boys of Illinois Beta. We are looking forward to a very successful year and we wish our brother chapters the same success.

FRANK B. LYONS.

8 November, 1905.

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Ohio Sigma, Mount Union College,  
Alliance.

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**O**HIO SIGMA has launched on the year 1905-06 with eighteen active men in college and the chapter-house full. We have room for but sixteen men in the fraternity house, but seventeen have been crowded in.

The "new" material at Mount Union this year is far ahead of past years in quantity, it being impossible to improve the quality of former seasons. The Sigs did not jump into the rushing with the impetuosity of the other fraternities, but have come out ahead in the matter of pledges, having put the button bearing  $\Phi A$  on eight of the best all-round new arrivals. The men entering college this year seemed to understand what fraternity life meant, and would not pledge until they received a bid from the best. Since the beginning of the term we have initiated two men—Ralph Pearce Cape and John Sherman Woolf.

The football team this year has

a fair sprinkling of Sigmas playing: Ashe, Crumley, Johns, McConnell and Magee on the first team, while Woolf holds the position of captain on the second.

In college politics Sigma Alpha Epsilon holds her usual prominent place. Richard has been elected president of the Junior class and a member of the Board of Athletic Directors, while Magee holds the presidency of the Oratorical Association. In the election for officers of the Athletic Association  $\Sigma A E$  carried everything before her, notwithstanding the fact that the two rival fraternities of Mount Union—Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Nu—had combined against her. Ashe was made president, Patton secretary, and John treasurer.

On Thursday evening, November ninth,  $\Sigma A E$  held her first party for the term. By eight-thirty seventy guests had assembled in the parlors of the chapter-house, and tally cards were distributed for a progressive "Salmagundi." For an hour and a half the progressing was rapidly carried on, and at ten o'clock a flash-light was taken of the scene, after which a supper was served by local caterers. The decorations were wholly in purple and gold, and pennants of the various colleges.

Mount Union is making rapid advancement in every department and in the general tenor of its work. Young men and women are taking their places in the faculty and infusing new life and enthusiasm into the work. In the Department of Oratory Prof. and Mrs. Pierce, of the Cumnock School of Oratory, have

taken charge, and have already proven to all that they are masters of their art. In Biology Prof. Geo. F. Lamb, who was graduated from the Ohio University and came to Mount Union from a post graduate course at Ohio State University, is building that department up to the highest possible standard. Prof. Frank M. Church, of the Music Department, is demonstrating, both in the classroom and in his recitals, that Mount Union stands for the best. Prof. C. H. Kornis has charge of Chemistry and Physics during the year's absence of Prof. Lee, who is doing research work in Harvard.

H. B. JOHNS.

Σ A E House, S. Union Ave.,  
10 November, 1905.

#### Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

IF the Ohio Wesleyan University was ever in a prosperous condition, it is so at the present time, and all indications show that its lucky star is still in the ascendancy. The installation of our new President, which occurred at commencement time, marks the beginning of this increasing prosperity. The energy and enthusiasm which Dr. Welch has shown since his installation has changed the very spirit of the institution, and the activity in every phase of college life is growing. The curriculum has been improved by the establishing of an engineering department, offering a two-year course, and by the establishment of a new Chair of Theology. Three new professors and three instructors have been added to the faculty, and

all are giving excellent satisfaction. Our new \$80,000 gymnasium is looming up, and promises to be ready for dedication before the winter is over.

Our football team has not yet been defeated on home grounds, and although we have suffered some severe defeats in foreign fields, nevertheless we expect to stand high in the Big 6.

Work preliminary to the debates with Oberlin and Western Reserve is being entered into eagerly, and we have every assurance that a winning team will be developed.

Ohio Delta has felt the effect of the wave of prosperity which is sweeping over the institution. Beginning the year with eighteen men and one pledge, we had a very successful rushing season landing every man we bid. Our five pledges are all men of sterling qualities, and promise to bring honor to Σ A E.

Already this year we have landed several of the highest posts in school. Rittenour has been appointed Major of the college Battalion. Newcomb has been elected President of the '07 Senior Lecture Course, and May has been elected Manager of the '06 basket-ball team. As we already hold the presidency of the Athletic Association and the editorship of the college paper, we stand second to no other fraternity in regard to college honors. On the football team we are represented by Pike at left half, Rittenour at quarter, and pledge Weaver at full.

On Hallowe'en Ohio Δ was the guest of Φ Δ Θ at an informal smoker, and the good feeling which has always characterized the rela-

tions of the two fraternities in this institution was greatly augmented on that occasion. On November 7th B Θ Π held an open house to all the Greeks in school. Election returns were received at the chapter house, and consequently the gathering lasted far into the night. This is the first of a series of "Pan-Hellenic stunts" which will occur throughout the year.

The "co-eds" were our guests early in the term at an informal autumn party, and twenty-five couples enjoyed our hospitality in the form of a marshmallow toast, taffy pull, and Dutch lunch. Though very informal, the affair was very enjoyable.

Several of our alumni have visited us already this term, and revived the old ties. We always have a hearty welcome for all Sigmas.

E. P. MONROE.

Σ A E House, 23 N. Washington St.,  
13 November, 1905.

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Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati,  
Cincinnati.

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WE have not fallen very far short in our expectations, as expressed in our last letter, for Ohio Epsilon initiated eleven neophytes on October 20th, and Σ A E is now richer by eleven loyal brothers. Ainslee Carter, Harry Dodge, Wm. Farmer, Thomas Greenwald, Fred Hooker, John Jewett, Robert Miller, William Pearce, Lawrence Van Meter, Sidney Walker, and Tom Witherspoon are Σ A E's new representatives at U. of C., and with one exception they are of the class of '09. Robert Miller is a Sophomore.

As a result of our additions to the chapter, two revisions of the consanguinity table are in order. William Farmer, '09, is now a loyal brother to his own father, Mr. Ben T. Farmer, of Kentucky Chi, '75. The addition of Brother Lawrence Van Meter gives Ohio Epsilon a quartet of Van Meters.

All in all, we are conceded to have initiated the best "bunch" of the four fraternities here at U. of C.

Wm. Foley represents Σ A E on the regular U. C. football team, and holds down in great style the positions of captain and right-half. The graduate and assistant managerships are filled by Σ A E men, Morgan Van Meter and Frank Whetstone, respectively.

Among the new brothers we find great promise of athletic ability. William Pearce captained the Freshmen in the flag-rush, and is now captain of the "Fresh" football team. Four of our '09 men hold positions under him, so that the team is distinctively "Sigified."

The Freshman reception, scheduled for the twenty-second of November, will be a matter of history when this reaches you, and Σ A E will have made her '09 debut. We expect the chapter to turn out in force, and with our present membership, we easily outnumber any one of the other fraternities here.

Our own initial dance of the season will be given at the Avondale Club on December 1st. We are looking forward to a large Sigma Alph crowd, when at our own dance the new brothers will be received by those who, though not Σ A E in fact, are largely so in spirit.

We have had with us recently two visiting brothers, who entertained us with interesting "frat" talks—Brothers Johnson, of Illinois Beta, and Austin, of Ohio Delta. To the former we are a new acquaintance. Austin has been with us a number of times before. We are always glad to see a visitor at the hall, for it is one of the best things for fostering national spirit.

Ohio Epsilon has temporarily lost a faithful member. Edward Hurley, '07, has left Cincinnati to fill a responsible position with Maley, Thompson and Moffett, lumber dealers. Hurley takes charge of their new yards at New York. We shall miss him here, but hope he has introduced himself to New York Mu, and that she may have his hearty Ohio Epsilon support.

Another brother who has left our "midst," but who does not seem so entirely lost to us, is Frank Buchanan, '08. Buchanan has gone to Michigan to pursue his studies, but no doubt will return here after his course there.

In closing let me state that prospects never seemed brighter for Ohio Epsilon, and we intend to make the most of them.

We extend our hearty congratulations to all who are but recently of the brotherhood, and best wishes to all Sig Alphdom for a most successful New Year.

ERIC R. TWACHTMAN.

15 November, 1905.

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Ohio Theta, Ohio State University,  
Columbus.

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ON September 20th Ohio State University entered upon another

year of increased prosperity. The enrollment this year will exceed the two thousand mark. Never before has there been such a large percentage of advance students who have come here to finish work begun in other institutions. The Ohio men feel that this fact shows the men in other schools are beginning to realize that Ohio State University stands in the foremost rank, and we think of it with no small amount of pleasure and pride.

Ohio Theta commenced the year with nineteen old men. Of course, with this nucleus it was no large amount of trouble to build up a strong chapter. We have initiated four good men, and, taking everything into consideration, we can assure the Fraternity that there will be no slump in Ohio Theta's prosperity this year. We are well represented in all college affairs. Cook is captain of the track team, having succeeded Brother Heekin; Foss is manager of the football team, of which Lincoln is full-back; the latter will probably be next year's captain; Hegelheimer will shine again this year on the Varsity basketball team; Warwick is serving as secretary of athletic board. In musical circles we are equally well represented. Mytinger is soloist on the quartet, and McCleary J. Belknap, H. Belknap and Maurer are members of the mandolin and guitar club. We also have men on the social committees of the Junior and Senior classes, and can boast of being the only organization in college that is represented on two of these class committees.

On October 28th, when our foot-

ball team met that of Case for the annual game, we had the pleasure of entertaining nearly all of our newly installed chapter of Ohio Rho. We enjoyed the extended acquaintance very much, and as a result feel that the standard of good old Sigma Alpha Epsilon was well maintained in granting them a charter. When our train journeyed to Ann Arbor this month for its annual defeat, nearly all the members of this chapter made the trip to see the game, and were for the third time recipients of that gracious Michigan hospitality which is well known to the past and present members of Ohio Theta.

A movement is on foot now for the improvement and extension of our athletic field, and when the plans are carried out Ohio State will be the possessor of a field second to none in the West.

Ohio Theta wishes all success to her sister chapters, and insists that every member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon who happens to get to Columbus shall make our house his headquarters.

GLEN GREELEY MCILROY.

Σ A E House, 1550 Neil Ave.,  
22 November, 1905.

Ohio Rho, Case School of Applied  
Science, Cleveland.

THIS year has commenced very favorably for Ohio Rho. We are beginning to feel a trifle older in the thoughts and workings of the Fraternity. This fall finds us with fifteen men upon our chapter roll, and from present indications the prospects are bright for more to follow.

Six men have already been pledged while we lost five by graduation. Several of the other boys did not return this year, but two or three of them will return next semester. Welfare, '05, is taking a post-graduate course and is also helping to float the brown and white football colors.

Case has another fine team this year, and from indications will make somewhat of a figure in the State championship contest. Besides Welfare, Bardsley and Singley are wearing the mole-skins. The former is a sub and Singley belongs to the second set of backs, understudying the captain. In other school positions we show up well. Out of five student members on the athletic association board we are represented by two, Canfield as recorder and Olmstead as marshal. The latter falls in line of heritage for assistant manager of the football team next year and manager the year following. King is acting student manager this year and will fill the managership next year. On the weekly paper, the *Case Tech*, we are represented by two managers, Miller and Vail. Miller is also president of the Mechanical Engineers' Club and senator to the president's senate. Voss represents the interest of the Fraternity in the senate. Treat is vice-president of the Electrical Engineers' Club, while Allen and Root are members of the band.

We are glad to have with us this year, A. W. Morris, Ohio Sigma, '05, who is attending W. R. N. Law School. J. F. Langmaid, Massachusetts Gamma, '02, who is filling a position in our faculty, we welcome to our city, school and chap-

ter, and only hope there are more to follow.

On hallowe'en night we entertained our fair friends at a good old-fashioned party. Nothing formal was attempted and every one seemed to have a splendid time. Arrangements have already been made for a set of informal dances this winter, at which we hope to see all the city alumni.

During the football season we have had the pleasure of being the guests of Michigan Iota-Beta and Ohio Theta, and have been the hosts of Ohio Sigma. We hope to have the pleasure of entertaining Ohio Delta at the time of the O. W. N. Case game. And in closing we trust that all Sigmas visiting Cleveland will not fail to call on us at 39 Cutler Street. FRANK E. TREAT.

Σ A E House, 39 Cutler St.,  
12 November, 1905.

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Indiana Alpha, Franklin College,  
Franklin.

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NO LETTER RECEIVED.

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Indiana Beta, Purdue University,  
La Fayette.

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY has entered upon another year of prosperity, and with it Sigma Alpha Epsilon. At the opening of the present session Indiana Beta found nineteen active and enthusiastic members back, including Brothers Ed. Quilman of Nebraska Δ Π, and R. L. Young, of Tennessee H, whom we welcome most heartily among us.

The university now finds itself the possessor of three medical colleges,

donated since September; namely, the Indiana Medical School and Indianapolis College of Medicine and Physicians, both of Indianapolis, and the Fort Wayne School of Medicine at Fort Wayne, Ind. There is also in course of erection a civil engineering building, and following this will come the new chemistry building for which the Legislature has recently made handsome appropriations. With these additional features the university is certain to grow and prosper.

At the opening of school Indiana Beta found itself located in new quarters, much more convenient and desirable in many ways than our old house. In this new house, which was completed only a few weeks ago, we possibly are as well fixed as any chapter not owning its home. The house is large and commodious, comfortably accommodating twenty-four brothers, and the lower floor is so arranged that it is especially well adapted for our entertainments.

Athletics at Purdue are taking a brace, there being more interest and enthusiasm manifested over football this season than for a long time. We have an exceptionally good eleven, which has won the State championship and so far has not met a defeat. Thiess has made something of a reputation for himself as "yell leader."

Socially, we have been a little quiet this fall, this being due to our rather disarranged and unsettled state, which usually follows the entering of a new home. However, on November 24 we expect to start the ball rolling by a formal house-warming dance, following this on Saturday night with an Alumni Smoker, at

which we hope to have many of our fellows back.

On Saturday, October 21, when Illinois and Purdue came together on the gridiron twelve of the brothers of this chapter had the pleasure of being in Champaign. They were entertained most hospitably by Illinois Beta, and we hope the opportunity may soon present itself to allow us to return some of the favors shown.

T. J. RISON.

Σ A E House,  
8 November, 1905.

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Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern  
University, Evanston.

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**N**ORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY commenced its fiftieth year of work September 25th, with a Freshman class teeming with fraternity material. By agreement last June, every Σ A E was at his post on the opening of college for the rushing season, in order to pull our share of the game. As a result of some enthusiastic rushing, we landed seven men. They are proving to be a bunch of "mixers" among themselves and with the other fraters, as well as with the students in general. They are represented on the football squad, at the society functions, in the debating societies and among their class officers. We are still on the trail of more good men, whom we hope to land before many days are past.

It was certainly a pleasure to have one of our Greek rivals, on the opening day of college, introduce us to Brother Ritter of Ohio Delta. The fellow Greek had approached our brother with genuine rushing spirit, expect-

ing to land his man, but when he saw Minerva and the beast staring him in the face, he did as any good Greek would do—brought him to our bunch. Brother Ritter has affiliated with us, and we are very glad to welcome him as one of our number. Ritter, together with the seven initiates and fourteen men returning, makes an active membership of twenty-two. This makes the prospects for Illinois Psi-Omega very bright.

Our initiation and banquet took place October 16. We were very glad to have with us at this time Brother E. S. A. William C. Levere, to present the new men with their badges. Besides Brother Levere, several of our alumni were present, including Wheelock, Knox, Gazbey, Twinning and Chandler. We were also pleased to have Brothers Harry Bunting, Day of Harvard, and Allen of Purdue with us at this time. It is needless to say that Σ A E spirit ran high, because every Σ A E knows that where two such mighty men of "Sigdom" as Brothers Levere and Bunting get together there is something doing.

About 3:30 Sunday morning, October 22d, a number of the fraters were awakened by a great racket in the attic. Knowing that one of the servants occupied a room in the third story, little was thought of this noise. But when the cry of "Fiah! Fiah!" came ringing out, immediately the attic stairway was lined with a heterogeneous mass of buckets, pans and pails filled with water, night robes and bare feet scrambling to rescue the imprisoned domestic and to save our house from the

threatening danger. When this conglomeration reached the scene of action, it found two sides of one room ablaze and the flames pouring out of the roof. This caused the half-awakened  $\Sigma A E$ 's to come to their senses, and organize into a bucket brigade. Although things were "desperate up aloft," yet every man sat down his bucket of water and doffed his hat when he saw the Eminent Supreme Archon Levere rush from the house in his night robe, with Noble Leslie Devotie's hat in one hand and waving an  $\Sigma A E$  banner in the other. Perhaps one lonely Freshman missed this scene, as he was found later packing his trunk, ready to run. One of our honored alumni, Brother Twinning, came out with the spoils. After all was over, he was found dressed in his room-mate's best coat, his own new shoes and wearing Levere's trousers. Several amusing incidents occurred which have made much sport for us since. Through the engineering efforts of Brother Hostetter and the fire department, the flames were extinguished. Luckily the damage was slight.

The rest of the Greek world is thriving at Northwestern. There are eight chapters besides  $\Sigma A E$ , and a local known as the "Wranglers' Club." They have applied to  $A T \Omega$  for a charter, but as yet have not received one.

Le Cron is local editor of *The Northwestern*, our college paper; Brockway is president of the athletic association of the College of Liberal Arts, also member of Deru, the honorary Senior fraternity; Foster is president of the Masonic Club; Carlson '05, who is in the Law

School, is on the Varsity team, while Kiningham has done good work among the Freshmen squad.

We are glad to have with us three of our alumni, Brother Carlson, whom I have mentioned as being in law, Brother Twining, who is assistant in the Science Department, and Brother Chandler, who is secretary to the president of the University. They bring the number of  $\Sigma A E$ 's in college to twenty-four.

We have had several calls from our alumni and brothers from other chapters this fall. We are always glad of these visits, and extend to  $\Sigma A E$ 's everywhere a cordial invitation to come and see us.

With the bright prospects before us, and with hearts loyal to our Fraternity, we intend to keep the purple and the gold among the vanguard at Northwestern.

ARTHUR T. JOLLY.

$\Sigma A E$  House, 2126 Orrington Ave.,  
9 November, 1905.

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Illinois Beta, University of Illinois,  
Champaign.

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WHEN the University of Illinois opened this fall, Illinois Beta found herself with twenty-one active members as a nucleus for the new year. All returned early, so that things were straightened around in the house before the first day of registration; and, naturally, the first day of the rushing season we went into the struggle for new men with a determination that we would get what we deserved, and, as a result, landed six good men. They are: Howard S. Green, of Sterling, Ill.; Herbert E. Bell, of Sterling; Andrew

Ted Kincaid, of Farmer City; Edward L. Lyon, of Aurora; Todd P. Kincaid, of Greenville, and Garfield L. Miller, of Spokane, Wash.

We are starting out this year with a rather bright outlook for the future. We have no debts from last year, nor an incumbrance of any kind that would tend to hamper our progress at the beginning of the year. The very few conditions which bothered some of the brothers have been passed off successfully and from the scholastic point of view we are "O. K." With these favorable conditions we are beginning the new year, determined to make things go.

Even at this early part of the school year we have captured a few honors. Reams has been elected president of the Junior class; Green is captain of the 1909 football team, while Wernsing is playing fullback on the same team; Todd Kirk is doing himself honor as fullback on the Varsity football team; Bennett, Smith and Reams are on the 1907 team; Kirkpatrick has been elected president of the Glee club; Hall is pledged to  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ , the legal fraternity; Van Doren and Mack have made the English club and Emerson the Political Science club; Archer is on the Junior Prom Committee; Schumacher is a lieutenant in the regiment and Van Doren and Mack are on the "Illio" Board.

This year has been one of "doings" at the University of Illinois. A week of festivities was indulged in, during the first of October, in which time E. J. James was installed as president of the institution. It

was a gala week for all at the University, and especially so for the hundreds of visitors who crowded the "two towns." During this week we had the pleasure of entertaining Judge Dickinson, Tennessee Nu, President Kirkland, of Vanderbilt University, and President Baker, of Colorado. We also received visits from several of our alumni and members from sister chapters.

The week following we enjoyed a short visit from several of the brothers of Indiana Beta. During the Michigan game several of our old fellows paid us visits.

We have given two informal parties this year, one at Crystal Lake pavilion and the other at Illinois Hall. Both were enjoyed by those who attended.

In the fraternity world at Illinois there have been several happenings. Delta Upsilon has granted a charter to the K. K. club. There are three new clubs this year, the Comus, the O. A. X and the Zeta Nu, who are petitioning the Delta Gamma society. The K. K. club and Delta Tau Delta have moved into new brick houses, while the Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta societies have new quarters also.

Illinois Beta sincerely hopes that the outlook of every chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for the new year will be bright and rosy and sends her best wishes to each and every chapter for success in their every undertaking.

LEWIS W. MACK.

$\Sigma A E$  House, 201 E. Green St.  
14 November, 1905.

**Illinois Theta, University of Chicago,  
Chicago.**

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**I**LLINOIS THETA has been having a very strenuous time rushing this fall. Although the results have been far from what we should like, yet there are many encouraging features. We have five pledges and several fellows on the string whom we hope to see wearing the pledge button soon. The names of the pledges are: Guy Whitcomb, Ernest and William Davenport, Melvin McEldouney, from Chicago, and Noah Merriam from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. So far we have initiated only one man this quarter, Robert Toms. The others will be initiated immediately after Christmas.

The chapter has only one affiliate this year, Brother Harle, originally from Washington and Lee University who is a welcome addition to our number.

We had our first social function of the year Friday evening, November 3. It was a combination of a dance and a hallowe'en party. Practically all of the active members were present, and all had a very enjoyable time.

Illinois Theta has won several honors this year. Matthews is chairman of the Senior College Council, Brown is a member of the Junior College Council, Pierrot has been elected a member of the Dramatic Club, Harle is in the Cross Country Club, Wondries is on the football squad, Pledge Merriam is right-half back and manager of the Freshmen football team.

Chicago's chance this year for the football championship of the West

is very bright. Our game with Michigan on Thanksgiving will probably decide the matter.

JOHN HARRISON REES,  
Σ A E House, 6116 Lexington Ave.  
11 November, 1905.

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**Minnesota Alpha, University of Min-  
nesota, Minneapolis.**

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**T**HE opening of the college year finds Minnesota Alpha in good condition. Although eight of our number from last year are not with us, we returned eighteen men, all willing and ready to take up the work of rushing as good disciples of Minerva. Repairs in and about the house interfered somewhat with our efforts at rushing, but nevertheless we obtained seven good men, five of whom have since come in with us. And right here we take pleasure in introducing as loyal sons of Minerva, Brothers Yale Smiley, Lemars, Iowa; Roland Conkey, Minneapolis; Louis Williams, Ashland, Wisconsin; Wayne Sayre, Odebolt, Iowa, and Arthur Mittever, Minneapolis.

It was also our pleasure to initiate Walter Jewett Allen, who as an alumnus has returned to the city after an absence of some years. Brother Allen was one of the charter members of the Alpha Kappa Pi local, which afterward became Minnesota Alpha, but left college before the charter was granted.

In athletics, after maintaining a championship team for three years, Minnesota was forced to bow to a superior rival, Wisconsin coming off victorious in the annual contest. Minnesota did her best, but the de-

feat forces her out of the championship race for 1905.

It was our pleasure to have with us at that time, Brothers Jacobson, Lemon, and McNally, and the pledge men, Parsons, Greenwald and Needam, of Wisconsin Alpha. We look forward to seeing them again if possible next year.

Minnesota Alpha has done well the past year, and we feel in better condition than ever to cope with our rivals. Our house has been painted and repapered, and presents a neat appearance. Since college opened we have held two informal dances at the chapter-house, one of which, on the eve of the Wisconsin game, was attended by several Wisconsin brothers.

Around college every one is working more or less, as only college men can work. We are somewhat cramped for classrooms just at present, but ground has been broken for the new Main Building, which will be constructed at a cost of \$400,000. This will greatly beautify our campus. A Bacteriological Laboratory is also being constructed.

Among the fraternities, Sigma Chi is occupying a new house built for them the past summer. Delta Kappa Epsilon has broken ground for a new house, which will be located not far from the Alpha Delta Phi house, on University Avenue, where we trust a Fraternity Row will eventually be established.

Since our last letter Foster has gone into Alpha Kappa Kappa, a medical fraternity, while Langland and Mackall were recently initiated into the Mysteries of Delta Chi. Mackall has also been elected an as-

sociate editor of the *Minnesota Magazine*. Loomis is playing a subackle position on the football squad.

In this, the first letter of the year, Minnesota Alpha wishes to extend greetings and good wishes to all sister chapters for a prosperous year, and an invitation to every brother to visit us whenever in this vicinity.

IRVING M. HUDSON.

Σ A E House, 112 Church St. S. E.  
13 November, 1905.

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Wisconsin Alpha, University of  
Wisconsin, Madison.

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WISCONSIN ALPHA started the year with only thirteen men, but what we lacked in numbers we made up in spirit and enthusiasm. We passed through a very successful rushing season and initiated four men on October 7th, and have taken in five more since that time. They are: Edward McMahan, Manitowoc, Wis.; Theo. P. Stair, Lake Mills, Wis.; Charles LeRoy Parsons, Los Angeles, Cal.; Gordon Scott Davidson, Pinos Altos, New Mexico; Darleigh H. Slead, Evanston, Ill.; Hampton Leedom, Milwaukee, Wis.; Brisbane Ash, Pierre, S. D.; Arthur H. Greenwald, Oshkosh, Wis., and Arthur L. Schwalm, Oshkosh, Wis.

These new men are already beginning to win honors for Σ A E. Schwalm is the star half-back on the Freshman football team. Parsons won the hundred yard dash at Portland, winning from Hahn and Blair in 9½ seconds. McMahan has made Phi Alpha Tau, the oratorical fraternity, and the *Badger* board. Ash

has been rowing with the Freshman crew.

We gave a party in October which was enjoyed immensely by all present. Our next party will be on December 18th. We had a banquet the 11th of November for the purpose of instilling Sigma Alpha spirit and enthusiasm into the new men, and we certainly succeeded. This is one of the three banquets which we customarily hold during the year. We also have a farewell banquet for our Seniors at the end of the year, besides the Founders' Day banquet.

Wisconsin is supporting her football team most loyally this fall, and Sigma Alphas are always found in full force at the games. About half of our fellows went to Minneapolis for the Minnesota game, and were entertained royally by the brothers of Minnesota Alpha. Michigan Iota Beta has kindly invited us to Ann Arbor for the game November 18th, and several of the brothers are going.

S. H. PHELPS.

Σ A E House, 615 Lake St.,  
15 November, 1905.

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

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Georgia Beta, University of Georgia,  
Athens.

WITH nine initiates and one affiliate, and sixteen of last year's brothers, we have twenty-six men in our chapter, which makes our number one less than that of last year. We extended invitations to ten men, but lost one of them—to Phi Delta Theta, who, by the way, is stronger over here than she has been in many years past, though as yet she can scarcely in our opinion, be classed among the leaders.

Our brothers have already got busy on their college records of this year, and so far have probably taken more honors than all of the other fraternities combined. We have the editor-in-chief of the *Red and Black* (weekly) for the fall term; editor-in-chief of this year's *Pandora* (annual) while every issue to date of the *Georgian* (literary monthly magazine) has been well filled with Σ A E work, and the prospects are that this

will continue during the rest of the year. We have the president of the Thalions (University dramatic club), and the vice-president of the Athletic Association. On the Varsity football squad, four of our brothers are regulars. An Σ A E team won the tennis championship of the University last week, and shortly thereafter an Σ A E won the championship in singles; also an Σ A E is manager of the tennis team. We have the captain of the 1906 Varsity baseball team, Sullivan, who was captain last year, and was picked as a pitcher for the all-Southern (S. I. A. A.) team. The 1906 Varsity track team is captained by an Σ A E—and I might add that an Σ A E is acting captain of the Varsity football team.

In the cases of one or two men we were this year confronted with a problem that caused us much regret. The alumni and, in one case, another chapter had proposed their names to us with very high recommendations, but after investigating them pretty

thoroughly and associating with them a great deal, we decided that they did not quite harmonize with the men in the chapter and that it would not be to our interest or theirs to take them in. We regret that the matter should have happened so, but feel that we are right in our action, and that when the reasons are understood all the brother Signas will agree with us.

Many of our alumni have been dropping in on us this fall, and have been gladly welcomed. We have arranged a guest-chamber in the house for visiting brothers, and remember that night or day our latch-string is out for you.

WM. G. BRANTLEY, JR.

Σ A E House,

11 November, 1905.

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Georgia Psi, Mercer University,  
Macon.

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WHEN the rushing season opened Georgia Psi had only two old men on hand to uphold the honor of the Fraternity at Mercer. Brother George C. Clarke, of Macon, who was initiated at our last meeting of the previous term, adds one to this number, which, however, was happily augmented by Brothers W. F. Ogburn, class of '05, who remained only a few days, L. S. Jackson, and Theo. Atkinson, affiliate, Georgia Beta. Through the earnest efforts of this band of loyal Sigma Alphas, Georgia Psi made the proud record of initiating five men and losing only one. And this man was lost under circumstances against which we could hardly expect to prevail. Hoping that some good material has been overlooked, we still have a watchful

eye on the young men who entered college this fall.

We are most of all, however, engaged with the internal affairs of Fraternity life, and hope to develop as well-organized a chapter as can be found in Sig Alphdom. We are weaker in point of numbers than some chapters, but the brothers in Σ A E must remember that only a small per cent. of the men who come to Mercer are fraternity material.

We congratulate ourselves on the fact that we have a representative chapter. In the religious phase of college life, Knox represents us as Vice-President of the Young Men's Christian Association. Jackson is a star in the Glee Club, while on the class football teams Σ A E is in evidence. Mercer plays no intercollegiate football. In tennis we won the Varsity championship last year and furnished the players for the intercollegiate tournaments. Our chances to equal this record are good. Most of the young initiates have already become very enthusiastic and are as anxious as the old men to see Georgia Psi succeed in every line of activity. As we begin the year with ten men, many of whom are here for three or four years, we consider the outlook particularly bright.

To our sister chapters we send a hearty greeting and wish them one and all abundant prosperity throughout the ensuing year.

ROBERT L. RENDER.

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Georgia Epsilon, Emory College,  
Oxford.

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AT the beginning of this term things looked somewhat gloomy for Georgia Epsilon as only six old men

had returned and one of these could not be present when college opened, leaving only five to do the "rushing." However, our alumni came to our rescue and by hard work we got five good men, who will do honor to  $\Sigma A E$ . This gives us a chapter of eleven good and earnest men who are ever looking to the interests of the Fraternity.

McCamy, '06, has been elected manager of the track team of Emory, for next spring, this being the only branch of intercollegiate athletics which is allowed at Emory. Martin, '06, Heard, '07, Rheney, '10, represented Georgia Epsilon on the class relay teams, which held their meet on October 29, 1905. We expect to be well represented in baseball this spring, and will have about six men on the four class teams.

Georgia Epsilon is taking a good stand in literary work this year. Brooks, '08, will represent one of the literary societies in the fall debate between the two societies. He is also President of the Sophomore class.

With the six old men and five men initiated this year, we expect to have a very successful year, even though this is a smaller number than usual. We are still looking out for good men and expect to increase our number if we find any good material during the year.

All the brothers are pulling for  $\Sigma A E$  and there is very much congeniality and Fraternity spirit among them.

J. T. FLOYD, JR.

2 November, 1905.

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

THE loyalty of the brothers of Georgia Phi can not better be shown than by the fact that some two weeks before the opening of college every man had returned, ready and anxious to begin to show to those whose knowledge of fraternities was *nil* the greatness of that one which is as dear to us as life itself. And we did it, too. There were twenty-one in all to start with, but only for a very short span, as we soon managed to land six fine men, and at the present time have two more pledged.

Notable changes have taken place in the institution and faculty within the past few months. First, and saddest of all, was the death of our beloved president, Dr. Lyman Hall, one of the greatest promoters of higher education in the South. He it was who, by his ceaseless and untiring efforts, which ultimately caused his death, brought this college up to its high rank among the technical colleges of the country. As a memorial of his work the new \$50,000 chemical laboratory, the corner-stone of which is to be laid on the 25th of November, is to be known as the Lyman Hall Laboratory of Chemistry. Our acting president, Prof. K. G. Matheson, was previously connected with the institution, being Professor of the English Department, and is not only extremely popular with the student body at large, but is a very capable man.

On returning to college we noticed that the football team was without a manager, and while we wondered who it would be that the Board of Directors of the Athletic Association might nominate, we still felt confident that we would not be overlooked as we had been at previous times. To make a long story short, Brother S. M. Orr, Jr., was elected to fill the vacancy, while the writer was appointed to act as his assistant.

In the election of officers of the different classes, which took place shortly after the opening of college, we managed to furnish the president of the sub-apprentice class, C. C. Corbin; president of the apprentice class, C. T. Furlow, secretary and treasurer of the Senior class, Orr; and historian of the same class, M. R. Maclean.

On the Varsity football team we are represented by only one, W. A. Wilson, whose work this year at half-back has been the subject of much favorable comment among the followers of the gridiron. On the class teams we are, as usual, well represented.

On October 20th Georgia Tech was honored by a visit of a half hour from President Roosevelt, during which time he delivered an address to the student body, and after which he expressed a desire to shake hands with all of us. As this was the only institution he visited during his Southern tour we feel more than honored.

On the night of November 4th Brother C. R. Troutman was run over and killed by an electric car directly in front of his home. He

was a very active worker in the chapter, and was then returning from our meeting which was held earlier in the night. His remains were taken to Rome, Ga., on the Monday following, and accompanying it were eight of the brothers. We deeply deplore the sad fate of our beloved brother, and have draped our pins for thirty days and drawn up resolutions to be sent to his family and to THE RECORD.

We have recently had our rooms renovated, and have also secured another adjoining one, which we have made a library and reception room.

WAYNE WARFIELD.

13 November, 1905.

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Alabama Iota, Southern University,  
Greensboro.

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THE Christmas holidays are fast approaching, and we are already beginning to take account of this fall term's work, balancing our achievements against those of last year. On the whole, with Alabama Iota, this has been a most promising first term.

Alabama Iota returned seven men for the rushing season which has now closed; we have initiated five good men, nearly every one being rushed by other fraternities. We believe that this year will be one of the most prosperous in the history of Alabama Iota.

We were so struck with the prevailing handsomeness of our initiates that we wished to exhibit them to our friends among the fair sex as soon as possible. This was arranged by giving a chapter reception, which

was pronounced a great success by all.

In all the literary, class, society and athletic activities,  $\Sigma A E$  holds a conspicuous place.

The endowment of Southern University is increasing rapidly, and in the near future we will have a well-equipped new gymnasium.

Brother Cryer, '05, visited the chapter for a few days before entering the medical department of Tulane University.

W. O. TURNIPSEED.

11 November, 1905.

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Alabama Mu, University of Alabama,  
University.

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**M**OTHER MU opened up this year with the return of thirteen old members. Since then we have initiated three new men and received two affiliates, W. T. Neill, of Georgia Epsilon, and J. D. Chappelle, of Alabama Iota.

Athletics are on a boom, with Brother J. H. Cabaniss managing the football team. Smith and Neill are on the Varsity eleven and Anstill and Cabaniss substitutes. Prospects are that we will have two or more men on the baseball team.

We have two men on the college weekly, and Cabaniss is editor-in-chief of our annual.

Just at this time our minds are occupied with plans for building the DeVotie Memorial Hall. We will have fifteen hundred dollars in the bank by December the first, when we will receive the three thousand donated by the Memphis Convention. We will not stop with the forty-five hundred dollars, however,

but will do all in our power to double that amount. We wish to erect a memorial which will be an honor to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and expect every chapter to do its part. It is our purpose to have the Hall completed in time to be dedicated by the 1906 convention.

We send best wishes to our sister chapters and hope that in our next letter we can give more definite plans of the DeVotie Memorial Hall.

CHARLES D. NORMAN.

17 November, 1905.

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

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**A**LABAMA ALPHA-MU returned fourteen men, who began rushing at once. As a result of their labors ten new brothers were added to their number. Brother Jones came in a few weeks late and Edwards of Georgia Phi came as an affiliate. Our strength is not in numbers alone. We have three men on the football eleven. Brothers Jones and Whitner are tackles while Wilkinson holds left end. Ware is 'Varsity sub. Watkins is kept from playing by an S. I. A. A. rule, but will play next season. Nine  $\Sigma A E$ 's appear in football uniform every afternoon. Wright is assistant manager.

Our military honors are held by Wright, Wilkinson, Smith and Perdue, who are all sergeants.

Skinner, '05, is secretary to the president. Kimball, '04, is back as assistant in Pharmacy. Brother Crenshaw has been elected to fill the chair of Mathematics. Brother Hill is professor of Telephone Engineering.

We take pleasure in introducing W. P. Watkins, W. C. Whitner, F. S. Baggett, R. Y. Ware, C. W. Woodruff, C. H. Moore, G. C. Davis, R. W. LeFevre, Carlton Smith and

G. T. McElderry, as new men who are, in every sense of the word, worthy wearers of the purple and gold.

D. E. WILKINSON.

13 November, 1905.

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PROVINCE ZETA.

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Missouri Alpha, University of  
Missouri, Columbia.

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MISSOURI was slow in opening up this fall, because of a typhoid epidemic, which delayed the return of many students, and caused many to go to other colleges. Notwithstanding this fact, the registration is considerably larger than last year.

Missouri Alpha returned nine men, namely: Claiborne, Pryor, Schilling, Suddath, Spencer, Holmes, Prentis, Kelly, Williams. As a result of the rush we are able to introduce seven men to the Fraternity: Ellis, Kansas City; Reppy, Deibel, St. Louis; Read, Columbia; Shields, Dalby, Sedalia; J. Prentis, Brooklyn, N. Y. Our home has been tinted throughout and presents a most inviting appearance.

Reppy and Ellis both made good on the football team, Ellis at end and Reppy at quarter. However, Ellis was put out for the season by an injured shoulder received in practice. Reppy was laid out in the last half of the Haskell game, after having done good work. This game was won by Missouri by 6 to 0. This was the first time our team had defeated Haskell in seven years. Reppy has won distinction in tennis and baseball and will probably make good in these lines in the future. We are proud of the prowess of the

Sigma Alphas this year, for they are "cleaning up" in other lines as well, such as the Quadrangle club, Glee club and class offices.

Brother Wamsley, '99, who is located in Mexico City, is visiting at the chapter-house for a few days. Brother Hogsett, of Kansas City, also spent a few days with us. We are glad to have the old men drop in this way, and wish more of them would do so.

Brother Newman, who was with us last year, is now teaching at Virginia Military Institute; O. E. and G. S. Brack are in Chicago; Sea is in Sewickley, Pa.; Hall was married in August and is living at Harrisonville, Mo.; Sloss is at Boston Tech, Daniels at George Washington University, Holland at Washington University, King is in California, Allen in Montana. Nelson, Guitar and Estil did not return. Spencer has been compelled to leave the University for the balance of the year, because of illness. So it can be readily seen that Missouri Alpha suffered a heavy loss, and that her men of 1904-5 are widely scattered. But to repeat the time-worn phrase, "Sigma Alpha Epsilon is still flourishing, and there is none her equal" at Missouri this year, A. D. 1905-6.

CLAYTON M. WILLIAMS.

Σ A E House,

11 November, 1905.

Missouri Beta, Washington University,  
St. Louis.

CONTRARY to expectations, fourteen of the old men returned this year and by active rushing we have secured nine more, making a total chapter enrollment of twenty-three. This, I think, is the largest chapter Missouri Beta has ever had.

Football, of course, is now the absorbing topic at the University. We have a good team and the boys are getting into fine shape for the next game, that against Missouri State University. This is for us the most important game of the year. Fred Bock, Charles Castlen and Harry Castlen are on the team.

A Hallowe'en Party, given in our rooms in the University Dormitory, was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

We are now looking forward with greatest interest to the Province Convention, to be held at Lincoln, Neb., from November 29 to December 3. Missouri Beta will be represented by at least three men.

Since the opening of the fall term the following men have been initiated into Missouri Beta: Frank Fisse, Walter Schmitz, John D. Biggers, Miller R. LeVoy, Rolf Toensfeldt, Fred Bock, Harry Castlen, Charley Castlen and Alleyne von Schrader. E. D. Holland, of Missouri Alpha, is taking a course at the Medical Department and we hope that he will affiliate.

We have as yet no house of our own, but we have rooms in the University Dormitory and we wish that all Sigma Alphas who happen to be in

St. Louis would take the trouble to look us up.

W. F. HENDRICK.

13 November, 1905.

Nebraska Lambda Pi, University of  
Nebraska, Lincoln.

NEBRASKA LAMBDA PI sends greetings to all of her sister chapters. We are glad to report that we have entered upon what we hope and believe will prove a very profitable and pleasant year. Seventeen old men came back, which with six initiates and three pledges gives us an enrollment of twenty-six men.

We are now pleasantly located in our new home in the eastern part of Lincoln. We are well satisfied with the change and while the distance from the University campus is somewhat greater than one might wish, yet this disadvantage is amply made up for by the more commodious quarters.

The Sigma Alphas of Nebraska have received their share of recognition in the way of honors thus far in the school year. Eager and Schmidt are playing on the University football team. Eager was also elected manager of the baseball team for the coming season. In the military department Crawford was appointed ranking captain of the battalion of cadets, and Hayman ranking lieutenant in the University band. Six other Sigma Alphas are non-commissioned officers. This gives us good representation in the military department. Hunter, as chairman of the Sophomore Hop, successfully conducted that function. The school year is yet young

and we expect to capture more prizes before it is over.

We were glad to welcome Brother Cowgill, '02, back to school. Cowgill has always been an enthusiastic worker for  $\Sigma$  A E, so we are glad indeed to have him in school again. He is taking law. Brother "Josh" Billings, of Arkansas Alpha Upsilon, '03, is with us also. He is employed as civil engineer at the B. & M. R. R. offices of this place.

The Zeta Province convention is to be held here next week. Brother Levere, E. S. A., will be present. This is a pleasure and an honor we could scarcely expect, but of which which we are very appreciative. Brother Sanford, our province president, is also expected, together with other province officers. The presence of these prominent Sigma Alpha Alphas will contribute greatly to the interest of the convention.

Special mention is due our alumni for the active interest taken by them in preparation for the convention. Brothers Beckman, Sawyer and Funke have been especially active in this work.

MILTON A. MILLS, JR.

$\Sigma$  A E House, 307 N. 24th St.  
23 November, 1905.

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Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon, University  
of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

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**A**RKANSAS ALPHA-UPSILON returned thirteen good strong men this year in time for the rushing season, and by diligent rushing we succeeded in pledging six fine fellows: Clifton Lee Brack, '08; William Howard McLean, '09; Francis Augustus Terry, '09, of Little Rock,

Ark.; Hiram Heartsill Ragan, '09, of Clarksville, Ark.; William Thaddeus Reynolds, of Fort Smith, Ark.; and John Jackson Hughes, Jr., of Haynes, Ark., all of whom we have initiated.

Rushing was rather keen among the fraternities this year, and we are pleased over the fact that we pledged several of our new men over strong rivals.

As houses were very scarce this year, we were very fortunate in securing a fine brick chapter-house. There are only two other fraternities that are in houses, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Nu. Kappa Alpha rents rooms. Sigma Chi entered the University in September, thereby increasing the number of Fraternities to eight.

Alpha-Upsilon is well represented in athletics this year. Jett is captain and quarter back of the football eleven, T. E. Stanley is right guard, Hutton is left half back and Van Valkenburgh is substitute quarter. We have played some of the strongest teams in the southwest, and have lost only by very low scores, Kansas beating us 6-0 and Texas 4-0. We were delighted to have with us on the latter occasion Brother Caldwell, who was playing with Texas.

Social events are somewhat numerous among the fraternities at present, and the  $\Sigma$  A E box party on the evening of the 10th was quite a success.

The chapter is sorry that C. H. Buford, '06, failed to return to school this year, as he was a good strong worker for the Fraternity. Our best wishes go with him. Brother Dr.

Carroll, Colorado Zeta, was elected to the chair of chemistry this year, and the chapter welcomes him among us.

We are preparing to send a delegate to represent us at the Zeta Province Convention, and we wish every  $\Sigma A E$  who goes a big time.

In closing let us express the hope that any brother coming to Fayetteville will visit us at the new chapter house.

WM. MOORE VAN VALKENBURGH.  
 $\Sigma A E$  House, 213 Church St.,  
 11 November, 1905.

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

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**T**HE opening of Kansas University in September, 1905, found Kansas Alpha on hand with nine old men back in school, willing and eager to begin the rushing season. In addition to a number of our own alumni, Thorpe, of Leland Stanford; Thompson, of Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Reed, of Colorado School of Mines; and Bowman, of Cornell, were with us during the first week of school and did all they could for Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Although not so successful in numbers, we were very fortunate as to quality, in that we pledged five of the best men who entered school this year.

Duff, who is now in Arizona for his health, and Alford, now in the employ of the Santa Fe Railroad, are expected back in school before the spring term opens.

On the evening of October 24th, we gave our annual fall party in honor of our new men. About sixty couples were present, among whom

were a number of our friends from out of town.

At the last meeting of the  $\Sigma E$  Society, the Honorary Fraternity of the Engineering School, Baldwin, C. E. '06, was elected to membership. Since only six or seven students from the school are elected in each year, we feel that a very creditable honor has thus been bestowed upon our chapter.

The great event of the college year took place on November 3d, when the new law building, Green Hall, was dedicated. A large number of prominent lawyers and law alumni were present at the dedication ceremony, and at the subsequent banquet in the evening.

On November 18th, the day of the football game between Kansas University and the Haskell Indians, Kansas Alpha intends to have a general jollification meeting for all Sigma Alphas, and their friends. In the evening, after the game, a smoker and a "German Tea" will be held in the chapter-house. A number of Sigs from all over the State and from Kansas City, as well as a few "prospectives," will be present to help make merry.

The convention for Province Zeta is to be held at Lincoln this year during the Thanksgiving recess, and a very enjoyable and profitable time is assured by the Nebraska Chapter. Five or six of the members of our chapter have already made arrangements to attend.

All the students of the University are now looking forward to the annual football game against Missouri University, which is to be played in Kansas City on Thanksgiving Day.

All Sigma Alphas from Missouri and Kansas, and the alumni in the city, are planning to hold a big reunion on the Wednesday evening before the game, in the form of a banquet at one of the hotels. Sixteen will go down from here, and perhaps as many will come up from Columbia, who, together with the alumni in Kansas City, should be able to have a rousing good time.

Among the Sigma Alphas who have visited us since school opened, are: Taylor, Missouri Alpha; Bunn, Trinity College, '99; Archer, Illinois Beta; and Thorpe, California Alpha.

Barnett, California Alpha, will be here in a few days to make us a short visit.

In closing, we earnestly urge each and every Sig Alpha who comes to Kansas, to stop at Lawrence, and make us a visit.

E. R. GAFFORD.

Σ A E House, 940 Indiana St.,  
14 November, 1905.

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Iowa Beta, State University of Iowa,  
Iowa City.

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OUR college year has opened very auspiciously in many ways. Although we lost heavily by graduation last spring, we are back to our old number again, having initiated six new men: L. D. Dennis, '06, J. H. Peck, '09, W. L. Myers, '08, R. F. French, '06, I. J. Waterman, '09 and P. D. MacBride, '08, also we have two pledges. This gives us fifteen men in the house with an active membership of twenty-two. We have been very fortunate in not losing a single man whom we have

bidden, although one was asked to join six other fraternities.

In athletics, Barker, of Iowa, was the only brother Sigma on the Chicago squad at Portland, Oregon, this summer. This closes his athletic career of four very successful years. He has done much for Iowa University, his closing year being his most enviable. Griffith, quarter-back last year, is now coach of our Freshman team which held Minnesota Freshman 6 to 0, and is captain of the basketball team of which Brother Rule, gymnasium director, is coach. Kent as quarter-back and Moore as center on the Varsity eleven are holding our present football record far above high water mark. Peck as guard on the Freshman team is doing excellent work. Dennis is captain of the baseball team for the coming season.

In two interstate debates this year, Myers, Riley and Couch are three of the six debaters chosen to represent Irving Institute. Riley is also president of the junior, and Myers president of the Sophomore liberal arts class; Couch is class representative for the Sophomore engineers.

Kent is not only one of the best quarter-backs Iowa has ever had and pitcher on the baseball team, but has also been honored with membership in the Dramatic club. Jones, captain of last year's football eleven, has succeeded Brother Walker of last year, as manager of athletics. Anderson was recently elected first lieutenant, of Company I, 54th Infantry, Iowa National Guards.

On the Junior annual board, Riley is humorous editor, Sieg, business manager, and Coyle, athletic editor. Coyle, State chess champion last year,

defeated the champion of Texas recently, in an informal match.

We have held three informal parties this year, which were very successful. One was given in the chapter-house. This was the first time we have entertained at the house for we thought that it might prove rather inconvenient. But this informal was a very delightful one and has shown us the possibilities of the house.

Several Iowa Beta brothers visited during the autumn at Sigma houses at Chicago, Northwestern and Minneapolis. They are delighted with their entertainment.

We hope to have frequent visits from any who find it possible to come.

C. E. COUCH.

Σ A E House, 14 N. Clinton St.,  
14 November, 1905.

**Iowa Gamma, Iowa State College,  
Ames.**

THE members of Iowa Gamma returned to Ames this fall with stored up enthusiasm, and with a determination to plant the purple and gold banner at the Iowa State College so firmly that it may not ever be removed. Rushing began as soon as the students returned, and as a result, we have pledged fourteen men, who we think will make excellent fraternity material. Owing to a faculty ruling against initiating Freshmen, only two of this number have been initiated. However, there are four others who can be initiated soon.

Our new chapter-house was near enough toward completion to enable us to take possession upon returning to college this fall. The furniture and furnishings were at hand, and by the aid of twenty-eight willing workers, it did not take long to get them in the rooms and have everything comfortable and pleasant. In addition to twenty-eight men, living in the chapter-house, we have six more, who find that they can not be accommodated there, and must live in houses near by.

Our social functions have been somewhat light this semester. Besides giving a few dances, we have entertained the faculty, and given a smoker to our fraternity and non-fraternity friends at our chapter-house. Everything proved successful, especially the faculty reception and smoker. The presence of non-fraternity men at the smoker certainly placed us on a very favorable footing with this class of men.

The college is in a very prosperous condition, and shows, more strikingly than ever, its good fraternity field. In addition to Sigma Nu and Beta Theta Phi, there are but two locals to take advantage of this field. Every department of the college is in a flourishing condition. Three new buildings on the campus, as well as a large increase in enrollment, show something of the support the Iowa people are giving us.

At the present writing, we have had an opportunity to extend our hospitality to a number of our brothers of other chapters, and in the future, we hope that there will be

an increase in the number of opportunities. In closing, I would say in behalf of Iowa Gamma, that our doors are always open to brothers in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and we will

be pleased to have them take advantage of our hospitality.

HENRY M. HANSEN.

Σ A E House,  
10 November, 1905.

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PROVINCE ETA.

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Colorado Chi, University of Colorado,  
Boulder.

THE new academic year began this fall very auspiciously for Chi. We had been in a rather anxious state because of vacating our old house and because of the doubtful presence of some of the old men. However, fate was kind to us, and at the beginning of the year we were very comfortably housed, and with only two men absent. We fellows went into the rushing with a great deal of enthusiasm, and after hard work, came forth with five pledges of the right Σ A E stuff. This year we have changed our location, though still in the same vicinity, and sadly, still in a rented house. But our long dreams and figuring on our own house are at last to be realized. For about a year, the Alumni Association, which has had the financing of our house proposition in charge, has been laboring hard to secure the necessary funds, but it has been an up-hill struggle. Now, however, their efforts have been rewarded, and actual construction has begun on the new house. Before next September, then, we will be well-established in our own home, the first to be built by a local chapter.

In college honors we are faring well this year. Brother Vasant is leader of the Glee Club and also

Head Yell Master; Schwer is manager of the University Annual and has for his Assistant, Brother Downer. The football eleven is well run by Trudgian at quarter, who has proved to be one of the strongest men on the team. The team itself has proved an important factor in Western athletics this year, and has won all its interstate games except the battle with Nebraska. And although the team lost the Nebraska game, since a special train went out to Lincoln, it afforded opportunity for the formation of new friendships and the best of interschool spirit. Several of our men were courteously entertained while in Lincoln by the men of Nebraska Lambda Pi, and we certainly recommend them as royal hosts.

And likewise the men of Chi will attempt to do as well for any Sigma Alpha who comes our way.

ROBERT M. SEE.

Σ A E House, 1155 Thirteenth St.,  
15 November, 1905.

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Colorado Zeta, University of Denver,  
Denver.

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IN another place we present to our brothers ten of as fine fellows as we ever have taken into the chapter. Of these Forsyth and Thibodeau are pledges as yet, but will

soon be initiated. Brother Barker is one of the most successful High School teachers in the State. He is superintendent of the Central City Schools, and is pursuing a course in our University for a master's degree. Gipe is a pitcher, and we expect him to make a fine showing on the Varsity baseball team next spring. Duke is a crack short-stop and fielder.

We have three college class presidents: Painter, our E. A., president of the Junior class; Henderson, president of the Freshmen; and Williams, president of the Senior class. We have both manager and captain of the Varsity basket-ball team. Steele has worked very hard for basket-ball success, and we feel that he rightly deserved the position of captain. Hawke, who is also a basket-ball enthusiast, was elected manager. Bulkley is playing full-back on the Varsity squad, and is considered among the best in the State. Willey, who came to us from Colorado Chi, is our quarter-back, and is certainly the very best in the State.

Many of our old members did not return this year. Worth went to Harvard, Sargent to Dartmouth, Bushnell to Cornell, Appleton to Ann Arbor, Morrow to Colorado State Agriculture, and Griffith to State School of Mines. Brothers Badgeley and Green are working in the city, and will return to school in the future.

We are at last in a chapter-house pleasantly situated about four blocks from University Building, and furnished and painted spick-span new. Six fellows are rooming there, the

rest of our members having their homes in the city. We feel that we are getting on our feet in a very gratifying way, and our next move will be for a house of our own. Our parents and friends have just given us a "shower" for the kitchen and dining-room, and we will soon have a table going. We feel well satisfied with the year thus far, and are going to push still harder for the rest of the year.

FRANK E. C. WILLIAMS.

Σ A E House,  
8 November, 1905.

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

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THE year 1905-06 shows signs of being a very propitious one for Colorado Lambda.

Only thirteen of last year's men returned to school this year. Of those not returning four graduated, one went to the Michigan School of Mines and one to the Missouri School of Mines. We have, however, been strengthened by the affiliation of Leroy Clapp, of Massachusetts Delta, and by the initiation of five new men, T. F. Harwood, '09; L. M. Allen, '09; W. B. Patrick, '09; E. R. Ayres, '09, and G. Macbeth, '07.

Some of the best offices in school are held by Sigma Alphas: Shaver, '07, assistant football manager, becoming manager next fall; Whitehouse, '07, athletic director and secretary of the Athletic Association; Rambo, '08, Social club; T. F. Harwood, '09, president of Freshman class; Patrick, '09, Social club. We also have one member on the football team.

The football team, under the coaching of "Shorty" Ellsworth, the famous Chicago center, is showing evidences of being a championship winner.

We wish to make mention of the pleasant visit of Brother William C. Levere to those of us who were still in Golden at the time of his western trip.

THEO. W. QUAYLE.

Σ A E House,  
3 November, 1905.

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California Alpha, Stanford University, Palo Alto.

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CALIFORNIA ALPHA regrets very much the non-appearance of a letter in the first number of the RECORD, due to the negligence of the former correspondent, who did not return to college this fall.

The opening of the fall term found the brothers all on hand ready to begin the work and pleasures of college and fraternity life. There were three unexpected arrivals, Jim Meikle, '07, and Ben Marrow, '07, from Portland, and George McIntosh, '06, from the southern part of the State, where he has been engaged in civil engineering. We have affiliated Brothers William H. Stark, '09, from Arkansas Alpha Upsilon, and George Gove, '03, Wisconsin Alpha, the latter of whom is taking postgraduate work here. Owing to the fine material produced in this year's Freshman class it was hard to pick men, but we feel satisfied that we have secured the best material for Σ A E, and expect them to represent us in the different college activities in the future. They are Norman Doan, '09, from

Sacramento, Cal.; Harry Bruning, '09, from Oakland, Cal.; Clarence Lynn, '09, from San Jose, Cal.; Philip Faymondville, '09, from San Francisco; Lane Goodell, '09, and Elliot Holcomb, '09, from Portland, Ore.

Our initiation this year was especially impressive and interesting, as Eminent Supreme Archon William C. Levere was present and officiated. The initiation was held at our chapter-house here conjointly with California Beta and was a grand affair. There were present many "old" men from both chapters, and the sight of sixty loyal Σ A E's sitting at the long table in our banquet hall was one to be long remembered. Brother Levere spoke to us on the history of Σ A E, its past and its future prospects. He told us many anecdotes of great interest and we were indeed sorry to have him sit down. I never heard a man speak with more feeling and loyalty to any order, and Brother Levere is certainly a most worthy member for the leadership of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Among those present were Harry Cox; '95, Claude Downing, '95; Lewis Beedy, '98; James Lanagan, '00; Ralph Phelps, '02; O. A. Wilson, '05; Wesley Crothers, '05; Whit Prentice, '04; Emerson Warfield, '03; White, '97; Doherty, '08, of Ohio Sigma and many others. At a joint meeting the next day plans were discussed for the future, and much excellent advice was given both chapters by Brother Levere.

Brother Levere was tendered a banquet by the Σ A E Alumni Association of San Francisco, and although only a small number were present, the affair was a most enjoyable one.

At the close of last semester we were well represented on the diamond by Sales, '06, who was elected captain for this year of the baseball team. Turner, '08, was coxswain of both the Varsity and Freshman crews, and Cole, '08, captained the victorious Freshman crew at the intercollegiate regatta on Lake Washington, near Seattle, Wash. Bookmyer, '08, is captain of the Stanford basket-ball team, which hopes for an unusually successful season.

Stanford was defeated by Berkeley in the Freshman football game by a score of 6-0, in a hotly contested, in which we were represented by Doan, '09, and Goodell, '09. Doan, '09, was especially strong at center and is now doing good work on the second Varsity team. Much activity is now being shown in the football line, and Brother James Lanagan, '00, coach of the Stanford team, hopes to turn out an aggregation, fully as strong as in former years, against our old rival Berkeley in the Varsity game on November 11.

The Glee and Mandolin clubs are preparing for a tour of Southern California during the Christmas vacation. Goudy, '05, is manager of the Mandolin club of which Lanagan, '08, is the leader. Gove, Wisconsin Alpha, '03, one of the first mandolins, and Raymond, '08, accompanist of the Glee club, will also take the trip.

The night of the dedication of the Junior plugs, after the presentation of the "Plug Ugly," the Sophomores and the Freshmen held a rush, the first one in ten years, in which the Sophomores were victorious.

We have twenty-three active mem-

bers in the house at present with three men pledged for next semester, and we expect to obtain more as there is an abundance of good material in college.

We have had visits from many brothers during the last two months and look forward to a visit from any Sig Alph who should happen to come out here on the Pacific Coast.

CLAUDIUS RAYMOND.

Σ A E House,  
5 November, 1905.

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California Beta, University of  
California, Berkeley.

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**A**NOTHER semester is rapidly drawing to a close, and the final examinations begin in three weeks.

The term thus far has been pleasant in all respects, and everything is progressing favorably. Developments around the university have been many; a new heating plant has been installed, a new million dollar library building has been started, the mining building is nearing completion, and an administration building, known as California Hall, is to be finished by the new year.

We were all greatly pleased recently by a few days' visit from Brother W. C. Levere, E. S. A., whose visit will always be remembered, both because of himself and because of the many interesting and instructive things he told us concerning the Fraternity. Brother Levere certainly won us all to him.

Our fall initiation this year was conducted by Brother Levere, California Alpha and Beta holding a joint initiation for the first time, at Stan-

ford. It was the finest ever seen by any member present, and made us realize thoroughly the true spirit of Σ A E.

The chapter is getting along finely and all the brothers are working hard. We have another pledged man for this year, and two men in prospect. Our chief thought now is a new house of our own. We have considered several plans in this connection, but have as yet decided on

nothing definite, and would be glad to have suggestions from any of the brothers.

Recently we have had many pleasant visits from alumni and from Eastern brothers.

Our house is always open to any brother, and we hope none will fail to visit us when in this vicinity.

MORRIS E. COCHRAN.

Σ A E House, 2519 Ridge Road,  
16 November, 1905.

## P R O V I N C E   T H E T A .

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

ON account of the yellow fever, the school did not open until November 1st, about a month and a half late. This does not seem to have affected the enrollment of students, for up to this time more have registered than last year.

Several new departments have been installed this year, a department of pedagogy being the most important. This is a new step for this school, and it is hoped that it will do good work for education in the State.

Although Louisiana Epsilon closed last year with twelve men, we have only six back with us. We initiated two men this year, and hope to add to this before the end of the year. Our number of initiates stands very well with the other fraternities. Kappa Alpha has two new men, Sigma Nu four, Kappa Sigma three, and Pi Kappa Alpha one.

Wise is a quartermaster sergeant and treasurer of the German club,

Graham, a sergeant, and Milling on the staff of the college weekly.

The football team is out practicing every day, and the prospects are bright for a winning team. On account of the lateness of the season, we have only four games scheduled up to this time.

R. C. MILLING.

Σ A E House,  
13 November, 1905.

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

THE fever is over, the "calex stegomyia fasciata" has left, and all is running as usual in the "delightful city" of the South. College opened on the 2d of November, a month later than the scheduled time.

However, all goes well with Σ A E's most southern chapter, as each and every member is working hard to make up for the time thus lost. All our men were refugees, and spent many pleasant days in different parts of the United States and Canada.

So far we have not initiated any

men this year, as those men pledged by us last year have not entered college, having so far been unable to return to town. We hope to see them with us soon, but, in the meantime have our eye on several very desirable and much rushed men, whom we soon hope to pass on. Three of our old boys did not return this year. They are George Mills, Charles M. Kerr, and Boatner Reily.

Tulane's football prospects are fine, and we are glad to say that we can boast four men on the squad, from whom great things are expected.

In our last letter we mentioned the fact that we had the controlling vote on the staff of the *Olive and Blue*, the college weekly. This year all the positions on the staff are held by  $\Sigma A E$ 's—including editor-in-chief, managing editor, business manager, all associate editors and assistant business managers, the alumni editor, and all department editors.

We have men, as usual in all the interfraternity societies, of which there are three, and we are well represented in the german clubs, and in the professional fraternities of our law and medical departments.

We hold our full share of class offices, and again lead in things social, athletic and literary.

To sum up the situation, we will say that we hold a very prominent position in the fraternity world of Tulane, and will continue this session to be called the strong fraternity of the University, if all continues as well as it at present promises to.

We hope that this year we may receive a visit from brother William C. Levere, E. S. A., for we are one of

the few chapters that have not yet had the pleasure of entertaining him. And all brothers in the bonds are asked to remember that we will always be glad to see any of them who happen to visit our city, and will do our best to make them have a pleasant visit.

CLIVE WETHERILL KERNAN.  
20 November, 1905.

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Mississippi Gamma, University of  
Mississippi, University.

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THE University of Mississippi has entered upon another year, which bids fair to be one of the brightest in her history, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon is sharing in her prosperity.

When the doors of the University opened in November, ten loyal Sigma Alphas assembled to the roll-call. We returned eight out of a chapter of ten, while Brother McKay, '03, we are glad to state, is again with us. It is with pleasure that we also announce J. O. Gillespie of Tennessee Lambda, '05, as one of our number.

Since returning from vacation we have not been idle. In the face of a vigorous opposition given us by seven other Greek-letter chapters we have initiated five valuable men—C. C. Hightower, J. R. Haney, Jr., E. A. Dawson, L. N. Mitchell and Will R. McBride. We have several other men in view and expect to increase our number to twenty before the end of the session.

On November 4, the night of the initiation, we gave an informal banquet which, as we hoped it would do, alleviated the pains and aches of our new brothers.

We are fortunate this year in that our boys are occupying one floor of a dormitory. This gives an excellent chance for realizing fraternity feeling more, and for joining hands more harmoniously in the struggle for  $\Sigma$  A E. One of these rooms we have set aside for a chapter-room, and intend to furnish it nicely for the entertainment of our friends as well as for a chapter-room.

Although the football team has not yet been selected, I am confident that we will fill our share of the positions. With Perkins of last year's team back, Jim Elmer of the Virginia '04 eleven here, and a prospective player in C. C. Hightower, we should be well represented. The baseball season is too far away to predict anything yet, but we have in our ranks of the last year's team W. R. McBride, C. C. Hightower and the present correspondent.

We were terribly shocked during vacation at the news of the accidental killing of one of our beloved alumni—W. A. Bethune, '04. While hunting ducks on a lake in North Carolina, he accidentally shot himself. He was a promising young lawyer of Bonds, Miss., meriting the esteem of all who knew him.

I take pleasure in introducing our new correspondent, P. P. Lindholm, who will hereafter contribute to the pages of the RECORD.

L. C. PIGFORD.

13 November, 1905.

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Texas Rho, University of Texas,  
Austin.

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**T**EXAS RHO began the year under the most favorable auspices,

and it seems likely that our present prosperity will continue. Nearly all the old men came back, and in addition, W. D. Garnett has returned to study law after an absence of several years. We have taken in four new men, not desiring to bid more upon hasty conclusions.

Connor and Prendergast are not with us this year and their loss is severely felt by the chapter.

Prendergast is the best football player that Texas has had within recent years, having made the All-Southwestern in two of the three seasons he has played on the Varsity. He has been one of the most prominent members of the chapter since his initiation.

Our annual initiation took place October 13 and was a success in every particular, including the informal banquet after the ceremony was over. Several former members of the chapter were present.

Many visiting Sigma Alphas have been our guests this fall, and we would be glad to have others drop in when in town. In particular, we enjoyed a short visit from Brother J. H. Shelton, Virginia Omicron.

The University of Texas continues to prosper, notwithstanding that the last legislature was not liberal in appropriations. The attendance for this year is very much larger than for any previous session, the total enrollment exceeding fourteen hundred.

Dr. David F. Houston has been elected to succeed our late president, Col. W. L. Prather.

JAS. BOWIE WHITE.

$\Sigma$  A E House, 202 E. 24th St.,  
11 November, 1905.

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 PROVINCE IOTA.
 

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 Kentucky Kappa, Central University,  
 Danville.
 

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WHEN college opened Kentucky Kappa had only eight men to begin the rushing season. Our number of active members now is sixteen, and we have another man pledged who will be initiated before this is published.

Sigma Alphas are well represented in the various college affairs here. On the football team we have two men, Bass, left-guard, and J. C. Crenshaw, left-tackle. Dosker and J. L. Crenshaw are associate editors of our paper, *The Cento News*. J. C. Crenshaw is president of the Senior class and also president of The Chamberlain Literary Society. W. B. Alexander has been made treasurer of the recently organized Pan Hellenic Hop Club.

All the fraternities here seem to be in a flourishing condition, and are occupying nicely furnished halls. Kappa has renovated her quarters this fall, and now has a nice hardwood floor in our largest room, which gives us an excellent place for dancing and other social functions.

The number of fraternity men on our football team is remarkable, and the way they are distributed among different fraternities is very equal. The eleven is composed of one  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , two  $\Delta K E$ 's, two  $\Sigma A E$ 's, two  $K A$ 's, two  $B \Theta \Pi$ 's, one  $\Sigma X$  and one non-frat.

The  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's and  $\Sigma A E$ 's played a game of football on October 28 in

which neither side scored, but we seemed to have the better team. In the first half the end came with the ball in our possession on their fifteen yard line. All we wished for was more time.

Our chapter is in a most prosperous condition. We hope all the chapters in the Fraternity are able to make as favorable a report.

J. C. CRENSHAW.

11 November, 1905.

 Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Rus-  
 sellville.
 

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FRATERNITY life is booming in Kentucky Iota this fall. We have come to the front by initiating six new men, who, we feel sure, deserve the honor of wearing the badge of purple and gold. We also have another good man on the string.

T. S. McCarley, of Auburn, Ky., has been with us several times this year, and we can hardly express our thanks to him for the instructive talks he has given us.

As usual our men are taking an active part in all college affairs, especially in athletics. Harry Anderson is captain of the Varsity eleven, on which H. P. Craig, T. S. Taylor and James Ware are players. H. P. Craig is athletic editor of the college magazine and president of the graduating class.

It is unusual to see the fraternity men of Bethel on such good terms. Kentucky Iota has the good will of both faculty and non-fraternity men.

JAMES WARE.

22 November, 1905.

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

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WHEN college opened for matriculation on September 14th every fraternity was ready for work, but all were rather disappointed in not finding very much on which to work. Having lost heavily, all had returned early with a determination to make up for last year's losses. Although the college register showed a decided increase of students, the material either did not show itself or was not there. As a result the average chapter roll is much smaller than it was last year.

After having lost five men by graduation Kentucky Epsilon returned eight men. We soon had three men pledged and initiated, two of these during the first part of October, the other will be initiated some time after Christmas. Since then we have pledged two more.

Lack of numbers caused us to give up the idea of going into a house this year. However, we have rooms in a convenient office building which we consider a very desirable location. Our furnishings this year are also better than ever before.

Social functions have been rather few this year, all interest being centered on football. Under the management of a Sigma Alph, our team has been rather successful, and we feel that the State championship will surely be ours. Rardon, '08, is playing on the second team. More enthusiasm both in college and out is being shown this year than ever before, and even now it seems that the whole town will turn out to help the boys root.

Our social functions have been limited to three smokers, which were very informal and quite enjoyable.

L. LOGAN LEWIS.

7 November, 1905.

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**Tennessee Zeta, Southwestern Pres-  
byterian University, Clarksville.**

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UNDER most gratifying prospects, Tennessee Zeta began the year with all the brothers back save one. We at once set to work, and succeeded in "landing" two most desirable men, Marshall, '09, and Canon, '08, whom we are glad to introduce to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. We have another man pledged, and will soon send him "over the sands."

In athletics, S. P. U. is climbing back to the enviable position she formerly held. The football team representing the school this year is very strong, not having been scored against this season, and bids fair to come out at the end with flying colors. Harrison at end is doing great work, and is considered the fastest and most aggressive player on the team. This is Briggs' second year as quarter-back and captain. Runyon was elected President of the Athletic Association and of the Stuart Society.

In a social way we have had many delightful gatherings, and our "Carnival Party" was the hit of the season. We also furnish the largest contingent to the German Club.

In scholarship, Coats is leading the school and if he continues is destined to win laurels hitherto unheard of here.

Last springs, Dr. N. M. Woods was elected Chancellor of this insti-

tution, and since he has assumed control, the school has been on the upward move, which is sure to continue. This will increase the number of students and likewise the amount of fraternity material.

We were delighted to have with us during the Y. M. C. A. Convention here, several brothers from other colleges, and also some alumni. A cordial invitation is always extended to wandering brothers, whom we are always glad to have with us.

GEORGE I. BRIGGS.

7 November, 1905.

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

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THE Academic and Law departments of Cumberland opened September 7th, when the seven returned Sigma Alphas reached Lebanon, ready to enter the rushing season in earnest, and determined to make this year, as all former years have been, a most successful one. They were enthusiastically welcomed by a corps of strong and loyal alumni, ready to render every possible aid to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Neither had the local alumni been in any wise idle during the summer months, they having secured and handsomely furnished the most desirable fraternity quarters in the city, and pledged five most excellent men. With the assistance of such alumni, it was easy work for the seven active and enthusiastic members to secure virtually whoever they wanted, and as a result of their two months work they present the names of nine initiates listed in another place.

Early in the season we inaugurated

the custom of having a weekly dance at the fraternity hall, which is admirably fitted up for that purpose, and these dances have proven the principal social feature of the present season. On the evening of November 2d, the active members together with the local alumni gave a "stag" banquet complimentary to Brother J. B. Bushyhead, the star of C. U.'s football team and the Manager, Brother G. S. Moore. Covers were laid for thirty-five, and oratory and brotherly love held full sway until a very late hour.

Lambda Chapter was delighted to extend the glad hand at the beginning of this year's work to two most valuable and worthy affiliates, in the persons of Brothers F. S. Shepperd and Luther L. Fonville, of Alabama Alpha-Mu and Tennessee Eta, respectively.

Tennessee Lambda can not wish more for its sixty-five sister chapters than that they may ever be as happy and prosperous as itself.

S. B. ROBERTSON, JR.

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**Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University, Nashville.**

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WE have begun this year's work with the very brightest prospects. We returned twelve regular members and have seven affiliates. The men are all enthusiastic, and everybody has taken hold with a will. By agreement between all the fraternities at Vanderbilt University, no spiking may be done until February 4, 1906; so we have initiated no men as yet. The Freshman class has a goodly number of promising men, and, judging from

all indications now, we are right in line to get some of them.

The house in which we are quartered has been improved and refinished inside, so that our quarters are probably now better than any others at Vanderbilt.

We are looking forward with much pleasure to the coming of our Province Convention, which meets in Nashville December 18-21. Everything possible is being done to add to the comfort and provide for the pleasure of all the visiting brothers. For every  $\Sigma A E$  who can be here the latch-string hangs outside.

JOHN F. SIMMS.

$\Sigma A E$  House, 2221 West End Ave.,  
6 November, 1905.

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Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

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**S**INCE our last letter our chapter has taken several strides forward, and we feel that we are on a firm basis for the year's work.

We have taken in eight men this year, which brings our membership up to eighteen, our second largest chapter in many years. The names of our initiates are, J. S. Allen, J. H. Smith and G. B. Malone from Memphis, Tenn; J. W. Leach and M. D. Arnold, Jr., from Knoxville; W. B. Ragsdale from Tate Springs, Tenn.; J. C. Loucks from Elgin, Ills.; and S. H. Calvert, from Monroe, La.

They are all men of promise in the University and two of them have already become prominent. Leach is President of the Freshman class

and quarter-back on the Varsity team. Loucks is a lieutenant in the military battalion and is also doing good work on the scrub team. Joe and John Caldwell and Ragsdale are also on the Varsity eleven this year, which speaks well for  $\Sigma A E$  here in the way of athletics.

We have been making some decided improvements in our chapter rooms and are now quite snugly fixed up. We have the whole lower floor and part of the second floor of the best dormitory here, have private parlor, sitting-room and bath, and on the whole, while it is not as exclusive as if we had a chapter house, it is nearly as comfortable and convenient.

Bruce, our E. T., left us last Saturday to accept a good position in his father's business. While we regretted losing Bruce as an active member, we can't help realizing that he has acted for the best, and wish him Godspeed in his work.

JOHN H. POSTON, JR.

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Tennessee Omega, University of the South, Sewanee.

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**W**HEN we came back to Sewanee last March everything looked unpromising. Many of the brothers had failed to return, and the few who did return almost lapsed into pessimism, but regardless of drawbacks, we went to work and during the course of the year have added four strong members to our order, of whom the brothers may well be proud.

Our latest initiate is D. C. Miller,

formerly of Washington and Lee Univeristy.

We still have a number of men on the string, and hope to land them as soon as their conditions are removed.

Since the last issue of *THE RECORD* the University supply store, which was a great rallying place for students, has been burned to the ground, but a new and more handsome one is being erected and will be ready for the rushing committee when the spring term of the University opens.

We have had quite a number of little social functions at the chapter-house, during the last month; among which was an All Hallowe'en party given in honor of our feminine friends and rushers, and it proved a grand success.

Tennessee Omega has taken a high stand throughout the year, both in the class-room and on the athletic field. In the spring she was well represented in baseball circles, and now her loyal sons have donned their war togs and entered the football fray.

Brother Scarbrough, captain of the Varsity, and a famous punter, is holding his own at quarter-back, while Lumpkin, at right guard, and Paynor at left end, are guarding well the honor of  $\Sigma A E$ .

A. C. D. NOX.

$\Sigma A E$  House,  
15 November, 1905.

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

ON September 3, S. B. U. entered upon another year's work. The campus and college buildings have seen numerous changes and there are several new faces among the faculty. We think the yellow fever responsible for the many expected students who failed to come.

Even though the present session seems to be rather an off year among the fraternities, Tennessee Eta has taken four of the best men in school and has two others pledged that are to be initiated in the near future. Our chapter is represented on the Varsity football team by four, Tigrett being captain. This brother also has the captaincy of the '05 nine. We are well represented in every phase of college life, and in the military department, which is an addition of this year,  $\Sigma A E$  is very prominent.

The State Baptist Association, which convened here some few weeks since, brought back many of the "old boys." The majority of their officers were Tennessee Eta men. We have been very fortunate in having visits from our alumni and other brothers, and we desire to express our sincere appreciation of their invaluable service during those days of rushing. We send best wishes to our sister chapters for a happy Christmas and a joyous New Year.

R. H. ANDERSON.

25 November, 1905.

## Here and There.



The particular attention of our readers is called to the fact that Charles P. Wood, New York Alpha, 1904, has just been appointed assistant editor of the RECORD. For the future all chapter letters, remittances, subscriptions and all general business correspondence must be directed to Charles P. Wood, 145 Spring Street, Atlanta, Georgia.



Messrs. Roehm and Son, of Detroit, the official badge-makers of the Fraternity, have gotten out a miniature Sigma Alpha desk calendar of neat design, and appropriately embellished with the Fraternity coat-of-arms. These calendars sell at ten cents each, and have been largely bought by our chapters through the country.



Former E. S. A. Albert M. Austin, Ohio Delta, '94, now managing a mining property at Llano, Sonora, Mexico, has recently been elected to membership in the American Institute of Mining Engineers. The same distinction has also been conferred on Leon H. Brady, Missouri Beta and New York Mu, now of Aguascalientes, Mexico, and James E. Chapman, Illinois Psi-Omega and New York Mu.



It was a disappointment to us that our chapter-house article could not be more fully illustrated, and in particular we had hoped to show a picture of the new home of the Columbia chapter. Comparatively few pictures, as it turned out, were available. In some cases, the houses were still in process of building; in others the chapters had no pictures, and did not appear sufficiently interested to secure them; and in others they exhibited a complete indifference to corresponding on the subject at all.

Under the editorship of William Kernan Dart, Province Theta has recently issued a sixty-page annual which is creditable in every way. The volume is bound in a heavy blue paper cover like that of *THE RECORD*, and is embellished with a cut of the Fraternity coat of arms. The dedication is to DeVotie, whose picture appears with the appropriate inscription. Histories of the Province and of the Several Chapters, with full lists of members, make up the bulk of the contents. Annuals of this kind are virtually catalogues for the districts which they cover, and in addition to their contemporary interest, are of great help to the compilers of the decennial national catalogue.



This being an off year in the matter of a national convention, the provinces are everywhere making preparations for their semi-annual meetings. During the next few months conventions will be held by every province in the Fraternity. Among the earliest scheduled is that of Gamma, which convenes in Washington at the end of this month. A distinguishing feature of this convention will be the presence at it of the Supreme Council, that body having, with this in mind, arranged to hold its mid-convention meeting in Washington at the same time. The deliberations of the two will of course be distinct and separate, but each evening will be the scene of festivities in which both will unite. The council meeting will probably not be the occasion of so much formal celebration as was that of two years ago, but is expected to be no less productive of good results.



The appended letter, bearing the letterhead of the "Non-Fraternity Organization" of Mercer University, and circulated there at or before the beginning of the rushing season, is interesting as showing the systematic opposition that the fraternities at this college, and possibly at others, have to go up against.

MY DEAR SIR: Understanding that we are to have you with us at Mercer and presuming that you are unacquainted with the Greek-Letter fraternities here, the tendencies of which, we believe, are to hinder rather than to advance the general good of the students, we take the liberty of sending you this letter urging you, not through any selfish motives of ours, but in be-

half of the best interest of yourself and the much beloved college of which we are students, to be very considerate before joining one of these secret societies. Whether you become a fraternity man or not will determine your college associations, your rating as a student, your influence among the students, and your individuality which in life will determine your worth as a citizen.

Therefore, if you have been already or, upon entering college, should be solicited to join a fraternity, it will be well for you to go slow and to weigh carefully any offer that may be made you. Certainly, even if you contemplate joining one, we hope that you will not allow yourself to be rushed into it, but that you will wait awhile, till you see for yourself what the situation at Mercer is; then decide whether it is really to your interest to become a fraternity member or not.

Beware of any unusual advantages which fraternity men may hold out as an inducement to persuade you to join. It is only another way they have of asking for your time and money. This must be it, for less than one-third of the students of Mercer are members of secret societies and less than 7% belong to any one fraternity. Thus, if you do not become a member of one of these secret orders and should need to be rendered a favor at any time, we shall not be lacking in number, at least. As to the character, influence, ability and manliness of the members of our organization, we must ask you to see and judge for yourself after you have been in college awhile.

In such a short letter we can not even make any statements about the objections to fraternities. There are objections, however, and we shall be glad to discuss them fully either by letter or personal conversation when you reach college.

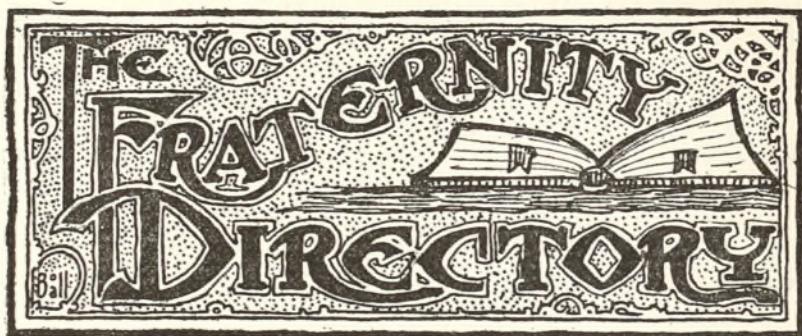
In any case, we ask you not to allow yourself to be drawn into any of these organizations before you assure yourself of the character of the members composing them. It will be well for you, we believe, to wait a few weeks upon your college entrance and during this time quietly investigate these organizations, the principles upon which they are founded, and whether or not they are harmonious in their results in the college community. In a word, find them out.

Then investigate the principles of our organization, and ascertain its purposes. When you see why it exists, what it stands for, and come to realize how much it will mean for you in your college career, we are confident that you will ally yourself with us and give to our cause your hearty support.

Very sincerely yours.

The argument that the main object of the college fraternity is to get a man's time and money, is, in the celebrated words of the college professor, "remarkable, if true."

No chapter letter for this issue of THE RECORD was received from Indiana Alpha, whose remissness has spoiled an otherwise clean score. For purposes of record one copy of this issue is forwarded to the delinquent chapter, other copies being purchasable at THE RECORD's published rates.



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