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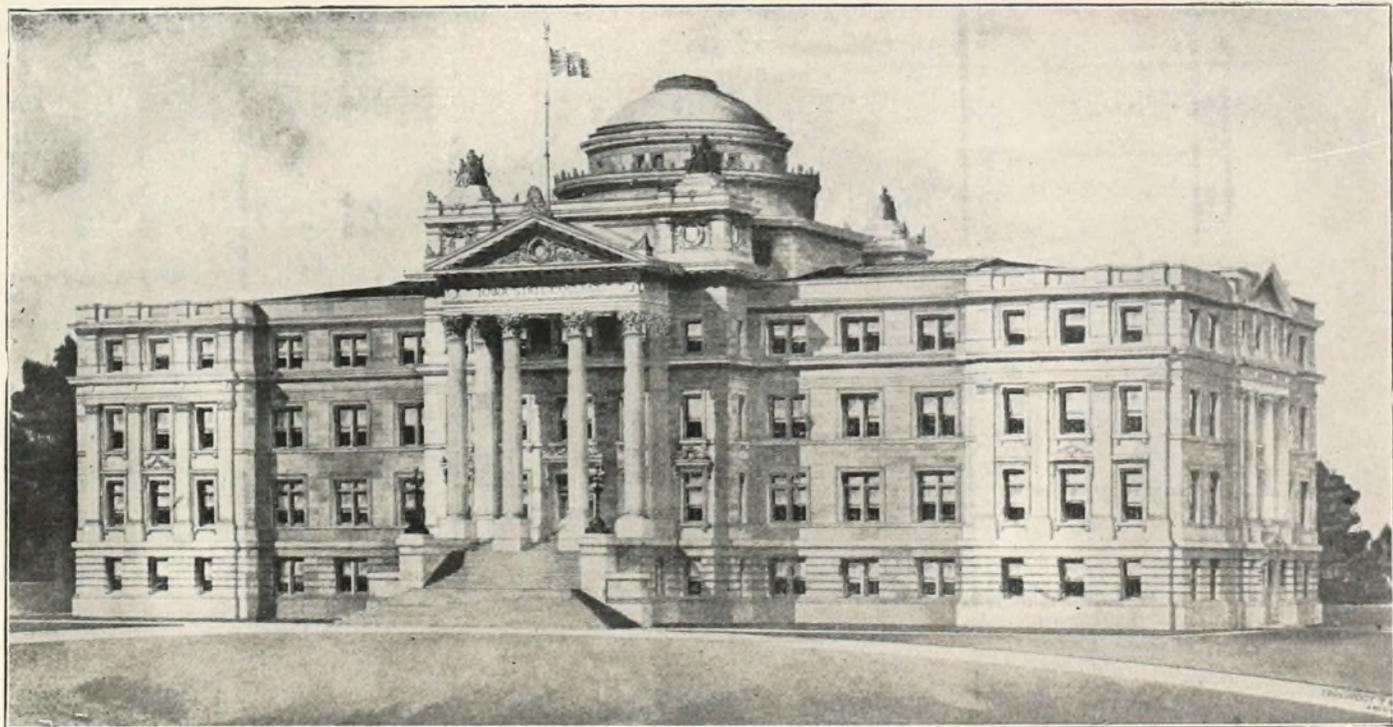
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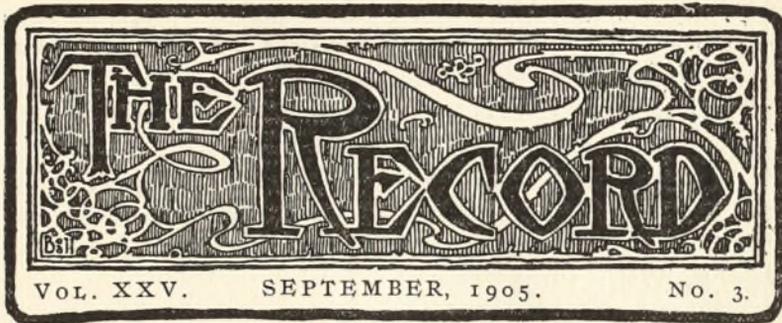
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WHERE A NEW SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER WAS INSTALLED ON JUNE 3D LAST.



The Installation of Iowa Gamma.

By *William C. Levere*, E. S. A.

JUNE donned her loveliest garb for the installation of Iowa Gamma at Iowa State College, when with the bluest of blue skies overhead, and a golden "bow of promise" hung aloft, this new chapter was born into the brotherhood of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

No one who has ever visited Ames can quite speak or write of it calmly. The temptation to describe the campus as the most beautiful in America is almost irresistible. The stately and magnificent buildings that are clustered on the great stretch of green are in themselves a liberal education. The poetic campanile with its sweet-toned chimes spells out dreams and visions of romance and beauty. The young manhood that swarms the campus is stalwartly American with a spirit that impresses you as being swiftly and keenly in earnest. There are fourteen hundred of them, virile, eager, the scions of that new nobility found in American Democracy.

Twenty-five of these, young men, who as the "Dragoons," had petitioned the Memphis convention, were dubbed Knights of Minerva on this happy occasion. They had come to our national convention with their ambitious hopes for the future; and when they spread before that convention their plans for a noble chapter-house, they

were received and welcomed interestedly. And then the convention told them that if they would fulfil their promise and produce the house a charter should be theirs. Quicker than a flash the challenge was accepted. Here within a few steps of the campus is their splendid home, now nearing completion.

The installation ceremonies were held at three o'clock on the afternoon of June 3d. The installing officers were William C. Levere, E. A.; Frederick Poyneer, Iowa Beta, E. D. A.; Milton P. Jarnagin, Tennessee Kappa, E. R.; Walter McNally, Wisconsin Alpha, E. C.; Edward A. Rule, Iowa Beta, E. H.; Lyle Jeffers, Iowa Beta, E. W.

The neophytes were Fred Matthews Sloane, McGregor, Iowa; Ralph D. Robertson, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Frederick C. Collison, Carroll, Iowa; Clarence A. Mahanke, Parkersburg, Iowa; William Howard Smith, Prattsville, Ala.; Miles Bolser, Le Mary, Iowa; Guy Russell Kenny, Early, Iowa; John Travis, Ames, Iowa; George C. Read, Elbarn, Ill.; Samuel S. Nichols, Marshalltown, Iowa; Henry M. Hanssen, Carroll, Iowa; Adolph Shane, Ames, Iowa; J. Smith Lambert, Newton, Iowa; G. J. Scherling, Parkersburg, Iowa; Lyle Jewett Hicks, Monticello, Iowa; Theodore T. Meyling, Keokuk, Iowa; W. F. Coover, Ames, Iowa; Roy D. Whitacre, West Liberty, Iowa; Conrad E. Frudden, Charles City, Iowa; Karl D. Bickel, McGregor, Iowa; Lester W. Burkhart, Zearing, Iowa; William Joseph Kirsher, Des Moines, Iowa; Roland E. Richeson, State Centre, Iowa; William B. Barney, Jr., Hampton, Iowa; Robert W. McPherson, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The evening was given to banqueting and oratory. The toast list follows:

William C. Levere, E. S. A., Toastmaster. "Farewell to the Dragoons," Guy R. Kenny; "The Road to Greece," Edward A. Rule; "Iowa State and Iowa Gamma," Adolph Shane; "Province Zeta," Calvin T. McClintock; "A Tennessean in the Land of the Hawkeyes," M. P. Jarnagin; "Frenzied Finance; or, Has Σ. A. E. Any Tight Wads?" W. H. McNally; "Hail to Minerva, Queen of Σ. A. E.," Clarence A. Mahanke.

Those who were present will never forget the joys of the evening. The speeches were inspiring and the songs were sung with the vim of veteran Greeks. The chimes in the old campanile were sounding a late hour when the two 'bus loads of brothers in Sigma Alpha



Agricultural Hall.

Margaret Hall.

SNOW SCENE.

VIEWS OF IOWA STATE COLLEGE.



ENGINEERING HALL.

VIEWS OF IOWA STATE COLLEGE.



THE CAMPANILE.

VIEWS OF IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

Epsilon, the new and the old, swung toward the chapter-house. The stars that smiled above heard songs and yells new to the campus but as hearty as if they had been sung there for a thousand years. That they will be sung there for a thousand years and more no one can doubt who knows the fiber of our new Iowa Gamma.

Iowa State College.



IOWA STATE COLLEGE is one of the most impressive educational institutions in the United States. To stand upon its campus of one hundred and twenty-five acres and view the twenty-two commodious buildings, artistically grouped and designed, is nothing less than a rare joy to any lover of beauty. And in the center of this noble pile devoted to education stands the campanile with its melodious chimes, as unique and charming a bit of architecture as may be found on any campus in the world.

The history of Iowa State College dates from 1858 when the State Legislature passed an act to establish the institution and elected a board of trustees to select a faculty and organize a college. The present site near the city of Ames was purchased in 1859, but the college was not formally opened until the 17th of March, 1869. Its growth has been constant since that time. During the past college year over fourteen hundred students were enrolled and it is expected that the attendance this autumn will approach the two thousand mark. These students are not only representative of nearly every State in the Union from New York to California, but Europe as well as the far East contributes its quota. It is said to have more students from the Southern States than any other college in the West.

As a fraternity field Iowa State College is especially promising. Until within the last two years Greek-letter societies have been prohibited by the board of trustees. Under the urgency of President Albert B. Storms, an educator of national reputation, who believed in their power for good, this law was repealed. Sigma Nu

was the first fraternity to take advantage of this, and succeeded in quickly building up a really admirable chapter. Other locals were organized about the same time, and of these the Dragoons were granted a charter by Sigma Alpha Epsilon and installed June 3, 1905. Since then the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity has granted a charter to another local, and this chapter will be installed at once. There are several other good locals here that are being eagerly sought by prominent national fraternities and before the end of the year the roster of Greeks will in all likelihood be considerably increased. The fact that Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be the only chapter in a house especially designed and built for it, will doubtless give it an advantage, although the other new chapters are also planning to nest in the boughs of their own trees ere long.

CLARENCE MAHANKIE.

Iowa Gamma.

Ralph Sherlock Kent.

THE result of the New York State bar examinations, held in January, 1905, was no surprise to the Cornell Law School, or to the members of New York Alpha; for the highest honors were carried off by Ralph Kent, whose name, while unfamiliar to many readers of *THE RECORD*, has in recent years stood for much that is best in college affairs at Cornell.

Ralph Sherlock Kent, born at Genoa, Ohio, in August, 1878, spent his boyhood days at Franklinville, New York, and prepared for college at the Ithaca High School. He took up the A. B. course at Cornell with the class of 1902, and was initiated into S. A. E. in March, 1900. From the first he was a leader in the chapter, holding from time to time the offices of Steward, Treasurer, E. D. A. and delegate to the Boston national convention, and to the 1902 and 1904 province conventions; and likewise, in college affairs, his good influence was felt in the meanderings of the Freshmen, as well as in the councils of the Seniors. He won a place in many oratorical and debating contests, representing Cornell in more than one intercollegiate debate; and played in every game with the 1901 football



RALPH SHERLOCK KENT,

New York Alpha, A.B. 1902, LL.B. 1905, who passed highest in the 1905 New York State bar examinations.

team, the lightest man in the line, without once having time taken out for him. In recognition of his high scholarship he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and, as a testimonial to his popularity, he was chosen president of the Senior class, the highest honor that can be paid to an undergraduate. His prowess in athletics, together with his high grade of scholarship and his sound judgment on all occasions, has given Kent an unusual predominance in university affairs. By force of appeal alone he has stopped many an underclass brawl, and, as an exponent of the true Cornell spirit, he has been, and is yet, invariably called upon to address the student mass-meetings. At the 1904 Province Beta convention, he was unanimously elected president. He coached the 1902 football team at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, returning to Ithaca for the second half session, to take up the study of law. During the college year of 1903-1904, as general secretary of the Cornell Christian Association, he did much to increase the usefulness of that organization. He was assistant coach of the 1904 Cornell football team, and has been re-engaged for 1905. He completed the law course in the middle of the year 1904-1905, in time to take the State bar examinations, immediately after which he began the practice of law in Ithaca.

In May, 1902, was organized and incorporated the New York Alpha Association of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. To meet expenses it was necessary to borrow ten dollars from the New York Alpha chapter. In September of that year, a deed was recorded, transferring nearly three acres of very attractive grounds and a very suitable fraternity house to the corporation, for a consideration of about twenty thousand dollars. The treasurer and general manager of the corporation was Ralph S. Kent.

New York Alpha, as may be recalled, was not without a past, and this past, like a certain headless Hessian, was wont to make a most inopportune appearance. Furthermore, the body of alumni was neither large nor responsive. Not the least active among the several ambitions of the chapter was the desire to own a chapter-house. As an infant struggles to propel itself, either by crawling or by tottering, so this desire began to assume vivacity and to assert itself. The number of forms and turns that the proposition took almost approached infinity. To build, and how to build, where to build, and when to build; or to buy, and how to buy, when to buy, and where to buy—these were most pertinent questions; but from what clouds were

the necessary funds to drop? The chapter was very happy and prosperous, but it was approaching an impossible condition. Its lease, about to expire, could not be renewed—a new home had to be secured. When "Hill Crest" came upon the market, it took but a glance to determine that this was the choicest proposition then available, or likely to be available for some time. The necessity and the determination were there, but where was the money? Thus inspired, and stimulated by *Sigma Alpha Epsilon*, a committee, consisting of Ralph S. Kent, C. Albert Blakeslee and Carl F. White, drafted and circulated many documents. Out of the chaos of all these preliminary maneuvers arose a *scheme*, clever, bold and sound, and on this scheme rests the prosperity and the permanency of S. A. E. at Cornell. With all honor to the other members of the committee, it is just to state that Kent was the originator of the scheme, and likewise its most strenuous advocate. And this, while treasurer and steward of the chapter, president of the Senior class, center on the Varsity team, earning his Phi Beta Kappa key, and conspicuous generally in college affairs.

In May, 1902, New York Alpha was in many ways an ideal chapter, but it faced possible dissolution unless another home could be found at once. To-day the conditions are ideal and the chapter faces a bright future, for Ralph's bold scheme has most beautifully panned out.

Ralph Sherlock Kent, A. B., LL. B., no longer an undergraduate or an active member of the chapter, has assumed his position in the world as a man of affairs. He is, however, resident director, treasurer and agent of the corporation. In this capacity Ralph collects the rent, and sees that the smoke goes up the chimney, and that the water runs through the pipes. Then, too, as one of Ithaca's most esteemed young attorneys, he helps the chapter now in other ways, which can be appreciated only by those chapters that are fortunate enough to have such an alumnus *in urbe*. Since the prophet must mould his prophecies from deductions, based upon what has happened before, we can foretell Ralph's future with one word—success. With his time-tried ability and perseverance, and with a host of friends and brothers wishing him Godspeed, it is now only necessary for him to keep on as he has begun.

WILLIAM A. VAWTER II., 1905.

LOUIS R. COWDREY, 1895.

The Small Colleges of the West.



THE fact that the small colleges of the West have formed an association for mutual protection, aggression and co-operation is to be taken as conclusive evidence of the present embarrassment of schools of this class, and that the farseeing recognize that the future holds in store even harder trials. The association is in its infancy and what it will be able to accomplish is yet a question, but from its nature it is one of considerable interest to all students of higher education. What is to become of the many small colleges is a question of the greatest interest, especially, perhaps, to the Greek-letter fraternities.

The East does not have the problem in anything like the same degree for several reasons. There are fewer small colleges in proportion to the population. The small schools of the East are generally so old as to be able to draw from the children of several generations of alumni. The large schools of the East are entirely different from the large schools of the West, and do not compete with the small schools in anything like the same degree, especially the State universities. The latter are now able to offer facilities that in many ways are equal, and in some superior, to the inducements of the schools of the East. In all of the State Universities the tuition is either free or so small in amount as to make it a very trivial factor in the cost of a college education. The small schools can not accept students on such a basis, as none of them have an endowment sufficient to warrant it.

Each of the States of the Middle West has dozens of colleges conferring academic degrees. Ohio has more than any other in the United States. Iowa, Indiana and Missouri are not far behind. As a general proposition it can be said that these schools have practically no interest-bearing endowment. They are almost universally in debt. On an average their attendance is at a standstill, the probable maximum having already been reached. Each of the different religious denominations has from one to five or six schools in each State and there are any number of non-sectarian schools in each State.

Against these small schools there are several large universities, such as Northwestern, Chicago, Washington and two or three others. The competition to be met by the small schools comes not from the class of universities mentioned but from the State Universities. Each of the States in the Mississippi Valley has a large and growing State university. As the people of the States become better acquainted with the work of these institutions, which is being brought home by the practical work of the agricultural colleges, the task of securing additional and more liberal appropriations is made easy.

Take one of the State universities for example. Ten years ago it had a total attendance of less than seven hundred: to-day it has practically four thousand. Ten years ago a legislative appropriation of two or three hundred thousand dollars was thought prodigal; now a million or a million and a half from each biennial session is considered reasonable. Ten years ago it had but seven buildings; to-day it has more than three times that number and each new one is better than the last. With the new buildings come superior laboratory facilities, increased libraries and improved equipment of every kind.

What can a university or college, with few buildings, indifferent laboratories and meagre libraries, expect from such competition? The property of one of the small sectarian colleges in Ohio was recently sold for less than half of the original cost of the buildings. The attendance had decreased until the institution was practically dead. Others of them are sickened unto death. In Iowa there are not less than five Methodist colleges, one for each conference. The Methodists of Iowa might support one fair college or university, but five colleges make too much competition among themselves, to say nothing of that of the other denominational schools, the State University and Iowa State College. Each of the State schools receives from the special building fund tax an annual amount more than sufficient to cover the value of the entire material equipment of most of the small schools of the State.

What is true of Iowa is true of the other States. The small colleges simply can not hope to attract students in the face of the superior advantages offered by the State schools. In the classics, mathematics and a few of the branches of social science they may be able to do fair work. In higher mathematics, the physical sci-

ences, or any branch requiring research work, they can not offer any inducements whatever. Mr. Carnegie may provide them with library buildings, but the small schools can neither adequately maintain them nor supply the books to fill them. A library building does not make a library, much less a college. If Mr. Carnegie gives ten, twenty or thirty thousand dollars for a library building upon the condition that the college duplicate the amount for endowment, it does not help matters materially. If the endowment funds net four per cent. the trustees are fortunate, and this income will not maintain the building, let alone the buying of books and hiring of librarians. Benefactions of this nature will, then, really be a drawback, as the libraries will have to be supported by other funds.

There are hundreds of men and women who are struggling along as teachers in such institutions in a manner that is certainly self-sacrificing. They are underpaid; they are without facilities to do what they are striving to do; there is no future before their institutions or their connection with it. The attendance at the small colleges increases at a ratio of about one to ten in proportion to the increase in the State schools. To the student of mature age, who can judge for himself what he wants, the small college offers no attraction. The courses and electives are so limited that the student is practically held to a prescribed course, because none other is offered.

The future seems to offer but three possible solutions for the problem of the small college. The schools of this class must suspend entirely, degenerate into preparatory schools, or else consolidate. The latter solution would mean a very considerable financial sacrifice. The real estate equipment would have practically no value, as far as realizing anything from it is concerned. It is also highly probable that a large percentage of these endowments is held for the different colleges so long as they remain in specified localities. The jealousies and animosities of each of the schools of and for all of the others would be a very considerable obstacle in the way of consolidation, even though such a solution be limited to schools of the same denomination. In fact, so great and varied are the obstacles to this solution, that it may be considered out of the question.

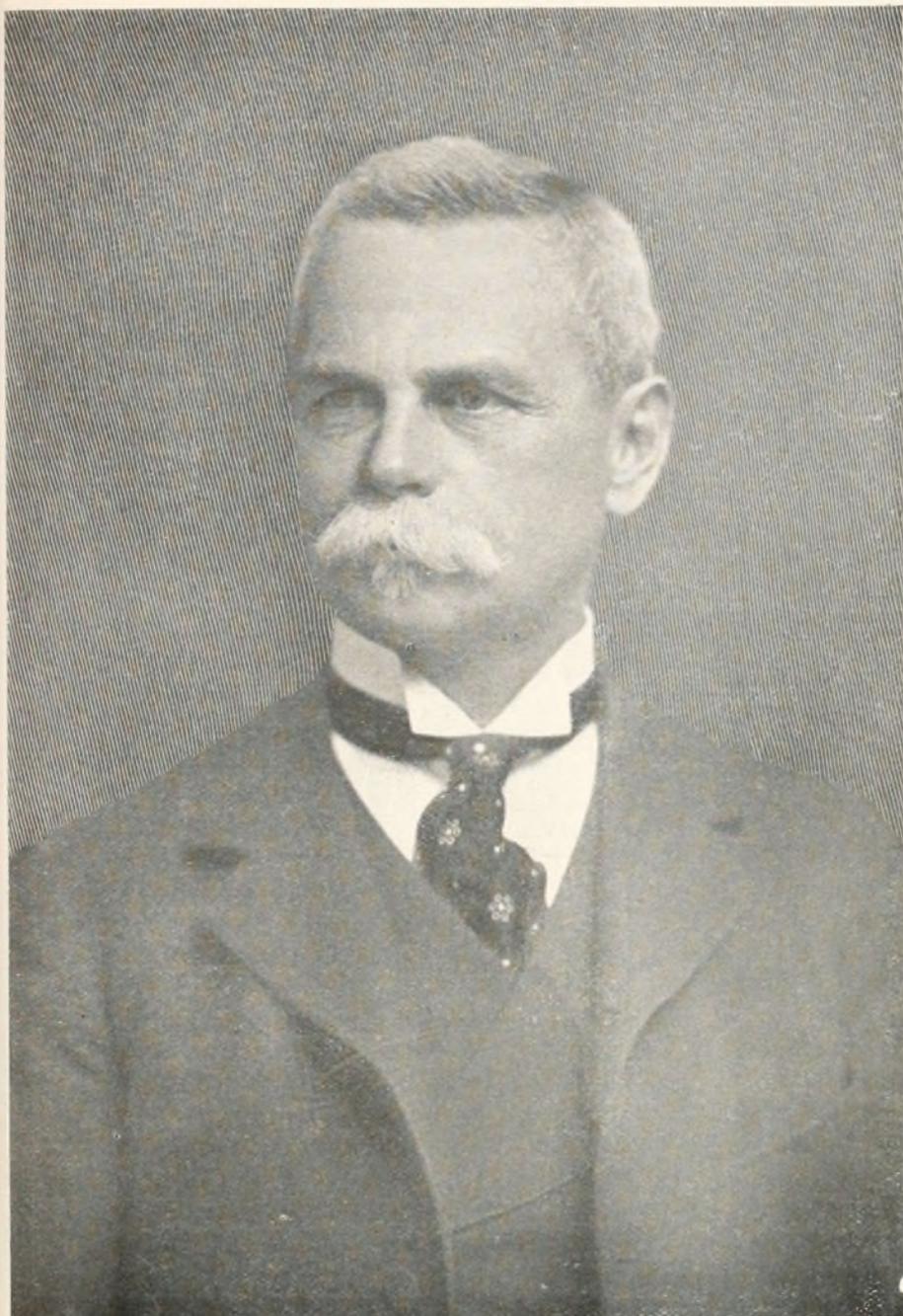
GEORGE WORTHEN, JR.

Samuel Spencer.

SAMUEL SPENCER, founder of Georgia Beta chapter and railroad magnate of to-day, is one of Sigma Alpha Epsilon's most distinguished and highly honored men. The son of Lambert Spencer and Vernona Mitchell, he was born at Columbus, Ga., March 2, 1847. He entered the Georgia Military Institute in July, 1862, and left in 1863, when just sixteen years old, to join the Confederate army, in which he served as a private until the close of the war. Soon after the war, in January, 1866, he entered the University of Georgia, graduating, in 1867, as a Bachelor of Arts. He immediately resumed his studies, this time at the University of Virginia, where he graduated, in 1869, with the degree of Civil Engineer. In February, 1872, he was married to Miss Louisa Vivian Benning, daughter of Hon. Henry L. Benning, of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

The members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon are already familiar with the general history of the Georgia Pi chapter, every active member of which joined the Confederate army. The few survivors who succeeded in resuming their studies are the ones that bore the brunt of the work of re-establishing our fraternity after the war. Brother Spencer, who was initiated into Georgia Pi September 23, 1862, was one of the most active of these members. In January, 1866, with two of his old classmates, he founded the Beta Chapter at the University of Georgia. He was, later, one of the four who re-established Virginia Omicron. His loyalty has stood the test of time and, busy man that he now is, he occasionally finds an opportunity to show his old-time enthusiasm for Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Since graduating from Virginia, Mr. Spencer has been continuously in the railway service. In construction, first, he worked his way up from rodman to engineer; subsequently, in the operating departments, he has become familiar by experience with the various positions from trainmaster to president. He was resident engineer of the Savannah and Memphis Railroad from 1869 to 1871, president of the Baltimore and Ohio from 1887 to 1888, receiver for



From a half-tone kindly loaned by Leslie's (now the American Illustrated) Magazine.

SAMUEL SPENCER.

Georgia Pi, '63.

the Richmond and Danville from 1893 to 1897, and for the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia from 1893 to 1896, and rapid transit commissioner in New York from 1891 to 1894. It was in 1887 that J. P. Morgan and Company asked Samuel Spencer to take charge of their great railway interests; this was a critical period in railway affairs, preceding, as it did, the memorable financial panic of 1893. How well he succeeded in protecting these vast interests, under such trying circumstances, is shown by the great responsibilities that he bears to-day and by the prestige and the popularity that he enjoys in railway and financial circles. He is now president and a member of the board of directors of the Southern, the Mobile and Ohio, the Alabama Great Southern, the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific, the Georgia Southern and Florida, and the Northern Alabama companies, and a member of the board of directors of the Alabama Great Southern, Limited (England), the Central of Georgia, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, the Erie and the Northern Pacific railway companies, and the Old Dominion Steamship Company.

The indomitable spirit that must have been severely tested by his efforts to complete his education during those trying days just after the war, is characteristic of Samuel Spencer, whose career gives no evidence of a wasted hour or of a neglected charge. He is president of the Southern Railway, because he knows, better than any other man, how to manage the Southern Railway. He inspires the section bosses, the engineers, the superintendents, the ticket agents, the auditors, and the directors, because they all know that President Spencer has the correct idea, based upon actual experience, of how their respective positions should be filled. He has little time for recreation, but we hear, occasionally, of a flying visit to Jekyll Island, that paradise for the lovers of outdoor sport.

CHARLES P. WOOD.

New York Alpha, '04.

Professional Fraternities.

THERE has always been more or less discussion among the members of the general Greek-letter fraternities as to the advisability of prohibiting their men from belonging to the several Professional Fraternities. Theoretically, the opponents of such dual membership are correct. Practically, such a prohibition would work many distinct hardships.

Were the various professional schools of the different universities so located that the professional students would always be available as material for the general fraternities, such a rule would be desirable. Many of the large universities of the country, however, have their professional colleges at some distance from the academic and scientific schools, so that there is little, if any, association among the students. Take three of the larger universities of the West, for instance. The University of Illinois has three of its professional colleges in Chicago, its department of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy. The other colleges and schools are in Urbana, one hundred and twenty-five miles away. The result is that the men in the professional colleges in Chicago do not come in contact with the other students at all. Many of the men take their academic work at Urbana and then go to the Chicago colleges for their professional work. It would certainly work a distinct hardship to prohibit the members of general fraternities from joining professional fraternities under these conditions. Much less so if a Greek-letter man should take his work in an independent professional college. Nearly all of the medical and dental fraternities now have houses in the medical-college section of Chicago, so that a prohibitory rule would work a hardship that would have material results.

Northwestern University is at Evanston, a number of miles north of Chicago. Its law, dentistry and pharmacy colleges are in the heart of the city. Its medical college is on the south side. There is practically no social connection between the parent institution and the down-town colleges. The University of Chicago is on the south side, seven or eight miles out. Its medical college is on the west

side, four or five miles from down-town. The two are an hour or so apart and the conditions are practically the same as with Northwestern and Illinois.

Then, too, in many schools the professional fraternities are to a considerable extent honorary. Prohibition of dual membership might thus deprive a man of honors to which he is justly entitled. Class fraternities and professional fraternities are entirely different in this respect. Students of the fraternity system nearly all unite in condemning the class organizations. Conditions are so changing nowadays that more and more of the professional students first take an academic course. After three or four years in a general fraternity it is not probable that their loyalty to it will be impaired by their subsequently joining a professional imitator. It would be just as expedient to attempt to legislate against a man's joining the Masons.

Most fraternity men will agree that a professional fraternity is practically nothing as compared to a general fraternity, as far as the fraternity part goes. The former are rarely more than a club. They are secret in their organization, it is true, but so is the average club, as far as its business is concerned. The close and lasting friendships that are so universal among the members of the general fraternities are rarely found among the members of the professional ones, and those that are so found can generally be accounted for by natural congeniality fully as much as by anything that the fraternity does to cement it.

As far as known, all of the professional fraternities initiate the prominent members of their professions as honorary members. An excuse for and a means of getting acquainted with prominent members of one's own profession is worth a good deal, and these a professional fraternity can give. There is such an absolute difference between the general and professional fraternities that they are not at all competitive, and there is no reason why the latter should in any way interfere with a man's relations with the former. A brother of a general fraternity who would hold another accountable for his not getting into the professional fraternity has right here one reason that may be preventing his making the latter.

Some of the professional fraternities have libraries in their quarters. Membership in such would thus be of direct practical benefit.

We all know that university libraries are not ideal places to study, and even if the professional library is but a limited one, it gives a man an opportunity to prepare his work under more favorable conditions.

The writer does not belong to a professional fraternity, so that it can not be said that his position is a prejudiced one. As many universities are now organized, the two kinds of organizations occupy distinct fields so that dual membership will not result in any great conflict of interests. There are arguments, no doubt, on both sides of the question, but at present it appears that the members of general fraternities should not be forbidden to join professional organizations, nominally designated as fraternities.

GEORGE WORTHEN, JR.

Illinois Beta, '98.

Baird's New Manual.*

For many years the reference book *par excellence* to the college fraternity system in America, *Baird's Manual* is already familiar by name at least to all our readers. First published just a quarter of a century ago, its merits and unique usefulness to fraternity workers created a steady and permanent demand for it, and successive editions from time to time have brought its matter down to date and kept it fairly abreast of existing needs and conditions. The last previous edition appeared in 1898, and the rapid changes that have characterized fraternity history since that time had made that book of latter years somewhat antiquated and unsatisfactory in various ways. The announcement of a prospective new edition was therefore received with general gratification, which the volume itself, issued in the early summer, amply justifies.

Whether through cause or effect, or a reaction and interplay between them, the author of this book fully deserves his distinction as the best informed fraternity man in America. No other man is so well qualified to make a serviceable and comprehensive encyclo-

*BAIRD'S MANUAL OF AMERICAN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.—By William Raimond Baird. 6th Edition Revised and Enlarged. Pp. 514. \$2.00 postpaid. The Alcolm Co., New York. Orders may be sent through this office.

dia of fraternities as is Mr. Baird. It is obvious that the amount of skilful and painstaking labor necessary to collate with requisite accuracy the wealth of data which these covers contain is something prodigious. That errors have crept in here and there is no doubt inevitable, the reader's sole cause of wonder being that they appear to be so remarkably few. In every way the book will be found immensely valuable to any student of fraternities, well-informed or ignorant, in college or out, and every chapter in Sigma Alpha Epsilon should by all means have a copy.

The sixth edition of the *Manual* contains in all 590 pages, as against 452 pages in the fifth or 1898 edition, and is, as was to be expected, in almost every way an improvement over that issue. The plan of contents remains for the most part unchanged. The compilations showing the geographical distribution of chapters have, however, been omitted, as serving "no particularly useful purpose;" as has also all mention of the school fraternities, which, in the author's opinion, "have little elements of stability, and in fact are imitations of the mere externals of the college fraternity system." These omissions would seem to have been judicious, and in any case they are far more than offset by the inclusion of two new features of unusual interest. These are a valuable bibliography of Greek-letter literature, and a reprint of the two judicial opinions in the famous Kappa Kappa Gamma litigation.* An attempt to present information regarding the value of real estate owned by the fraternities was abandoned on account of the difficulty of securing any accurate figures.

The introductory chapter, as heretofore, contains a general descriptive analysis of the fraternity system, its origin, growth and characteristic features. A line in the preface calls attention to the great increase in the number of sororities and professional fraternities since the publication of the last edition. A further change, more gradual in asserting itself, but especially evident in the past few years, is indicated in the following:

Thirty years ago the fraternities were classified quite generally according to the place of their origin, as Eastern, Western and Southern. Such classification no longer holds good, however. The only classification based on

*This suit was brought in 1898 in the Supreme Court of New York by the St. Lawrence Chapter Kappa Kappa Gamma to restrain the governing body of the fraternity from withdrawing its charter. Judgment was awarded to the plaintiffs.

the geographical distribution of the several chapters of the fraternities which can now properly be made, is to divide the fraternities into national fraternities and sectional fraternities.

The national fraternities include those generally represented in all sections of the country. Of these $\text{B } \Theta \text{ } \Pi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Sigma \text{ A } \text{ E}$, $\Sigma \text{ X}$, $\text{K } \Sigma$, $\Phi \text{ K } \Psi$ and $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ are prominent types. The sectional fraternities are Eastern and Southern. The Eastern group consists of $\text{A } \Delta \Phi$, $\Delta \Phi$, $\Theta \Delta \text{ X}$, $\Sigma \Phi$, $\Psi \Upsilon$, $\text{K } \text{ A}$, (Northern) and $\Delta \Psi$. The Southern group includes $\text{K } \text{ A}$ (Southern order) and $\Pi \text{ K } \text{ A}$. $\Delta \text{ K } \text{ E}$ and $\text{X } \Psi$, originating in the Eastern States, have what might be termed a limited national development. $\text{A } \text{ T } \Omega$, $\text{K } \Sigma$, $\Sigma \text{ N}$ and $\Sigma \text{ A } \text{ E}$, originally distinctively Southern, have completely lost that character. $\text{Z } \Psi$, $\text{X } \Phi$ are difficult to classify.

Extension, as the above suggests, has been a particularly lively feature of the last decade, and the older and more eminent of the universities are to-day pretty thoroughly crowded. It is to the younger fraternity, usually of other than Northeastern origin, that practically all of this recent activity has been due.

The older fraternities move very slowly in the granting of charters, and petitioners find that they have to wait, and patiently and persistently push their claims until success crowns their efforts, or they are convinced that they will be forever denied admission to the fraternity of their choice. Much of this inertia is due to a false conservatism. It has contributed largely to the rapid, and it must be said, excellent growth of some of the younger fraternities, whose members have wisely seized golden opportunities spurned by their slower rivals.

The overcrowded condition of the field in certain quarters has resulted in rivalries that have now and then had an unhappy tendency, and the author notes with approval the mutual agreements existing in certain colleges restricting the rushing and pledging of new men to prescribed conditions. Several pages are devoted to an account of the development of organized government among the societies, out of their original disorganization and practical anarchy. The perfection of the administrative machinery, together with their intrinsic *esprit de corps* has built up some of them, as he says, into "organizations of really formidable influence." The alumni problem is touched upon, and the alumni association frankly scored as rather an inadequate solution. Most of these associations the author considers are only chapters in name, "and an occasional supper or assessment is the only reminder which the members have of its existence." The fraternity club, however, like the excellent St. Anthony Club, of Delta Psi, in New York City, is noted as an exception.

The publications of the fraternities are treated at sufficient length. Regarding catalogues, the following is worthy of reproduction:

In 1889 $\Psi \Upsilon$ published another catalogue superior even to its predecessor in the elaborateness of its detail, and in 1890 $\Delta \Kappa E$, after long preparation, published a bulky volume of some 1,700 pages, leaving nothing to be desired in the way of completeness, and which probably marked the point of extreme advance in this direction. Since then there has been a decided tendency to revert to the simplicity of former times, and to replace these bulky memorabilia volumes with handy name-lists of the members, and to leave to the chapters the work of publishing lists of their own members with full biographical detail.

A brief section given over to song-books, histories and miscellaneous publications among the fraternities mentions such works as the *Epitome* of Psi Upsilon, the *Manual* of Phi Delta Theta, *Fraternity Studies*, dealing with Beta Theta Pi, and even histories of various individual chapters; but makes no mention of the *Manual* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a recent publication of permanent value, and, in its way, of considerable importance. The honor of leading the way in the field of regular fraternity periodical literature is accorded to the *Beta Theta Pi*, founded in 1872, and first published as a "four-page monthly of the size known as 'small quarto.'" The other fraternities rapidly fell into line, with varying success. The author comments:

It is somewhat singular that the journals of $Z \Psi$, $\Psi \Upsilon$, $A \Delta \Phi$, $X \Phi$ and $X \Psi$ have not succeeded where younger and in some respects weaker fraternities have succeeded well in this direction.

Some interesting observations are recorded regarding the growth of the chapter-house movement among the societies. The statistical tables at the end of the book show that the development in this direction has been marked during the last seven years. The 781 chapters active in 1898 owned 134 houses and rented 214, while the 970 chapters active in 1905 owned 290 houses and rented 368. The increase in owned houses has thus been over 100 per cent. in this interval, in rented houses over seventy per cent. and in total houses occupied about eighty-five per cent. The proportion of increase in the number of chapters meanwhile has been something less than twenty-five per cent. "Within the next ten years," says Mr. Baird,

"— it is more than probable that seventy or eighty per cent. of the existing chapters will occupy houses to which they or associations of their alumni have acquired the legal title. The amount of money locked up in

furniture or fittings of all the chapters must be very great. Chapter-house life is having a great influence upon fraternity character. It has its advantages and its disadvantages. . . . Probably the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. At any rate the chapter-house has come to stay. Its development is sure, but it needs watching by the older heads among the alumni.

And, a little earlier, the author has advanced this interesting suggestion:

If this feature of fraternity life is not carried to a point of senseless rivalry, it may ultimately change the course of college development. The chapters, forming little independent communities, may, in time, grow into something like the English colleges.

The papers relating to the various individual fraternities have been in large measure rewritten. These sketches include, in general, the date and place of the fraternity's foundation, with names of its founders, the list of chapters with date of installation, and summary of membership, its chapter-houses, owned and rented, lists of alumni associations and national conventions, its publications, its distinguished alumni and various incidental details. The articles are naturally of varying length, the amount of space devoted to any fraternity depending, no doubt, upon the author's estimate of the general interest of its history or individual character. With the sketch embodied in the ten pages devoted to Sigma Alpha Epsilon the members of the Fraternity will have little to find fault. One or two apparent inaccuracies have, however, caught our eye, and we will, for convenience, note them here.

The list of Sigma chapters as published here, includes a chapter at Pennsylvania College, but none at Gettysburg; and in like manner the college directory at the end of the book mentions the name of Pennsylvania College, but not that of Gettysburg. From this fact and from the use of the chapter name (Pennsylvania Delta) we conclude that the chapter described by us as our Gettysburg chapter is referred to by Mr. Baird as the Pennsylvania College chapter. This variation of name is, no doubt, intentional and based on information* which the writer unhappily has not at the moment the means to verify, and this, in any case, is not the inaccuracy to which we would

*Many colleges, as Mr. Baird notes, are frequently called by unauthorized or popular names. Thus: "The College of New Jersey was universally called 'Princeton,' until finally the colloquial designation was made the official one."

call attention. Mr. Baird goes on to state, however, that this chapter was inactive from 1895 to 1905. So obvious an error must be attributed merely to a slip of the pen. Our Pennsylvania Delta chapter has been, to the best of our knowledge and belief, very active during every one of these years, and has enjoyed, we are pleased to think, a very fair share of undergraduate prosperity.

Another apparent discrepancy relates to our Georgia Military Institute, the facts about which we always like, for largely sentimental reasons, to assert. In his sketch of Sigma Chi, on page 258, Mr. Baird says:

A unique feature in the history of Sigma Chi, and one which has no parallel in the records of other fraternities, was the existence, during the war, of a chapter in the Confederate army. . . . It made few initiates, was never officially chartered by the fraternity, and became inactive upon the disbanding of the army.

That Sigma Chi's "Constantine" chapter was really a unique feature which has no parallel in the records of other fraternities would not seem to be borne out by Mr. Baird's statement on page 246.

The chapter [of $\Sigma A E$] at the Georgia Military Institute continued active throughout the war, even when the cadets were in active service of the Confederacy in the field. It ceased to exist when they were mustered out of service in May, 1865.

The parallel between these two chapters would, in fact, seem to be reasonably close, the main distinction being that the Sigma Alpha Epsilon group appears to have been a genuine chapter of regular organization and legitimate antecedents, while Sigma Chi's "Constantine" chapter was formed without apparent reference to any especial college seat, and never received official sanction as an orthodox chapter in the fraternity. In this respect, at least, it seems quite fair to say the Sigma Chi chapter is unique in fraternity history.

It is worth noting, perhaps, that Mr. Baird no longer attributes to Sigma Alpha Epsilon a tombstone at Centenary College, a welcome concession in view of this Fraternity's published superfluities in the matter of dead chapters. In general, the data gives ample evidence of having been painstakingly and discriminatingly examined, and errors appear to be singularly infrequent; at least it will take a better-informed critic than ourselves to lay the accusing finger upon them.

Following the sketches of the fraternities are briefer accounts of the national sororities, of which there are now seventeen listed, as against seven in 1898. Some thirty pages are devoted to a succinct summary of the local societies for both men and women existing throughout the country. The ephemeral character of many of these organizations renders them of trivial importance, though this analysis of them may be of value to those fraternities of more recent origin, who are still compelled to take the initiative in active proselytizing. Lists of various class societies and of the professional, honorary, miscellaneous and inactive general fraternities then follow. The number of the professional fraternities has increased from thirty-three in 1898 to fifty in 1905. The net gain in the number of men's general fraternities has been only two in the same period.

The statistical tables, summarizing the fraternity situation in 1883, 1890, 1898 and 1905 (the dates of various editions of this book) present a great deal of important information in handy and compact form; and the directory of colleges, classifying all the fraternities and sororities by institutions alphabetically arranged, fairly earns a place by reason of its past usefulness. The most valuable new feature in the book, unquestionably, is the excellent bibliography, mainly compiled after an amount of labor which Mr. Baird describes as "colossal," by Phi Delta Theta's tireless veteran, Mr. Walter B. Palmer. This list comprises the surprising total of 100 titles—sixty-eight being books relating to fraternities in general, twenty-two being magazine articles, and ten falling under the head of histories of fraternities. Whatever the labor of securing the facts necessary to the preparation of this list, it was probably well worth it. Mr. Palmer's bibliography serves as an excellent supplement to *Baird*, and will be found of prime assistance to chapter libraries and to students of the Greek-letter system everywhere. "Farmer" legislatures, for example, would no doubt find it particularly illuminating.

Baird's Manual is a classic whose past services render any particular emphasizing of its value to-day almost superfluous. Its necessity to energetic fraternity workers is, we take it, everywhere conceded. Such changes as distinguish the present edition from those previously issued are all, as we have suggested, in the direction

of improvement. In particular the growing inter-fraternal catholicity that characterizes the age is well reflected in the liberal tone that pervades the pages. No undergraduate can fail to have his information and his consequent usefulness benefited by a familiarity with this book. Valuable at all times, the *Manual* is perhaps of especial value during the pledging season now at hand; for the spread and long continuance of the fraternity system has rendered many Freshmen of to-day surprisingly knowing, and he who would be a successful rusher must needs have his facts at his very fingers' tips. We should like to see a copy of this book go into every chapter in Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Its cost is too trivial to be considered in comparison with the tremendous mass of vital information it brings within easy and convenient reach.

HENRY SYDNOR HARRISON.



The exigencies of the rushing season have in recent years elicited such floods of sage counsel from the various sanctums of fraternity journalism that we despair of purveying any new wisdom here for the service of our wide-awake chapters. How far the editorial thunderings are likely to go echoing through the colleges of America is, by the way, a matter of uncertainty; but, optimistically dismissing the passing doubt, we may conclude that, in any case, the quality of novelty is not a requisite for the advice upon the recurring phases of chapter life which the Greek-letter editor is periodically called on to produce. The fundamental problems remain forever the same, their trimmings alone being altered by changing conditions; and the necessity for editorially dealing with the same needs over and over again is created only by the fact that each year there is a different set of men to deal with them.

The Opening Rush.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been fortunate in past years in securing at least a reasonable share of those new men who have attracted her favorable attention; and we know of no reason to anticipate a diminished success during the present season. As a general proposition, it may be said that a college chapter will draw recruits more or less directly in proportion to its own intrinsic deserts, prestige and even family considerations being, with the best type of Freshman, for the most part of secondary importance to the personnel and all-round congeniality of the group of members. For the after satisfaction of all concerned, it is quite necessary that the chapter, while display-

ing a natural desire to put a good foot foremost should not misrepresent its real character and financial and social status. Exaggerated attentions, "blow-outs" and other extravagances may, indeed, land some man whose tastes are gratified by these things, and who would otherwise have been lost; but the aftermath is likely to be unfortunate. In the cold gray light of the weeks following the invitation, the new recruit may come to think himself deceived by the chapter's previous ostentation, and the chapter, for its part, may find itself saddled with a dissatisfied member, who, though a good man in his proper place, is likely to prove of small benefit in that particular one.

The same general rules of conduct apply to rushing as to other fields of chapter activity. Hard work, good organization, efficiency, determination and sincerity win their way here as elsewhere. If there is one especial word of caution that chapters are likely to be most in need of, it is that they should go slow. The close rivalry existing at many colleges results in a very lively scramble for the pick of the incoming class; and this contest in turn is too apt to result in a sacrifice of some of that quiet discrimination and judicious scrutiny which alone assure a wholly satisfactory string of pledges. Our chapters must remember that the pledging of a man takes but a minute, but lasts forever; that hasty mistakes in this direction can not be undone; and that it is far better to run the chapter for a year a man or two short than to take in a misfit who can contribute nothing to its successes and its happiness. A man who adds nothing to a chapter's welfare is not merely of negative worth to that chapter; he is a positive injury.

The spirit of friendly catholicity and unbiased broad-mindedness with which recent years have to a large extent happily replaced in the fraternity world the antagonisms and bitterness of a couple of decades ago, has rarely been more completely exhibited than in the last issue of the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta. In many important respects this is the most interesting and generally valuable number of a fraternity magazine that it has ever been our good fortune to see. The amount of space that it devotes to matter of other than

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exclusively Phi Delta Theta appeal is, indeed, little short of astonishing. Mainly through the efforts of that veteran editor and very able worker, Mr. Walter B. Palmer, the number contains a tremendous quantity of matter fully as interesting and important to any other fraternity man as to his Phi readers. There is, of prime interest to THE RECORD, a carefully prepared review of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Manual*, extending over some fourteen pages, from which we have briefly quoted in another place. There is further a critical notice of Baird's new book, an article on the rise of the Southern fraternities (reprinted elsewhere), an article on the origin of Kappa Sigma, eight pages of fraternity notes, eleven pages of college notes, a five-page review of the latest Sigma Chi catalogue, and twenty pages of clippings from other fraternity magazines. Seventy-two pages in all are devoted to matters of general collegiate and fraternity importance, which, at a guess, we would state to be easily the record of editorial liberality among Greek-letter magazines. It was not the mere overflow of a gambolling fancy that led Kappa Alpha's clever exchange man, Mr. Verner M. Jones, recently to remark that the average man was likely to find more live news about his fraternity in the *Scroll* than in his own particular paper.

In dispassionateness and perfect judicial calm, the *Scroll* is indisputably one of the two or three best fraternity magazines published. In variety, comprehensiveness and scope it is probably the best. Dignified, able, judicious, carefully and painstakingly edited, full of news, its perusal unfailingly fills us with pleasure and an admiration not unmixed with a healthy energy. Changes of editors have not seemed to complicate the smoothly running machinery by which it collects and publishes all the appropriate news.

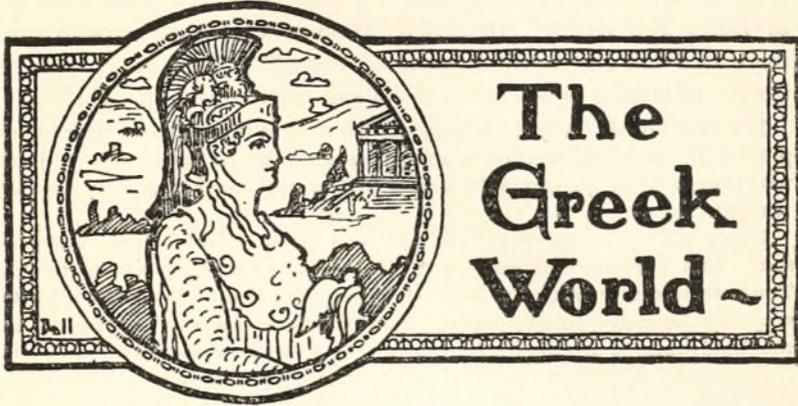
When the able and long-time incumbent, Hugh Th. Miller, climbed out of harness two or three years ago, we expressed the hope, rather dubiously it may be confessed, that the *Scroll* under new hands might maintain its old standard. At that time we privately thought it most unlikely that it would, but the simple fact now is that we think the *Scroll* a better magazine to-day than then. Our own appreciation of the value of its recent issue is evidenced by the liberal excerpts we have reproduced from it in another place, and in view of these aids toward the adequate discharge of the editorial duties, it

requires no particular generosity to extend our congratulations and thanks to our contemporary, and to wish it for a long time to come the prosperity which its abilities so amply merit.

A few months ago one of THE RECORD'S exchanges printed an editorial beginning with the words which supply the caption for this paragraph. The idea, unhappily, was not a discovery of the "Inefficiency Is the exchange, and those or cognate words have in recent years been arranged in just that sequence a Curse of the Age." great many times by a great many writers and speakers. That we personally subscribe to the regrettable truth of them has become evident, we daresay, to any one who has taken the trouble to read the observations we have set down here from time to time. Negligence, shiftlessness and inefficiency are surprisingly and dishearteningly abundant in fraternities or out of them. Two or three contributors who had long ago engaged to supply articles for this issue have not only at this writing—a fortnight past the set date—failed to do so, but have steadfastly ignored our several letters bespeaking their attention. In like manner, the usual half-dozen of inert and lackadaisical correspondents have failed to deliver their regular chapter letters. Possibly some of these manuscripts will come to light later; or, failing to receive them at all we shall continue somehow to plod along without them. No doubt, too, these deficiencies, or some of them, will afterwards be plentifully "explained"—bless the word! In the meantime it would appear that these brothers have taken certain obligations upon themselves and have simply failed to make good.

Faithfulness is a little thing in detail, but a vast thing in bulk; and the want of it strikes far down to undermine the roots of character. Irresponsibility is the ear-mark of childishness, and inefficiency is only a longer name for failure. If this characteristic is really the curse of the age, it is to be inferred that we of to-day are living in an era of weaklings, misfits and men who have failed to make good. From a further swelling of the ranks of the derelicts, let this fraternity, in heaven's name, be delivered. The seeds of efficiency are in us all, ready enough to blossom if we would but water them from the well-springs of a steady and noble resolve. While we are yet young, let us cultivate our gardens.

We have pleasure in announcing the addition to the board of associate editors of THE RECORD of William Kernan Dart, Tulane, 1906, the present vice-president of Province Theta. This is the first time, we believe, at any rate in recent years, that an undergraduate has been called to THE RECORD board, but we feel even more sure that no mistake has been made in this instance. In his own academic community Dart's literary tastes had already found a rostrum in the chief editorship of the Tulane weekly, the *Olive and Blue*; in the past year he has been one of the most regular of THE RECORD's casual contributors, exhibiting a commendable familiarity with the personnel of the fraternity and an alert interest in all that was doing in it; and in now affixing his name to our list of editors, we are glad thus to assure ourselves of his more official co-operation for the future.



Exchanges.

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THE RECORD acknowledges the receipt of the following publications since May:

April.—*The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

May.—*Kappa Alpha Theta; The Quarterly of Alpha Phi; The Alpha Xi Delta; The Phi Gamma Delta; The Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha; The Sigma Chi Quarterly; The Eleusis of Chi Omega.*

June.—*The Shield of Theta Delta Chi; The Beta Theta Pi; The Delta Upsilon Quarterly; The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi; The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta; The Kappa Alpha Journal; The Palm of Alpha Tau Omega; The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma; The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta; The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

July.—*The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

August.—*The Eleusis of Chi Omega.*

The old saying that a person gets out of any activity no more and no less than what he puts into it is well exemplified in some recent utterances of Dr. Frank Wieland, President of the Arch Chapter of Delta Tau Delta. His article, from which we clip a selection, reminds us of our own beloved presiding officer, who never fails to thrill and inspire us to higher ideals and more consistent effort:

The intent of all fraternities is good. The evil is the result of poor interpretation. The judgment of a non-fraternity man on fraternity subjects will always be of questionable worth, and never convincing, for obvious reasons.

There will never be any good thing that will not be bad for some one person. This is true even of religion, which makes some weak people insane. The best fraternity, with the highest ideals, will always be limited in its scope by the men who interpret it. For this reason I should never speak of the disadvantages of college fraternities; I should speak instead of their limitations. After many years of quite active fraternity life, I feel reasonably conversant with its problems. I know that when one problem has been solved another will be there to take its place, and for this I have no regret.

As I look among colleges that have no fraternities, I can not see that they are better for it, or that their graduates are more loyal. I can not see that there is a better spirit among the students, or that they are more closely drawn together. I can not think that their alumni revert in mind so happily to college days, or return in after-years with such pleasure as those with fraternity affiliations.

I feel deeply on the subject of college fraternities, because my own has done so much for me; and if my duties as President of Delta Tau Delta require much of me, in time and thought, I give it willingly, because my fraternity has been to me my greatest factor for good and inspiration. Delta Tau Delta is the best fraternity in the world for me, because I know it best, and yet I know there are others just as good. That is why I feel a community of spirit with every wearer of a badge. I know that in some way or other he and I have something in common, and if the world is not better because of us, we are false to the teachings of our fraternities.

Delta Tau Delta is essentially democratic. It had its birth amid humble surroundings. I hope it will never forget this. I wish it to be great and far-extensive and powerful, but I hope it will never grow beyond the moral aspirations that those men of old Bethany gave it as a birthright.

If it be argued that the fraternity gives one advantages that are denied another, I must admit this is true. There is nothing in life worth having that comes to all people. Some are denied wealth, some education, happiness and even health. Delta Tau Delta can not extend its advantages to all college men; but if the life that our fraternity imposes upon its adherents is

lived, everybody will be the gainer. What, then, do we ask of our boys, that Delta Tau Delta may stand out in college life as meaning something?

First of all, democracy. She has no sympathy with caddishness. $\Delta T \Delta$ stands for aristocracy, but it is the aristocracy of morals and of deeds. She stands for courtesy, for the thousand and one acts that make the difference between the gentlemen and the boor. She stands for chivalry that recognizes the rights of all men, and respects their reserves.



At our national convention held in Washington, D. C., and at our last national convention at Memphis, we heard many rumors and comments among a few of the delegates as to the advisability of withdrawing charters from some of our chapters. In that connection the following editorial by Mr. Wm. Raimond Baird, editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*, appears to us of decided interest:

We are informed that there is a movement on foot in the fraternity looking to the withdrawal of the charters or some of the chapters. We find no fault with that. It is the privilege and right of any member of the fraternity to take any proper steps to secure the withdrawal of a charter of a chapter when, in his opinion, it is for the best interests of the fraternity that such action should be taken. Even more, it is the duty of every loyal Beta to take such steps, if he believes them to be necessary. On the other hand, it is the right and privilege, and, as well as in the case of the opponents, the duty, of those attacked to defend themselves. All we ask of either party is that both sides shall play fair. The complainants, to use a convenient term derived from legal analogies, should give the defendants notice of their intended action, and at least, some of the grounds therefor; and such grounds shall be real, and not fictitious. It isn't fair to notify a chapter that the reason the withdrawal of its charter is asked is because of the small endowment of the college, and then advise the other chapters privately that the real reason is the low social or moral standing of that chapter's members. It isn't fair to allege one reason to a man's face and another behind his back. It isn't fair to make sweeping assertions based upon the hearsay testimony of persons not produced, or unsupported statements in letters. It may be that some of our charters should be withdrawn. We do not know. If the facts warrant it, let us have the facts, and act upon them courageously and firmly. We believe that $B \Theta \Pi$ stands for fair play, equal rights and opportunities to all, and no favors within the fraternity for anybody. It is difficult to say to a man that his manners are bad, that he lacks the breeding and customary conduct of a gentleman; but, if these facts are true, they should be stated, courteously, but amply and in detail.

If the allegations of the complainants are based upon statements capable of statistical proof, there should be no temper shown about it, and each side should do all in its power to help the fraternity understand the facts.

The point we wish to emphasize to both parties to such a proceeding is

that each should exercise self-control, and try to help the fraternity to a decision. Gentlemen and brothers, be as earnest as you please, but be fair and just, and have in mind the Golden Rule.

We have plenty of faith in the common sense, good judgment, and love of fair play of the men of the fraternity; and we believe we voice the sentiment of its members when we say that whispered, indefinite accusations of indefinite disqualifications, the packing of committees with those whose minds are not open to argument, and combinations of delegates instructed to vote without regard to the facts presented them in convention, will not be tolerated.



It is one thing to pledge Freshmen and it is another thing to make them good fraternity members. There seems to be an unwritten law in most colleges and in most fraternity chapters, that Freshmen have very few rights. It seems to us that better treatment and consideration of our pledgelings, with a direction of their energies along proper lines, would bring better results. The *Alpha Xi Delta* contains the following relative to the attitude of a chapter toward its Freshmen, which applies no less to men than to sorority girls to whom it is directly addressed:

We are apt to think more of the duty which our pledges owe to us than of the corresponding relation which we sustain toward them. After the first joyful reception which they receive from us, they may feel rather neglected and perhaps even lonely. The sorority, tired with its rushing efforts, sees the pin placed on the left shoulder of its pledgling, and then rests in well-earned satisfaction until initiation day. Perhaps now and then some sympathetic member urges on the others to call or take the girl somewhere; but in any case she feels most decidedly the difference between rushing season and the period of pledge probation. A chapter should strive to make the difference as slight as possible. This may be achieved in two ways. The sorority should rush more sanely, and it should give each pledgling thoughtful and sisterly care,—a shade more pronounced than that given to regular members; for the new girl does not yet understand the unspoken sympathy which exists in the sisterhood.

A pledge girl often needs patient help in college matters, for she is unused to the new paths. She may be saved frequent embarrassment if she feels perfectly free to ask assistance from her future sisters, or, better yet, if this assistance is tactfully volunteered.

She is just starting in the maze of college work and pleasure. Her sorority superiors must remember this, and use discretion in demanding service from her. She needs education in sorority matters, but her instructors must remember that too arduous tasks are not accomplished with benefit to the labor or the laborer.

Above all, we owe to our pledges the influence of a good example. They naturally look up to us as almost ideals. Here is our opportunity for usefulness. From this care to make ourselves noble in their sight comes much good in the actual growth of nobility on our part. We desire them to find that distance in this case lends no enchantment. On the contrary, we earnestly wish them to learn that familiarity breeds true love and respect.



The *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma contains the following interesting diary of a juvenile fraternity member:

february 5 186- brite and fair. there is a new thing among the boys in school it is a frattirny a frattirny is sumthing you belong to and cant tell about Fatty belongs to it and Whack and some other fellers. me and Beany says we wont join it if they do ask us we think they are mean not to ask us i dont care. It is the sigmer zeter which is hebrew. the boys in it has to fite for eech other Beany says he can lick any too of them and I can to.

february 10 186- cold as time. i have joined the sigmer zeter gosh it is the greatest thing i ever dremt of we have secrets which we cant tell on pane of deth. Whack asked me to join and Boog was asked too Boog was scared when they took him in i wasnt. They all said let Beany join but i said no i dont think Beany will make a good frattirny man and i blackballed hem we must keep the frattirny select. when any body is fiting a frattirny man i mean a sigmer zeter and he is about to get licked he can holler help a sigmer zeter in distress and all the others has to help him lick the other feller.

february 12 186- Beany he found out i blackballed him and he caught me away from the sigmer zeter boys and we had a fite i have promised to let Beany join. gosh the initiation fee is to dolers i dident no how to get the money but Beany says he noes where there is a empty house and we will go tomorrow nite and get some of the gasfixchers which aint no use to anybody it being empty and sell them to get the to dolers for me and Beany two. there is another frattirny it is d k e it hasent any chapter at our school it is nothing to sigmer zeter i would not speak to a d k e if i met him in the rode.

february 27 186- the sigmer zeter is broke up it was this way me and Beany sold the gasfixchers and got our dolar for our initiation fees and father found out about the frattirny and made me tell all about it and went and saw Whack's father and Beany's and all the other boys' fathers and they all came and eech one gave us a licking i mean his own father gave him a licking i mean gave each boy a licking right before the school. i have to work to pay for the gasfixchers i gess i would be to bisy to go to sigmer zeter any more if it wasent broke up.

It is hoped that the affiliation problem will never assume very serious proportions in Sigma Alpha Epsilon. In our last issue we clipped an editorial dealing with questions of affiliation from the magazine of Beta Theta Pi. We now quote an editorial by the editor of the *Eleusis* of Chi Omega, who entertains very decided opinions upon the subject:

The attitude taken by some fraternities—or at least by chapters of some fraternities—with regard to affiliation is one that strikes a Chi Omega as peculiar, and it is one that must be due to conditions that ought not to exist. To say that a fraternity member, going from one institution to another where there is a chapter of his fraternity, must not expect affiliation, and will not receive an invitation to affiliate until there has been an opportunity to test his congeniality, his standing in college, and his conduct in general is a direct violation of what the fraternities are supposed to stand for, and seems to us an insult to the general fraternity. The Greek-letter societies, in theory at least, unite in schools all over the country groups of students who are chosen because it is thought that they come up to the standards of living taught by the fraternity to which they belong. The fact that a man or woman wears a certain badge ought to be a sign to all others who wear that badge that he or she may be trusted, and it should be his or her right to be received as a friend and helper. If this is not true then the fraternity idea, which is ideal in conception, becomes a hollow mockery. If there is a chapter in any fraternity that refuses to receive as an affiliate any member of that fraternity, there is something wrong either in that chapter or in the chapter from which the would-be affiliate comes.

And if the new comer does not desire affiliation, again there is something wrong. It seems a pity that any of our Greek-letter orders should put themselves in this position. All this goes to show the necessity for homogeneity in chapters and membership. Affiliation ought not only to be allowable but desirable.



The fall rushing campaign is now on. In the following editorial from the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta some wise and cogent suggestions are given relative to filling the depleted ranks:

Aside from the new duties inherited by the brothers who will return next fall to continue the work of our active chapters, there is no greater responsibility devolving on them than that of filling by the initiation of new material the chapter ranks depleted by the graduation of this year's Seniors. It takes a certain number of men successfully to run a chapter, and while a chapter should never make any sacrifice in the quality of the men it bids, it should still realize that it is getting dangerously weakened when its numbers run too low. If every man initiated could be counted on to graduate,

to spend four years of active life in the chapter, the problem of numerical strength would be a much more simple one; but, unfortunately, a large number of fraternity men never finish their college course, and a chapter should aim to have a large enough membership so that it would not be crippled by the loss of several men unexpectedly.

Chapter rushing should aim to accomplish two things: To afford the chapter an opportunity to size up and thoroughly understand the man under consideration, and to acquaint the man with the chapter and the personality of its members. The fraternal obligation is a lifelong one, and the relations of the brothers of the same chapter are so intimate that the greatest care should be taken never to extend a bid to a man who is liable to prove a misfit. This danger can be avoided in two ways; by caution and no undue haste in bidding and pledging, and by the chapter being its own genuine, natural self during the rushing season. We doubt if any chapter has ever lost a really valuable man by the slight delay in extending a formal invitation, due to a reasonable caution; and a display of such caution will certainly save much future complications, and often the necessity of an expulsion. By assuming no unnatural pose during rushing season a chapter will attract only men of congenial tastes and similar views, and in this way it will avoid a great deal of the danger of making mistakes in the new material it would seek to assimilate.

The chapter that will secure the best men is the one that can look below the surface and appreciate the desirable Delta quality in the Freshman, even though he may lack a little of the polish that is mainly the result of environment. A chapter of sound judgment should be able to appreciate the real culture of a man, and should be confident enough of its ability to take such men of sterling worth and educate them in the small graces of life, so that they will add to their native strength the address, smoothness and earmarks of breeding that distinguish our brothers.



Few things are more interesting to the unprejudiced observer than a really live and spirited rushing contest between two sororities. It naturally causes sleepless nights and painful worry, sometimes unwarranted, and at all times unnecessary and harmful. The best rushers are those who are philosophical about the thing. The *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma offers a helpful thought along this line.

It has been my experience that every year, just before the Freshmen are asked to join Kappa, pessimism prevails throughout the chapter. Tales of entertainments given by other fraternities to the most desirable Freshmen go the rounds spreading consternation. Early in the fall we are cheerful and sure of our position, but as pledge-day approaches we become more and more modest until we fear that we are not going to get the people that we want. When the eventful day at last arrives, it brings with it the joyful

surprise that we have won all the Freshmen we asked. Why should we go through an awful state of apprehension every year? It is the Freshmen's undecided attitude that is responsible, but we should not allow ourselves to be so influenced by their actions. They often attend the entertainments of several fraternities, although they have made up their minds which one they want to join. I have heard girls say that they had decided early in their Freshmen year that it would be Kappa or nothing with them; the reason they did not go with Kappa exclusively was because they did not want people to know their feelings in the case they did not get a Kappa invitation. Freshmen never realize what a cause of worry they are to the fraternity girls who are interested in them. Let us therefore be more confident in the future, and instead of wasting them in despairing of the Freshmen, put all our energy into living up to our Kappa standards. If we do this faithfully the Freshmen can not help being inspired.



Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, a member of Alpha Delta Phi and President of the University of California, in a speech before a Theta Delta Chi convention, gave some advice to chapters which is particularly pertinent for the approaching rushing season:

It is not a safe thing to choose your Freshmen according to their neckties. They will come in with some beautiful specimens. Father and mother wanted them when they went away to college to get the best there was, and they went to the country store and bought the brightest offered. But after they have been in college awhile, they will come out with the normal ritual of necktie. Don't choose your Freshmen according to their neckties.

It is one of the weaknesses of the fraternity system, as I have seen it in operation in different colleges, that it doesn't recognize and take enough men after Junior year. Some of the strongest men develop in the last two years in college, and living in your ruts, as you do in your fraternity-houses, and getting inured to each other, and getting to think you are so fine, prevents you from being able to get that unanimous vote you need for that man in your Junior year who has shown himself a strong man. Somebody has noticed idiosyncrasies of his that he can't quite stomach, and he votes against him. You want to take in some men as the college course goes on. If you haven't been doing it, do it. You will get your strongest men that way. I don't know but that you will almost every time. An opportunity is afforded by two years' experience in college. You will all too often choose your Freshmen according to consideration of previous knowledge, social standing, and outward appearance, and you are bound to make some mistakes. But you will not make mistakes with the men you take in at the end of the Sophomore year.

In speaking of the regulation of individual conduct by some of our "farmer" legislatures, the editor of the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma sees little danger ahead for the college fraternity, unless some other will-o'-the-wisp like the High school fraternity nuisance appears to disturb the tranquillity of their minds. We clip the closing paragraph of this editorial:

If there can be brought about on all hands a clearer realization of what the college fraternity is and what it is not, of what it really does and what it does not profess to do, and if certain ancient landmarks be kept in their right place, the storm that does any damage must be a worse one than any that is now brewing. Fraternities do not exist primarily for the promotion of scholarship, nor for its discouragement. They do not profess a mission to regenerate the college world, neither can they come to honor otherwise than through and to its glory, nor find peace save in peace. If the American fraternity man in American colleges comes year by year to be known more surely as clean, keen, open-hearted, democratic, fair, simple and sincere it will not matter whether he dwells in a hundred-thousand dollar chapter-house or meets his mates in a rented hall. And if he can by any means be persuaded that there is room and reward enough within one fraternity for all the energy that one man can give to such an object, so much the better for him.

News of the Fraternities.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA.—The report recently got around Detroit that the Albion, Mich., chapter of Alpha Tau Omega had had its charter pulled, and in the latest number of the *Palm* the correspondent indignantly denies the charge. He says that a certain newspaper correspondent, hard up for a story and belonging to a rival fraternity, was responsible for the misstatement. "It looks very much like a piece of 'queer' work," says the *Palm* writer, "and while we are not saying very much we are doing a great deal of thinking." It is pleasant to note that a committee at once waited on the mendacious correspondent, and made him eat his words in a special telegram.

According to the *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega, THE RECORD is agitating the erection of a memorial house at the University of Alabama, for which purpose the Memphis convention appropriated \$1,000 on condition that the local chapter should raise twice as

much. To the best of our recollection the *Kappa Alpha Journal* is responsible for this information, originally drawn by Mr. V. M. Jones from sources unknown. The fact of the matter is that the convention appropriated \$3,000 for the proposed memorial house, on condition that the chapter should raise not twice, but half as much.

KAPPA ALPHA.—Writers in the *K. A. Journal* are recommending that the fraternity change the time of holding its general convention from the month of June to the Christmas holidays.

Kappa Alpha appears to have picked up another honorary member, in the recent gathering in of Professor Arthur Williams of the chair of history and sociology at the Florida State College.

Beta Theta Pi now has a neat chapter-house at North Carolina, making the sixth fraternity there housed. Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma, and Pi Kappa Alpha are the only ones now out in the weather.—*The Kappa Alpha Journal.*

DELTA TAU DELTA.—The thirty-eighth biennial Karnea or convention of Delta Tau Delta convened in the Hotel Astor, New York, August 21st to 25th. Details had not reached us up to the time of going to press.

A correspondent in the *Delta* reports the fraternity situation at the University of Washington as "extremely crowded." Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Nu have healthy chapters there, all occupying houses.

SIGMA NU.—The *Delta* has a picture of a slender brother by the name of Ewry, who is described as "the greatest standing jumper the world has ever seen." Further details reveal the fact that Bro. Ewry jumps either high or broad at pleasure.

The Phi Kappa Psis have adopted the sweetpea as their official flower; they have specified that its colors shall be pink and lavender.—*The Palm.*

It is now evidently up to the sweet-pea.

THETA DELTA CHI.—Mrs. John Hay has refused the offer of the New York Graduate Association of the Theta Delta Chi to erect a monument to her distinguished husband. Mrs. Hay was sure that such publicity would not be in accordance with the wishes of the dead statesman.—*Daily Newspaper*.

THETA XI.—The Cornell chapter of Theta Xi (Engineering) which now occupies a rented house, will soon commence work on a new lodge, about opposite the Sigma Alpha Epsilon grounds. Theta Xi will be the fourth fraternity which has built in this immediate vicinity since New York Alpha's occupation of "Hill Crest."

The number of active chapters of the various fraternities is as follows: K Σ, 71; Φ Δ Θ, 69; Β Θ Π, 67; Σ Α Ε, 65; Φ Γ Δ, 57; Σ Χ, 54; Σ Ν, 52; Α Τ Ω, 51; Southern Κ Α, 48; Δ Τ Δ, 47; Φ Κ Ψ, 42; Δ Κ Ε, 41; Δ Τ, 36; Π Κ Α, 28; Α Δ Φ, 24; Θ Δ Χ, 24; Φ Κ Σ, 24; Ψ Υ, 22; Σ Ψ, 22; Χ Φ, 20; Φ Σ Κ, 19; Χ Ψ, 18; Σ Φ Ε, 13; Δ Φ, 11; Δ Ψ, 8; Σ Φ, 8; Θ Ξ, 8; Northern Κ Α, 8; Α Χ Ρ, 6; Ω Π Α, 6; Δ Σ Φ, 5; Θ Χ, 2.—*The Φ Δ Θ Scroll*.

An act has been passed by the Indiana Legislature exempting from taxation a tract of land not exceeding one acre, with improvements, owned by any Greek letter fraternity. For this advanced step in the recognition of fraternities as public institutions worthy of public encouragement, the fraternity world has to thank Mr. Ruick, secretary of the general council of Phi Delta Theta and a well-known Hoosier legislator.—*The Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Σ Α Ε Extension News.

Some members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon are said to be investigating the prospects at North Georgia Agricultural College.—*The Δ Τ Δ Rainbow*.

The first chapter-house in the country was a log cabin built by Chi Psi at Michigan in 1846. Delta Kappa Epsilon built a log cabin at Kenyon in 1853. The first building, in the usual sense of the term, was that purchased at Williams in 1857 by Sigma Phi. Other buildings that were in the hands of fraternities at early dates were the lodge of Delta Kappa Epsilon built in 1861; the home of the local society, Kappa Kappa Kappa, at Dartmouth, bought in 1862; and the lodge of Psi Upsilon built in 1870. Kappa Sigma occupied the first fraternity-house in the South, at Virginia, in 1870. A picture of this house is to appear in the forthcoming History of Phi Delta Theta, by Walter B. Palmer. Kappa Sigma acquired a house in 1882 at the University of the South, the first fraternity-house owned in the South.—*The Κ Σ Caduceus*.

The number of fraternities at George Washington was increased by the addition of the Beta Lambda Beta, which has been existing as a local for some years, but was recently chartered by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon. This last-named frat was the first at the University, having been established before the Civil War, but afterward passed out of existence. We might add that there is to be still another national fraternity installed, which will increase the already fierce rivalry which is a lively factor of our university life.—*The Δ T Δ Rainbow.*

The fraternity distribution at George Washington University is given as follows by the local correspondent of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*:

Sigma Chi, 20; Phi Delta Phi, 24; Kappa Sigma, 10; Kappa Alpha, 28; Theta Delta Chi, 19; Phi Sigma Kappa, 26; Psi Omega, 12; Delta Tau Delta, 32; Phi Chi, 15; Sigma Chi Eta (local), 17; Alpha Beta Phi (local), 13; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 22; Alpha Kappa Kappa, 18; Alpha Sigma Pi (local), 8. Sororities—Pi Beta Phi, 17; Chi Omega, 11; Omega Alpha (local), 10.

New York Alpha's annual letter, issued in the late spring, gives the following succinct summary of the fraternity situation at Cornell:

There are represented at Cornell twenty-two general men's fraternities with a membership ranging from eighteen to thirty-six; four general women's fraternities; three law; four medical; one women's medical; one graduate society; one agricultural fraternity; one engineering fraternity; one local; besides the honorary societies, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. Omega Phi Alpha is a local recently founded with a membership of seven. Theta Xi, the engineering fraternity which was chartered only last year, has already broken ground for a new house. Gamma Alpha, the graduate society, has moved into the house formerly occupied by New York Alpha. Sigma Nu, the last of the general men's fraternities to be established here, is the only one not occupying its own house. Sigma Phi completed a \$9,000 addition to their house last summer.

The *New York Nation* of June 29, 1905, makes some interesting remarks anent fraternity houses in particular, and the college fraternity situation generally:

In his advice against the building of over-costly fraternity-houses, last week, President Faunce, of Brown, put his finger on one of the lines in which the scale of undergraduate expenditure has most strikingly increased of late years.

But there is a reason for it. To begin with, it was demonstrably a good investment for some twenty or thirty young men of common tastes and interests to rent a house and rent it co-operatively, The next step was for some young men to arouse the pride of the alumni and pledge the credit of future college generations to build a house of their own. And the temptations to go beyond reasonable requirements is really far stronger in a Greek-letter brotherhood than in almost any other sort of organization. In recruiting its membership every autumn it has to compete for the favor of prepossessing Freshmen, who have been on the ground so short a time and know the men so little that they are necessarily guided by externals. It is a rule, tested by many successful experiments, that the way to revive a moribund chapter is to beg or borrow somehow enough money to build the best house on the campus. This fault is really inherent in the absurd rushing system, under which a student, with comparatively few exceptions, must make his choice between fraternities in his first fortnight at college, or not at all.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Manual.

[We reproduce here a few extracts from a long and interesting review of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Manual appearing in the June number of the Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.]

This is the title of a very creditable work published by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. It is a small volume, containing ix + 186 pages, $4\frac{5}{8} \times 6\frac{1}{8}$, but it presents in compact form a great deal of information which is of permanent value. The author is George H. Kress, M.D., a member of the Cincinnati chapter, class of '96. The preface, dated Los Angeles Cal., October 31, 1904, shows that the *Manual* was authorized by the convention of 1898. Like similar works undertaken by other fraternities, the book was long delayed from various causes. Dr. Kress was not placed in charge of the *Manual* until December, 1903, and that he should have succeeded in his laborious task within less than a year is evidence of his energy and proof of his devotion to his fraternity. There had been a "long-felt need" for such a volume, says the preface, which modestly styles the book "a brief historical account of Sigma Alpha Epsilon." The editor (author) says:

The work has been done by the editor in hours stolen from his professional duties, and while the little book is far from his ideal, it was all he could do with the money and archives at his disposal. If this little volume will serve a temporary need, and prepare the way for a more accurate and comprehensive history of $\Sigma A E$, he will feel that the time its preparation entailed will not have been spent in vain.

For the early history of Sigma Alpha Epsilon there is a pathetic paucity of materials, due largely to the records of the fraternity having been scattered and lost during the Civil War. Probably Sigma Alpha Epsilon suffered in this respect more than did any other fraternity, for, excepting Delta Tau Delta, it was the last college fraternity established before the war, and its ante-bellum chapters were located in the South, which was swept by contending armies. But fortunately the original minute-book of the parent chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon still exists. This book gives the minutes for nearly two years—from 1856, when the fraternity was founded, to 1858, when the parent chapter was forced by antifraternity legislation to suspend. * Most interesting quotations from the original minutes are given in the *Manual*.

The founders of Sigma Alpha Epsilon had no intention of it remaining local. Their purpose was to establish it in the various colleges and universities in the South. At the third meeting, March 22, 1856, the following motion was adopted:

That those members of the Σ A E fraternity who may have trustworthy friends in other colleges south have written communications with them, if they choose, for the purpose of organizing chapters of the fraternity in their respective institutions.

Before the parent chapter succumbed to the inhibition of secret societies, chapters had been established at four other institutions—the University of Nashville, the University of North Carolina, Union University (Murfreesboro, Tenn.; later merged into Southwestern Baptist University, Jackson, Tenn.,) and the College of William and Mary. These four chapters were established in 1857. Before the war began nine other institutions were entered. In 1858, the University of Virginia, Bethel College (Ky.), Georgia Military Institute, Baylor University (Texas), Kentucky Military Institute and Columbian College (now George Washington University). In 1859, Oglethorpe University (Ga.). In 1860, Cumberland University and Hampden Sidney College. The method of establishing chapters was simple, as shown by the following quotation from the minutes of July 4, 1857:

It was moved and carried that a charter of the Σ A E fraternity be granted to the students of Union University petitioning for one. The corresponding secretary was instructed to forward the pledge of the fraternity to

those students, in order that their names may be signed to it. Their signatures being obtained, the secretary was ordered to send the constitution to them.

When the war began the members of the fraternity were of just the right age to enlist as soldiers. When the Confederacy called her sons to arms the sons of Sigma Alpha Epsilon very gallantly responded, and during the four years' struggle they gave valiant service to the Southern cause. Only one member—a member of the chapter at Columbian College, Washington, D. C.—enlisted in the Northern army. The *Manual* says:

Σ A E had on the roll of its ante-bellum chapters the names of about 300 men. Their war records have never been carefully investigated, but our present knowledge shows that at least 175 of these were in the Confederate, while only a single member is credited to the Federal armies. Of these 176 members, 41, or about twenty-five per cent., were killed or lost their lives in the service; and of this entire number, 96, or more than fifty per cent., became commissioned officers. (2 brigadier generals, 13 colonels, 9 majors, 16 adjutants, 29 captains, 21 lieutenants, 1 chaplain and 5 surgeons); and of the remaining 80, the rank of 52 is not known, but 9 became sergeants and 19 became privates. Considering the youth of our members at the time they entered the service, these rankings certainly speak well for the character of our ante-bellum initiates, for members of the class of '56 were about 28 years old at the onset of the war, those of '57 about 27, those of '58 about 26, those of '59 about 25, those of '60 about 24, those of '61 about 23, and so on. . . .

The most unique of our ante-bellum chapters was the Pi, of the Georgia Military Institute, Marietta, Ga., which sent every one of its 40 members into the Confederate service. The cadets of the institute, when General Sherman was approaching Marietta on his march to the sea, were mustered into active service as the battalion of Georgia cadets, C. S. A., and saw active service at Resaca and elsewhere, and in this battalion, 7 members of Pi chapter remained to keep alive that chapter in the field until the battalion was mustered out of service on May 20, 1865.

Historical accounts of Sigma Chi say that members of that fraternity who were in the Confederate service maintained what they called the "Constantine chapter." It has been claimed heretofore that these Southern soldiers constituted a unique organization, having no parallel in the records of other fraternities. Now Sigma Alpha Epsilon furnishes a parallel. Moreover, it appears that, while the soldier members of Sigma Chi were never chartered, the soldier members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon carried their charter with them when they went to war.

Undoubtedly Sigma Alpha Epsilon suffered more from the Civil War than did any other college fraternity. At the beginning of the conflict it had established fourteen chapters, and all of them were active except the parent chapter, but when peace had been restored, four years later, there was only one chapter—the one at the national capital, Columbia College.

In the history of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1885 is notable, not only for the real beginning of Northern extension, but for the fact that in that year the grand chapter form of government was abolished and in its stead the supreme council was inaugurated. The *Manual* says that the fraternity, after ten years of Northern extension, and possessing—

An excellent system of government, journals, and a strong *esprit de corps* Σ A E felt that it had just as good a right to the claim of being a national college fraternity as any similar organization aspiring to the same distinction.

During the decade from 1885 to 1895 inclusive thirty-six new chapters were established and twelve new States entered by Σ A E. Only one chapter, of the twenty-nine established north of Mason and Dixon's line and east of the Mississippi river since 1883 has become inactive. The remaining twenty-eight are firmly entrenched in their respective homes; and Σ A E, founded in a Southern State by Southern men before the war, is as firmly planted in the North as in the Southland.

Today the fraternity possesses sixty-three active chapters, located in twenty-six different States, with an average undergraduate membership ranging from 1,200 to 1,500, and a living alumni membership of more than 8,000.

The *Manual* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon impresses the reviewer as a very thorough-going piece of work. It is well written, and gives in concise form a great deal of information of much value to members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and much interest to members of other fraternities. Undoubtedly great time and labor were expended in collecting material for the handbook, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon is to be congratulated upon having a historian so faithful and conscientious, one who is both capable and willing to produce a work of such importance to the Fraternity.

Phi Kappa Sigma and Honorary Members.

THE RECORD for May contained, among other more or less interesting matter, the following paragraph:

PHI KAPPA SIGMA.—In a recent issue of THE RECORD we printed a paragraph to the effect that Phi Kappa Sigma at George Washington University had gone into the enlisting of "honorary" members on a generous scale. We have since been informed by a member of this fraternity that Phi Kappa Sigma has not taken in an honorary member in the fifty-five years of its life, and further that it has no chapter at George Washington University. If ever the life was punched out of a news item, accordingly it has thus been out of this one of ours; and we are glad, in the interests of justice, to publish our errors to the world. At this distance of time, we don't remember just where we got our misinformation, but we suspect that a little confusion arose in the typographical or editorial mind between Phi Kappa Sigma and another fraternity of a very similar name.

The letter printed below, which comes from a source that we regard as highly trustworthy, is in flat contradiction to at least a part of the Phi Kappa Sigma's statement. Our correspondent appears to know his facts. Had we had the address of any officer of this fraternity, we should have given him the opportunity to make a reply; but we do not number Phi Kappa Sigma among our exchanges. The letter follows:

CHAPTER-HOUSE SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON,
PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-ZETA CHAPTER,
STATE COLLEGE, PA., June 18, 1905.

DEAR BROTHER HARRISON: In the May issue of the RECORD, I noticed an item on page 688, which stated that $\Phi K \Sigma$ had not taken in an honorary member during the fifty-five years of its existence. This statement I can not afford to allow to remain unchallenged, as the Psi chapter of $\Phi K \Sigma$ which was established here April 5, 1890, has taken in *six* (6) honorary members during the fifteen years of its life in this college. They are as follows:

J. P. Jackson, '89, E.E. and M.E., Pa. State College, 1903. Now head of the Electrical Engineering Department Pennsylvania State College.

W. C. Ihlseng, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, '72, C.E. and E.M., Columbia, '75. Head of the Mining Engineering Department of Pennsylvania State College—'93-1900.

Geo. C. Watson, B.Agr., Cornell, '81; M.S., Cornell, '93. Now Professor of Agriculture at the Pennsylvania State College, and Superintendent of Correspondence Courses in the same. Came here in 1895.

W. M. Golden, Physical Director and Athletic Coach at Pennsylvania State College. This man has never been a college student.

Louis E. Reber, M.S. Graduated from this institution in 1880. Now Dean of the School of Engineering, and head of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Pennsylvania State College.

Walter E. Sanders, B.A., Yale '94; M.E., Cornell 1901. Now Instructor in Mechanical Engineering at Pennsylvania State College. Came here in 1904.

The first three were initiated before 1900, the last three since then. Reber and Sanders were initiated June 16, 1905, just two days ago. Golden was taken in in 1903.

I think when you publish this list $\Phi K \Sigma$ will have little to say. They make no apologies for such actions up here, and offer no explanations at all. Should you desire any further knowledge about this list, write me at any time, and I will try to give it you.

Yours in the bonds,

BRUCE MCCAMANT.

P. S.—I must also mention that R. M. Foster, ex-'84, was initiated by them before 1900. He is a resident of State College and is a traveling salesman. He was a student here two years.

The Rise of the Southern Fraternities.

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

The first fraternity of Southern origin to establish a chapter in the North was Alpha Tau Omega in 1881. It was followed by Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1883, Sigma Nu in 1884 and Kappa Sigma in 1885. The other two Southern fraternities, Kappa Alpha and Pi Kappa Alpha, have not yet entered the North, except that Kappa Alpha is established in Delaware and in California. The recent growth of the six Southern fraternities is marvelous—perhaps the most wonderful thing in the annals of Greek-letter fraternities. This development may be graphically shown by means of the following tables, the figures in which are taken from the last four editions of "Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities," by Wm. Raymond Baird:

NUMBER OF ACTIVE CHAPTERS AND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF FRATERNITIES OF SOUTHERN ORIGIN IN THE YEARS 1883, 1890, 1898 and 1905.

FRATERNITIES	Σ A E		A T Ω		K A		Π K A		Σ N		K Σ	
	FOUNDED		1865		1865		1869		1868		1869	
STATISTICS FROM BAIRD'S MANUAL	Chapters	Membership	Chapters	Membership	Chapters	Membership	Chapters	Membership	Chapters	Membership	Chapters	Membership
	1883	16	1,218	26	1,060	18	1,087	2	307	6	238	14
1890	31	2,342	35	2,061	26	2,057	4	310	20	971	22	2,048
1898	54	5,668	42	4,261	37	3,855	13	1,061	39	2,864	47	3,466
1905	65	9,383	51	6,486	48	6,146	29	2,427	52	5,357	72	6,357

SOUTHERN, NORTHERN AND TOTAL CHAPTERS OF FRATERNITIES OF SOUTHERN ORIGIN IN THE YEAR 1905.

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In the last table chapters north of Mason and Dixon's line, north of the Ohio river and north and west of Missouri are considered in the North. It appears that these six fraternities of Southern origin have a total of 180 Southern chapters and 135 Northern chapters. Omitting Kappa Alpha and Pi Kappa Alpha, we find that the other four fraternities have more Northern chapters than Southern chapters—132 in the North and 107 in the South.

Before the Civil War Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Sigma Phi, Psi Upsilon, Zeta Psi, Delta Phi, Delta Psi and Delta Upsilon established chapters in the West; Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Kappa Sigma Zeta Psi, Delta Phi, Delta Psi, Chi Psi and Northern Kappa Alpha established chapters in the South. Collectively, they established 15 chapters in the West and 38 in the South before the war began. After the war the Eastern fraternities, becoming very

conservative, were slow to grant charters for chapters elsewhere than the East. Then the fraternities of Western origin, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Tau Delta (the two latter classed as Western fraternities, though not of Western origin) established chapters throughout the West and South, and finally went East, placed chapters in the leading institutions there, and became national fraternities. Their period of rapid development was in the '70's and '80's. In those decades they laid the foundations of their present strength.

But in the last fifteen years all extension records have been broken by the six Southern fraternities, each of which, except Sigma Alpha Epsilon, was founded after the Civil War. Kappa Alpha is very strong in the South, as everybody knows who is acquainted with fraternity conditions there; while Pi Kappa Alpha, judging by its recent active extension, intends to occupy the South as thoroughly as Kappa Alpha now does.

Of the six fraternities of Southern origin, four have entered the North, East and West, and firmly entrenched themselves in those sections. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Nu are now national fraternities and each has reason to be proud of its record and its present standing. When these fraternities began to enter the North they were considered by other fraternities to have more temerity than discretion. They were regarded as insignificant organizations, and really they were comparatively insignificant at that time. They were so weak that but little attention was paid to them. The early failure of their Northern chapters was freely predicted. Never for a moment did either the Eastern or the Western fraternities feel any apprehension that they would ever become their rivals. But the unexpected happened. The Northern chapters of these Southern fraternities grew and multiplied. These fraternities, like the Western fraternities had done, became national; not only that, but they became at many Northern institutions worthy competitors of long-established orders. And some of the older chapters, dozing in fancied security, have awakened to the fact that they must divide honors with these new-comers.

The Southern fraternities that have planted themselves on Northern soil are there to stay; they are no longer insignificant but powerful organizations; they are strong—not strong everywhere, but

strong in many places—and they are yearly growing stronger. They occupy chapter-houses, and are rapidly acquiring homes of their own. Because they are national organizations, many college students prefer to join them, instead of the small, sectional fraternities. More and more are college men learning to appreciate the advantages of belonging to a large, influential and strongly organized national fraternity. These advantages are felt in college but more especially in after-life.

Each of the Southern fraternities now has thousands of alumni and most of these alumni are still young, loyal and eager to promote their fraternity's interest. The Southern fraternities have not yet lost their virility. In the last decade and a half they have made more advancement than any other fraternities. They have made mistakes, too, but mistakes of small consequence compared with their splendid progress. In some respects they are to-day exhibiting more enterprise than any other fraternities. Hereafter the Southern fraternities must be reckoned with. Their rank among fraternities in general is far higher than it was twenty years ago. Who can doubt that it will be higher yet twenty years hence, unless meanwhile they become palsied by conservatism?

College Notes.



On April 25th the University of Tennessee installed a new president in the person of Dr. Brown Ayres.

Citizens of Georgia are agitating the establishment of a new agricultural college by the State, claiming that the present institution is unfit and poorly managed.

William J. Bryan, as trustee for the Bennett will, has donated to a number of Southern and Western colleges funds for the education and support of the poorer class of students.

President John H. Tillman, of the University of Arkansas, has issued an appeal to the people of the State of Arkansas for more students, begging them to be loyal to their State university.

The faculty of Massachusetts Institute of Technology has voted against the proposed alliance with Harvard. The vote was 67 to 6, a heavy enough majority to kill the question for the present.

Frederick W. Vanderbilt has announced his intention of building another dormitory for the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale. It will really be an extension of the present dormitory, and will be built on the same general plan.

"Med. Fac.," so long notorious at Harvard as a society that encouraged vandalism, has disbanded. One of its members was arrested and the society promised disbandment in order to secure his release.

A member of the class of 1905, at Columbia, has given the college \$500,000 to build a college hall. Such a building, to be devoted entirely to the academic department, has been badly needed. Work is under way, and Hamilton Hall, as it will be called, will soon be available.

Certain citizens of Shreveport, La., are endeavoring to raise an endowment fund for Centenary College, La., and to move the institution to that place from Jackson, La., where it is now situated. If this is accomplished, there will be a new impetus given to an old institution which has considerably degenerated in past years.

The following table showing the pay received by college professors at some of our leading colleges comes to us from *Harper's Weekly*, by way of the *Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

	Full professor	Associate professor	Assistant professor	Instructor
Brown University.....	\$3,000-3,150	\$1,500	\$1,000-1,200
University of Chicago.....	3,000-7,000	2,500	2,000	\$1,000-1,500
Cornell University.....	3,000-4,000	1,500-2,000	1,000	750
Dartmouth College.....	2,500	1,500-1,700	1,200-1,400
Hamilton College.....	2,800-2,000	1,500	800-900
Harvard University.....	1,000-6,500	2,000-3,000	500-2,000
University of Illinois.....	2,000-3,250	1,600-1,800	1,200-1,600	700-1,000
University of Minnesota.....	2,250-2,400	2,000-2,200	1,500	700-1,200
Indiana University.....	2,000-2,500	1,500-1,600	1,000-1,500	600-1,200
University of Pennsylvania.....	1,800-3,000	1,000-1,500
Williams College.....	2,500	2,000	1,000-1,500
Western Reserve University.....	2,000-3,000	1,800	1,500-2,000	750-1,200

Prof. E. J. Miller, examiner at the University of Chicago, suggests some questions to determine the finer feelings of candidates for collegiate honors. He chose to announce his idea in chapel, presumably before breakfast, and stirred his class with the following:

- Do you see anything to love in a little child?
- Have you sympathy with all good causes?
- Can you look straight in the eye of an honest man or a pure woman?
- Will a lonely dog follow you?
- Do you believe in lending a helping hand to weaker men?
- Do you believe in taking advantage of the law when you can do so?
- Can you be high-minded and happy in drudgery?
- Can you see as much beauty in washing dishes and hoeing corn as in playing golf and the piano?
- Do you know the value of time and money?
- Are you good friends with yourself?
- Do you see anything in life besides dollars and cents?
- Can you see sunshine in a mud puddle?
- Can you see beyond the stars?

What the class thought about it all is not recorded.

In sharp contrast to the views expressed by George Worthen in this issue, as to the future of the small college, are the published opinions of Dr. Daniel K. Pearsons, a retired Chicago capitalist, who is said to have contributed largely during the past ten or fifteen years to the endowment funds of many small colleges. In Mr. Rockefeller's \$10,000,000 educational fund, to be shared in only by colleges "with a future," Dr. Pearsons sees a national menace. He is quoted as saying:

"The announcement means that the oil king will attempt to monopolize higher education and centralize it at a few universities. He will attempt to manipulate education as he has manipulated oil and railroads. He will endeavor to drive out the little fellow, his greatest competitor. When this is done Mr. Rockefeller will be able to mold the minds of students to think as he would have them think—to give great questions of the hour little independent thought.

"The high tuition fees of the great universities, the enormous cost of living in the large centers where these institutions are located, make it impossible for the poor girl or boy to attend. The small college, near the homes of the farmer and mechanic, is the only school that reaches out and gives to the working class the advantages of a college education.

"I believe Dr. Harper's announcement will rally the defenders to the aid

of the small colleges. It will open their eyes to the impending danger of the encroachment of the university upon the domain of the college. It will result in more endowments—small in comparison to Rockefeller's millions, but great in the aggregate. In the end, our small educational institutions will be the gainers.'



William and Mary College.

(From the *Chicago Daily Tribune*.)

Away down in the tide-water district of Virginia, about equidistant from Richmond and the sea, is the modest, unpretending town of Williamsburg, the seat of William and Mary College.

The town was once the capital of the colony, where Lord Botetourt ruled, where the burgesses assembled, and where Patrick Henry delivered his fiery denunciations of the stamp act. There the famous Committee of Correspondence was cradled, out of which grew the machinery whereby the patriots of Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, and New England were welded in a homogeneous force and the first effectual impetus given to the revolution.

Now Williamsburg is the domicile of William and Mary College, and nothing more in any important respect. But that is fame enough, for William and Mary is quite the most unique and impressive institution of its kind in the United States. Its establishment was discussed in the first Virginia Assembly, which met at Jamestown in 1619, one year before the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock.

The college would no doubt have been in full operation long before Harvard was so much as dreamed of but for the Indian massacre which occurred about that time and temporarily suspended the advance of civilization. Thus it happened that the college did not actually begin its work until 1693, and so William and Mary comes next to Harvard in chronology, though in many respects of historic and educational value it antedates that splendid institute.

It had, for example, the first complete faculty—a president, six professors, an usher and a writing-master, as far back as 1729, when Harvard had only a president, two professors, and a corps of tutors. Moreover, William and Mary was the first American college to establish a chair of modern languages, to abandon the Oxford curriculum in favor of the elective system, and to adopt schools of law and medicine.

This college, also, was the only one to receive its charter direct from the crown, and to have bestowed upon it an authoritative coat of arms from the College of Heralds in London. Finally, the honor system was first enthroned at William and Mary, whereby students had to choose between the practices of gentlemen and the disgrace of summary expulsion.

In 1779 Thomas Jefferson recommended an expansion into the university course, and from that time until the breaking out of the Civil War it was so

designated. During the war the college was the victim of many disastrous vicissitudes, nor did it thoroughly recover from the consequences of these until 1893, when George F. Hoar and George M. Loring of Massachusetts, Gen. N. M. Curtis of New York, and Frank E. Beltzhoover of Pennsylvania, prevailed upon Congress to make an appropriation partially reimbursing the institution for losses inflicted by the troops, who had set fire to the buildings thirty years before.

The college is now in fair condition, though, of course, in a small way compared with the great universities of the North. The three hundred or four hundred students, however, enjoy the best advantages, and the college needs only a suitable fund in order to extend those advantages to many others. The location is ideal, the environment almost perfect, and there is, besides, that atmosphere of good breeding and honorable conduct which in itself is an education of priceless value to the young.

It is quite safe to say that no college in America has exerted such an influence upon the history of the country. Of the Virginia Committee of Correspondence, created in March, 1773, eight of the eleven members, including Peyton Randolph, the chairman, and Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, Dabney Carr, Richard Bland, and Archibald Cary were graduates of William and Mary. Of the Committee of Safety, John Page, Carter Braxton, Paul Carrington, William Cabell and James Mercer were alumni of the same school.

Seven Virginians signed the Declaration of Independence; four of them were William and Mary men. Richard Henry Lee, the father of Robert E. Lee, and the grandfather of Fitzhugh Lee, was educated in England; Thomas Nelson was graduated at Cambridge, and Francis Lightfoot Lee had private tutors. Sixteen of the thirty-three Virginia members of the Continental Congress, five of the six members of the Admiralty Court, three of the five Speakers of the House of Delegates, and four of the seven members of the Federal Convention of 1787, all were William and Mary men.

This venerable college sent to the president's chair of the United States Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and John Tyler. It furnished nine cabinet officers and four Supreme Court justices, including John Marshall and Bushrod Washington. Lieut. Gen. Winfield Scott was an alumnus. Of the twenty-seven senators who represented Virginia in the Federal Congress between 1789 and 1860, sixteen were alumni. William and Mary enriched the Federal Government in all three of its branches, the diplomatic corps, the State courts, the governor's chair, the professions—every walk of life, public and private.

The history of this college is the history of Virginia, and, to a great extent, of the union itself. Looking over the list one sees such names as those of Pendleton, Randolph, Tyler, Rives, Monroe, Carrington, Dandridge, St. George Tucker, Cabell, Harrison, Page, Preston, Tazewell, Jefferson, Mason, Marshall, Crittenden, Stuart, Nelson—a hundred more of equal fame and potency.

This is a college of magnificent history and most honorable traditions. More than any other, it has furnished to the republic a noble and exalted influence. There is no era in the nation's development to which it has not contributed brains, courage, high character, and imperturbable, unselfish patriotism. It is a college where hazing, snobbery, all vulgar and mean practices are relentlessly suppressed.

The youth turned out from William and Mary may not prove a genius, a miracle of wisdom, or a fount of useful knowledge. That will be according to his individual gifts and natural endowment. But he safely may be counted on as a useful citizen, a kindly neighbor, a brave and honorable gentleman.

And that is a great deal to count upon in these parlous times.



Yale's Tap-Day Fails to Draw.

(Reprinted in part from the *Chicago Daily Tribune*.)

New Haven, Conn., May 25 —[Special.]—The most striking phase of the ancient Yale day of joy and despair—tap-day—as it was impressed on Yale to-day, was the great change in the attitude of the college community toward the Senior society elections. It still is true that the forty-five men who were chosen out of the Junior class in the so-called Skull and Bones, Scroll and Key, and Wolf's Head feel they have reached the pinnacle of their collegiate ambitions.

The change in the college atmosphere is that few except those forty-five young men in the junior class seem to care at all. The crowd outside the Junior class—"the gallery"—was noticeably thin. It may be hard for a Yale man of the older generation to believe, but two-thirds of the college community had something more important to do, in its own opinion, to-day than to watch the Senior elections.

This statement does not mean there was less tensivity of hope and fear, less generous acknowledgment of another's victory, or less angry jealousy than in former years. It does not mean that the Yale Senior societies are losing prestige in their own community. It merely means that the undergraduate body has grown so large that it regards the election much as it might regard the distribution of prizes to men of generally conceded merit. There are so many other interests in college life as it is to-day, that the men who do not regard themselves as candidates interest themselves in something else more vital to them.

The societies are confronted with the necessity of picking men who most nearly approach their ideals out of the classes of four hundred and five hundred, and the Seniors have realized that the safest way is to follow the estimate of a fellow's classmates. For, in spite of automobiles, good clothes, and the distressingly increasing niceness in speech and manner, there still is a Yale democracy in college affairs as important as the Senior society elections, and it sticks out its characteristics through all the frills which obscure it from the pessimists.



M a r r i a g e s .

- Colorado, Chi, '02.*—Edward William Lazell to Louise Taylor Preston, at Denver, Colo., 7 June, 1905.
- Georgia Beta, '98.*—Lieut. Hugh S. Brown to Anna Augusta Coyle, at Chester, Pa., 26 April, 1905.
- Georgia Epsilon, '02.*—Blanton Erwin Fortson to Janet Tompkins, at Atlanta, Ga., 18 April, 1905.
- Illinois Psi-Omega, '99.*—William Leonard Karcher to Luella Lacy, at Freeport, Ill., 21 June, 1905.
- Illinois Psi-Omega, '04.*—Roy Hughes Monier to Lucy Adele Derickson, at Kenilworth, Ill., 28 June, 1905.
- Louisiana Epsilon, '99.*—Edward Robertson Barrow to Mydelle Nathalie Edmonds, at Memphis, Tenn., 28 June, 1905.
- Louisiana Epsilon, '03.*—Alvin Sheldon Hardin to Matsye Leonard, at Shreveport, La., 2 August, 1905.
- Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, '04.*—Robert Hamilton Hogsett to Grace Aline Fayers, at Newcomb Chapel, New Orleans, La., 9 August, 1905.
- Massachusetts Delta, '06.*—Charles Hawkes Bunting to Mildred Maude Murray, at Santa Cruz, Cal., 5 April, 1905.
- Massachusetts Gamma, '02.*—Herbert Sumner Baker to Alice LaSalle Sanford, at New York City, 31 May, 1905.

- Massachusetts Gamma*, '03.—Roswell Roberts Brownson to Ada Dudley Meade, at Yonkers, N. Y., 1 June, 1905.
- Massachusetts Gamma*, '99.—Raymond Austin Bidwell to Bertha Dawes Upham, at Washington, Iowa, 19 April, 1905.
- Massachusetts Gamma*, '02, *Washington City Rho*, '05.—Laurence Aquilla Janney to Marion Robbins, at Washington, D. C., 1 June, 1905.
- Missouri Beta*, '05.—Dr. Joseph F. Kimball to Anna Eleanor Long, 5 July, 1905.
- North Carolina Xi*, 1895.—John L. Patterson to Margaret Newman, at Atlanta, Ga., October, 1904.
- North Carolina Xi*, 1900.—Gaston L. Myers to Anne Pender Gordon, at Richmond, Va., 8 February, 1905.
- Ohio Epsilon*, '02.—Edgar N. Hannaford to Florence Jones, at Cincinnati, 6 June, 1905.
- Ohio Sigma*, '04.—Rev. Joseph Brown to Maud McAllister, at Morristown, O., June, 1905, Ivan Reidinger and S. E. McConnell, of Ohio Sigma, acting as groomsmen.
- Pennsylvania Theta*, 1905.—Harry Tinkler to R. Colby, at Ardmore, Pa., 15 June, 1905.
- Tennessee Lambda*, '04.—Robert Minter Rainey to Lillian Fryer, at Paris, Tenn., 14 August, 1905.
- Tennessee Omega*.—Rev. Dwight Frederic Cameron to Violet Willard Bielby, at Deland, Fla., 1 June, 1905.
- Washington City Rho*, '05.—Clarence Raymond Naff to Sue Avery Brenizer, at Charlotte, N. C., 15 June, 1905.
- Wisconsin Alpha*, '03.—Evan E. Young to Dawn Waite, at Belvidere, Ill., 3 August, 1905.

Deaths.



Georgia Beta, '05.—Roderick H. Hill, at St Louis, Mo., 18 August, 1905.

Massachusetts Delta, '05.—Robert Edwards Moakley, at Northampton, Massachusetts, 12 May, 1905.

New York Alpha, '04.—David Kedzie Smith, at Evanston, Illinois, 11 July, 1905.

In Memoriam.



Robert Edwards Moakley.

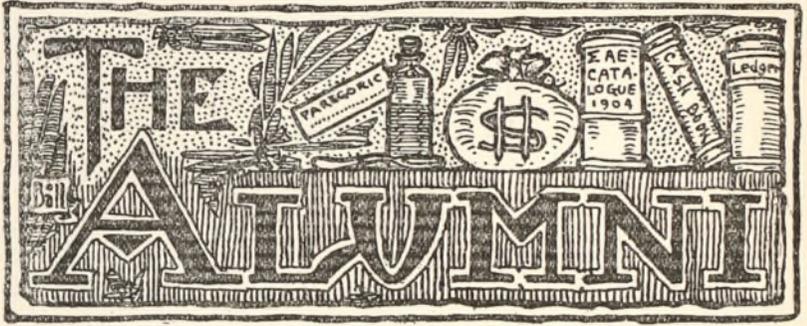
WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His incomprehensible wisdom to take from among us our beloved brother, ROBERT EDWARDS MOAKLEY; and

WHEREAS, In the death of Brother Moakley, Massachusetts Delta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has lost a most noble and loyal brother whose life was in every way worthy of emulation; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, his brothers in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family, 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.

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



The Men of the Fraternity.

The appended editorials from leading Southern papers bear testimony to the esteem in which Mr. E. B. Kruttschnitt, Virginia Sigma, '73, who was appointed a director in the recognized Equitable Society, is held throughout the South:

The selection of Mr. Ernest B. Kruttschnitt of this city to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Equitable Insurance Society, now being reorganized under the chairmanship of ex-Secretary Morton, will, no doubt, prove gratifying to Louisianians. Those who are interested in the affairs of the society, and there are a good many in that category, have every reason to congratulate themselves that one of their fellow-citizens and, in addition, one of the leading lawyers of this section, will be on hand to represent them and vigilantly guard their interests under all circumstances. That his accession to membership on the board means just that to them no one who is acquainted with the character of the gentleman who has just been so honored can doubt for a moment. . . . If the selections of the other directors are as fortunate as the one to which we refer, there will be small question that the future has been adequately safeguarded. However, the honorable responsibility which has been conferred on Mr. Kruttschnitt will cause a natural feeling of gratification not alone to those of his friends and fellow citizens who are directly or indirectly interested in the insurance concern of which he has become an officer. Citizens of Louisiana generally, who are acquainted with the character, talents and public services of the gentleman in question will be glad to see that his good qualities meet with recognition abroad as well as at home.—*New Orleans Times-Democrat.*

The June number of *Bob Taylor's Magazine* publishes a three-quarter page photograph of Thomas E. Watson, Georgia Psi, '76, with the following tribute:

A unique and interesting personality in our public life is Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, whose versatile genius has been manifest in the various fields of law, journalism, literature, politics and the lecture platform. He was born near the town of Thomson, Ga., in 1856; was given a common school education, and then sent to Mercer University at Macon, but financial reverses interrupted his college course and forced him to go to work in 1874. He taught school, reading law at night until he was admitted to the bar, and he soon built up an excellent practice which extended all over Georgia.

His first appearance in public life was as a successful candidate for the legislature of his native State in 1882, and in 1890 he was elected to Congress on the platform of the Farmers' Alliance. His congressional career was cut short by a contest over his seat, but during that period he secured the first appropriation for rural free delivery ever granted by this government. He was candidate for vice-president on the Bryan ticket in 1896, and after that gave himself up to authorship and the practice of his profession till 1904, when he was nominated for the presidency by the People's party.

He is at present editor and publisher of a magazine in which he hopes to keep his political theories and aims before the reading public. As a writer and speaker he is incisive, brilliant, plain-spoken, often sensational, never shrinking from the logic of his position, and pushing his opposition to the bitter end. His books are "The Story of France," "Napoleon," "The Life and Times of Thomas Jefferson," and "Bethany; a Story of the Old South."



In a recent interview, Governor Folk, of Missouri, took occasion to express his entire satisfaction with the work of Alphonso C. Stewart, Tennessee Lambda, '68, as President of the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners.

President A. C. Stewart will remain at the head of the Board of Police Commissioners; Chief Mathew Kiely will not be displaced as the active head of the police department. This much is certain from definite statements made by Governor Folk, who was in St. Louis last night.

In an interview which Governor Folk gave regarding police affairs, he indicated that President Stewart and Chief Kiely, in their respective positions, were eminently satisfactory to him.

Governor Folk came in from Jefferson City yesterday evening on his way to Kirksville, where he is to assist in a corner-stone laying at the State Normal School. He was reticent on police matters, but said:

"There has been a great deal said as to what may be done in the way of reorganizing the Police Board that is without foundation.

"There has been no dissatisfaction with Mr. Stewart, the president of the board, and I have entire confidence in him.

"Under his administration, the department has attained an efficiency never before reached; the police have been taken out of politics and the laws enforced. I know of no reason why it would not be in the interest of the public for him to remain at the head of the board."—*St. Louis Republic.*



John P. Lee, Tennessee Lambda, '91, has been elected Lieutenant-Governor of Arkansas. The appended clipping is condensed from an article in the *Arkansas Democrat*:

Upon the second ballot cast in the caucus last night, Senator John P. Lee of Monroe county was chosen Lieutenant-Governor of the State, defeating Senator Thompson of Washington county and Senator Amis of Cleveland county.

Immediately after it was announced that Senator Lee had received the required number of votes, Senator Milan of Garland moved to make the vote unanimous. This was done. Senators Amis and Thompson escorted the Lieutenant-Governor to the chair and Senator Floyd, chairman of the caucus, introduced him in a fitting speech.

Senator Lee said: "Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the caucus: I have no speech to make to you at this time. I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart for the honor you have conferred upon me and I assure you that it will be worn meekly and honestly. I thank you."

Senator Lee resides at Clarendon, Monroe county, and is a member of the law firm of Thomas & Lee, being associated with Judge J. H. Thomas. The firm is the most prominently known in eastern Arkansas. In 1897 he was a member of the house of representatives. He is popular with all the senators, a strong lawyer and a man of magnetic personality.



George W. Gordon, Tennessee Nu, '59, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the vacant congressional seat of the Tenth (Tenn.) Congressional District.

In the proper column will be found the announcement of General G. W. Gordon, of Memphis, for Representative in Congress. General Gordon is one of the boys that wore the gray and never flinched from bullets or shirked a duty when the time came for action. The general would make a most excellent representative; he is alert, active and progressive; he is as honorable as he is courteous, and those who know him always feel at home in his presence.—*Hardeman (Tenn.) Free Press.*

A recent issue of *Sporting Life* pays a well-merited tribute to a phenomenal young pitcher in the following paragraph about **Ralph Glaze**, Colorado Chi, 1905:

Ralph Glaze, 1906, wound up his baseball career at Dartmouth by pitching a no-hit game against Columbia, striking out fourteen men as well. Glaze held Tufts without a hit early in the season. This is the last year that he can play baseball at Hanover, as the Dartmouth athletic council made him the object of the one-year rule last fall. Glaze, while at Colorado University "prep" school, was used by the 'varsity enough to limit his Dartmouth athletic career to three years. He is without doubt the speediest pitcher ever seen in Hanover, and, in fact, has few equals in the college world for his swiftness.



The New York correspondent of the *Chicago Record-Herald* had the following dispatch in his column of June 30, concerning **Champe S. Andrews**, Alabama Alpha-Mu, '94:

Accused of the larceny of \$12,500 and the attempted larceny of \$7,500 from Dr. John A. Harris, two swindlers were arrested to-day after a desperate fight in the physician's apartments on Riverside drive. The prisoners are George Grosnider and George Thompson. The arrest was the result of a trap baited for the men by Champe S. Andrews, who was called in by Dr. Harris after the men had taken from him \$12,500 he was induced to give to them on pretended mining stock as collateral. Mr. Andrews had met one of them abroad and believed him to have been a wealthy man of Pittsburg.



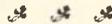
The Trustees of the Equitable Life Assurance Society have elected Ernest B. Kruttschnitt, the distinguished lawyer of New Orleans, director of the society. In doing so they have acted wisely; partly because the very large number of policy-holders in the South should be represented on the Board by several directors from this section, but more, in this particular instance, because no more suitable man could have been found anywhere.

He is in every way qualified and will perform the duties of the office in no perfunctory way. Mr. Kruttschnitt . . . graduated with high honors from Washington and Lee University while it was under the Presidency of Gen. R. E. Lee, and now, in the prime of life, is a lawyer of pronounced ability, standing in the very front rank of his profession in the largest of Southern cities. His counsel is freely given to a number of important educational institutions of the South, and his professional services are eagerly sought by a number of great corporations.

Whenever he has taken part in more public affairs, he has always stood for the right. His selection will have the hearty approval of a large class who are directly interested and whose confidence he justly and securely holds.—*Nashville American*.

Thomas S. Martin, who has just been renominated for the Senate by the Democrats of Virginia, acknowledges much indebtedness to the able assistance of Congressman Hal D. Flood, Virginia Sigma, '86. In an interview recently published in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, Senator Martin said:

"Correcting some small inaccuracies in an article in the *Times-Dispatch* of this morning, I desire to say that while it is true, as stated in that article, that Hon. H. D. Flood looked after my campaign in the Tenth Congressional District, his work was not confined to that district. Mr. Flood had charge of my campaign, and to his ability, sagacity and energy, I am indebted for such organization as was effected for the conduct of my campaign.



Henry L. Janes, *Wisconsin Alpha, 1903*.—Henry L. Janes, son of Mr. and Mrs. David G. Janes, who has just returned from Berlin and France, where he has been studying in the leading educational institutions, received a telegram from Washington yesterday that he had been appointed secretary of legation at Havana, Cuba.

Born and reared in this city, he received his early education in the public schools and afterward was graduated from the Racine College at the head of his class. From the college he went to the University of Wisconsin, being graduated in 1902. In 1903 he received his master's degree. Then he was appointed scholar to Columbia University of New York, and took up the study of political science and also public law, and afterward went to Berlin, studying public law and economics. Last winter he went to Paris and attended the faculty of law.

In his Junior year at the University of Wisconsin he was junior response orator, and in his Senior year he participated in the intercollegiate debate against Minnesota when Wisconsin won.



Mr. Edmund Clevious Waddill, son of United States Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., has received a commission from President Roosevelt as a second lieutenant in the infantry service of the army, and on yesterday qualified as such under the instructions from the War Department.

Mr. Waddill is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, and was one of the recent appointees of the President to his present position, after having passed with great credit to himself the difficult examination prescribed by the government for admission to the army of commissioned officers. He has just attained his majority and is a young gentleman of fine attainments, and his career promises to be in every way a most successful one in his chosen profession.—*Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

Roderick H. Hill, Georgia Beta, 1905.—Washington, Ga., August 19.—(Special). A telegram announcing the death of Roderick H. Hill was received from St. Louis last night. The end came yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, as a result of a spell of typhoid pneumonia, which involved both lungs. Mr. Hill was twenty years of age, and was the youngest son of Hon. E. Y. Hill, of this city, who was called to the bedside of his son last Wednesday. He was a graduate of the State University, in the class of 1905, and was well known among college men of the State. As manager of Georgia's track team last spring, and winner of the college championship in tennis for two successive years, he was prominently identified with every phase of athletics, and was also an influential fraternity man, being a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the Sphinx and Theta Nu Epsilon societies. With all his aptitude for athletics, however, he subordinated this department of his activity to his duties in the class-room. He was possessed of a brilliant mind, and was among the leaders of his class in academic work.

The news of Roderick Hill's death will cause expressions of sincerest sorrow wherever he is known. The body will be brought to Washington for interment Sunday morning, and the funeral will be conducted following the arrival of the noon train from Atlanta.—*Atlanta Constitution*.



Everett Irving Yowell, *Ohio Epsilon*, '91.—Among the scientists sent by the United States government to Spain to observe the eclipse of the sun, which will occur in August, is a Cincinnati man. He is Professor Everett I. Yowell, son of Richard Yowell of Mt. Lookout. While only a few years out of the university from which he was graduated, Professor Yowell has already distinguished himself as an astronomer. While still a student at the University of Cincinnati he was chosen by Professor Jermain G. Porter as his assistant at the Cincinnati Observatory. After graduation he continued his studies in Germany for a year or two, and then returned to Cincinnati, where his work at the observatory brought him to the notice of the government officials, and he was called to Washington. The eclipse of the sun, which will occur in August, is visible only in portions of Southern Europe and Northern Africa. The Americans will endeavor to make photographs of every phase of the phenomenon. They will be stationed in the mountains of Spain in the most advantageous position that can be found. The party is now at Algiers on board the United States ship Dixie, which has been placed at the service of the astronomers by the Navy department.—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune*.



Almuth O. Vandiver, *Alabama Alpha-Mu*, 1898.—Almuth C. Vandiver, who has been indictment clerk under District-Attorney Jerome since the latter took office, was appointed Deputy Assistant District-Attorney yesterday. He is the youngest deputy on Mr. Jerome's staff.—*New York World*.

Charles E. Taylor, *Virginia Omicron*, 1870.—The resignation of Dr. Charles E. Taylor as president of the Wake Forest College, made necessary by failing health, will be deeply regretted throughout the length and breadth of North Carolina. Soon after his graduation with high honors at the University of Virginia, Dr. Taylor came to North Carolina and has devoted all the years of his manhood to the work of professor, chairman of the faculty and president of Wake Forest College. Under his leadership he has seen it double its enrollment, greatly increase its equipment, and in every way strike deep roots into the affections of the State, and to quadruple its usefulness and power. Laying down the active executive duties, Dr. Taylor will devote himself to the work of raising funds for the college.

An accomplished scholar, a gentleman of the highest type, a patriot whose love of country is wholly unselfish, a Christian whose daily walk and conversation is the best sermon, and a loyal and steadfast friend, North Carolina has no son who stands more consistently for its welfare and its progress in every honorable line of progress. May he find perfect restoration to health and live long to lead the way for the education that makes the virile and honest men.—*Raleigh Post.*



William M. Kavanaugh, *Kentucky Chi*, '85.—The politicians and those candidates who are seeking the gubernatorial nomination of Arkansas at the hands of the Democratic party need not worry over the candidacy of William M. Kavanaugh, president of the Southern League, as an aspirant for the nomination to succeed Jeff Davis. Judge Kavanaugh had the fight for the governorship of Arkansas practically won, but has retired from the race to accept the presidency of a big financial institution which is now being formed in Arkansas. This is straight information and no pipe dream. "I will always be true to the Southern League and baseball," said Judge Kavanaugh, which means that if the magnates desire him again to serve as president that he will do so. A unanimous re-election as head of Southern baseball will be the highest compliment that can be paid Judge Kavanaugh. He deserves all that can be said in his behalf. He is an honor to the game.—*New Orleans Daily States.*



Charles H. Green, *Illinois Psi Omega*, 1902.—Charles H. Green, who was well known here in his student days, having been graduated from Northwestern in 1902, has been appointed United States commissioner, with headquarters at Freeport, where he is now living. The district of the United States federal court over which Commissioner Green has jurisdiction comprises a large part of the northwestern portion of Illinois. It is unusual for so young a man to gain so great a distinction. During his college days Mr. Green was prominent as a writer and speaker. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. After completing his college and law course, which he did at the same commencement, he was secretary of the Evanston Business Men's Association.—*Evanston Press.*

Dean Taylor, *Ohio Sigma, 1902*.—The Warren *Daily Chronicle* contains an announcement of the fact that Mr. Dean Taylor, of Warren, has purchased an interest in the *Daily Reporter* of Elyria. Mr. Taylor has been engaged in the newspaper business for some years, having at one time been a member of the reportorial staff of the *Alliance Leader*.

He is a graduate of Mt. Union College in the class of 1902, and is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is well known in Alliance and frequently visits at the college.

Mr. Taylor goes to the *Reporter* at Elyria as editor, and extensive improvements will be made under the new management. When in college Mr. Taylor was well known for his literary ability and as an artist, and since his graduation he has done considerable work as a cartoonist.—*Alliance (O.) Leader*.



J. Perry Wood, *Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, 1901*.—Pasadena, August 19 J. Perry Wood was named for police judge by Mayor Waterhouse this morning and his nomination was confirmed by the Council without a dissenting vote. Mr. Wood's nomination was exclusively predicted in the "Examiner" this morning and comes as a considerable surprise to the politically wise ones. Judge Wood is but twenty-six years of age and is a graduate of the Law School at Yale University. He is also a graduate of Dickinson College in Pennsylvania and at both institutions was an athlete of national reputation, having taken many an intercollegiate sprint. Mr. Wood at first declined to accept the place, but later consented when Mayor Waterhouse told him that it was his civic duty to take the office. He will be sworn in on Monday.—*Los Angeles Examiner*.



William E. Martin, *Alabama Iota, 1896*.—Exalted Ruler William E. Martin, of Macon Lodge No. 230, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, received yesterday from Grand Exalted Ruler R. W. Brown, recently elected as the head of the order in America, the tender of the appointment as district deputy for the State of Georgia. This appointment is profoundly appreciated by the Macon lodge. Under the rule Mr. Martin will tender his resignation as the exalted ruler of the Macon lodge and upon the reception of his commission proceed at once in the field work of the order.

Mr. Brown, in his letter to Mr. Martin, said that he could hardly do otherwise than confer the honor because of the enthusiastic endorsement Mr. Martin had received from every quarter of the State.—*Macon Telegraph*.

A German Text from a Sigma Alpha Editor.



F. B. STURM, Iowa Beta, is the editor of an edition of Gerstacker's *Irrfahrten*, published by D. C. Heath & Co., in May, as a volume in the Heath Modern Language Series. A careful examination of the work shows that the editor's work was done with ability and discernment.

Irrfahrten is one of the only two works of Gerstacker used in American schools. It is a humorous story of German life. The main task resting upon the editor was proper abridgment, and the preparation of a vocabulary and notes. A careful perusal of the present edition shows discriminating care in the abridging, the continuity of the story being uninterrupted. Some correction of the original text has been made and in one instance a small amount of new matter added. The plan has been at all times to follow the original closely, and to make a text that would afford entertainment as well as instruction in the study of the language.

The story and text is such that few explanations were necessary. Such explanations are contained in eighteen pages of notes. The notes are full and are largely made up of explanations of grammatical construction. The notes show care and thought in the preparation and add great value to the book in the hands of students and teachers.

A vocabulary of sixty-two pages represents a large part of the manual work connected with the preparation of the volume. An intimate acquaintance with a number of volumes in this excellent series clearly shows the completeness of the vocabulary of this one. The editor has been painstaking in preparing it and the result justifies the labor. In many instances it is a complete lexicon and will be appreciated by all students dependent upon a vocabulary to lessen the work of study.

Mechanically, the book is attractive and has met with a very cordial reception in educational circles. It has already been announced that the text will be used at the University of North Carolina and Hobart College, in addition to the State University of Iowa.

G. W., JR.

A "Reconstruction" Book by J. P. Hollis.



[John Porter Hollis is an alumnus of South Carolina Gamma, Class of 1895. The review is reprinted from the Charleston (S. C.) *News and Courier*.]

THE Early Period of Reconstruction in South Carolina. By John Porter Hollis, Ph.D., Acting Professor of History and Economics in Southwestern University, Texas. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press.

This interesting and valuable monograph is the work of a South Carolina student. Mr. Hollis is a native of Chester county, in this State, and is a graduate of Wofford College. He has pursued post-graduate studies at Johns Hopkins University, held a university scholarship in 1902-3, and was Fellow in history in 1903-4. This essay has been prepared for the series of Johns Hopkins University studies in historical and political science, and is a careful review of the era of "Reconstruction" in South Carolina, having as its object to show the direct effect of the Civil War upon South Carolina economically and in political sentiment, and the spirit in which the white people of the State accepted the first attempts at reconstruction. Mr. Hollis studied the records of the period at headquarters in Washington, Charleston and Columbia. He gives an elaborate study of the chief features of the Constitution of 1865, the political sentiment displayed in the convention and the legislation immediately following. The failure of the plan of reconstruction under that constitution and the substitution of the Congressional plan are also discussed, and the shameful operations of the Freedmen's Bureau are fully exposed. The story is carried up to the establishment of the second provisional government and the enactment of the Constitution of 1868.

Mr. Hollis writes with studied fairness and with a fulness of information and a clearness of statement that command respect. His monograph is a valuable contribution to that material from which the future history of the United States during that eventful period must be constructed.

The Doings of the Old Grads.



DAVIDSON.

'86.—Rev. Edward Mack is professor at Lane Seminary, Cincinnati.—'01. Victor J. Leovy has recently been chosen a member of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Railway Company.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

'92. Henry C. Wright is the author of a new book, entitled "Bossism in Cincinnati."

PURDUE.

'03.—O. Preston Smith is representing the Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. at Cincinnati.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

'59. William A. Harris was a prominent speaker at the recent Reciprocity Conference held in Chicago.

WISCONSIN.

'03. Allyn A. Young is now Professor of Economics at Dartmouth University, Hanover, N. H.

PENNSYLVANIA.

'03. Russell B. Smith, civil engineer, is in the chief engineer's office, Big Four Railroad, Cincinnati.

NASHVILLE.

'71. Judge Jacob M. Dickinson has received the degree of Doctor of Laws from Columbia University.

OHIO.

'99. Robt. B. Conard has graduated from Ohio Medical College, the Medical Department of the University of Cincinnati.

GEORGIA.

'83. *Everybody's Magazine* for September contains a portrait of James F. Neill, the prominent Western theatrical manager and actor, with a complimentary reference to him.

KENTUCKY MILITARY INSTITUTE.

The members of the fraternity in general will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. John G. Carlisle, the wife of the ex-Secretary of the Treasury, who is a member of our order.

SEWANEE.

James McConnell, Jr., whose name is given in the Catalogue as James Alexander McConnell, has recently formed a law partnership with Mr. R. L. Tallis, a prominent lawyer of New Orleans.

CORNELL.

'99. Fred Lafayette Bryant has moved from Newport News (Va.) to Spartanburg, S. C., where he is engaged in business as electrical engineer. Edmond H. Hollands, who received his Ph D. degree at the last commencement, has been appointed an instructor in philosophy for the ensuing year.

WOLFORD.

'95. John Porter Hollis is acting professor of History and Economics in the University of Texas.—'00. William Carroll Latimer has been appointed local counsel at Atlanta for the Seaboard Air Line Railway.—'01. Vance Wells Branham has received appointment as resident physician to the University of Maryland, at which institution he graduated this year.

CENTRAL.

'88. J. C. W. Beckham, the present Governor of Kentucky, has announced his candidacy for United States Senator in opposition to the present incumbent, Senator Blackburn, whose term shortly expires. A lively contest is expected over this office.—'98. Joseph Wilkinson Mansfield is now living in Spartanburg, S. C., where he is in the wholesale grocery business.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

'73. Ernest B. Kruttschnitt has been appointed a trustee of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. The policy of the reorganization of the society was to restore public confidence by selecting as trustees men of undisputed integrity from every section of the country. Brother Kruttschnitt's record as a member of the New Orleans bar in every way justifies his appointment.

VIRGINIA.

'00. Everett Owen Eastwood has resigned his position of professor of Naval Architecture at Lehigh to accept a similar position in the University of Washington, Seattle.—'01. Harry B. Stevens, Jr., has recently been chosen vice-president of the H. B. Stevens Clothing Company, Ltd., of New Orleans.—'03. Bruce C. Wilson is chemist to the Fayer weather Leather Company, Brooklyn, N. Y. James Park McCallie, M. A., '00, Ph.D., '03, has resigned his professorship at Culver Military

Academy in order to open a preparatory school in Chattanooga, Tenn. S. J. McCallie, Tennessee Zeta, '92, and E. L. McCallie, North Carolina Theta, '05, will also be instructors in the McCallie School.—'05. T. McN. Simpson, Jr., graduate in the School of Astronomy, '05, has accepted the chair of Mathematics and Physics at St. Stephens College, N. Y.

NORTH WESTERN.

'96. Henry B. Fisher is principal of schools at Geneva, Ill. Elmer A. Miner is interne at the Mercy Hospital, Chicago.—'97. Homer H. Tallman is practicing medicine at La Paz, Ind.—'98. John William Thompson, Jr., is with the John Church Co. in Cincinnati.—'99. George E. Matfison is police judge at Waverly, La.—'01. T. H. Erickson is receiving teller in the State Bank of Chicago. James H. Hance is teaching in the Hill Military Academy at Portland, Ore.—'02. Ernest L. Pratt is head copy-reader on the Chicago *American*.—'03. Reuben F. Booth is a member of the faculty of Kansas Agricultural College at Manhattan.—'04. William Gazlay is with the Northwestern Railroad. George O. Grover has been elected village clerk of Leland, Ill. Roy H. Monier is proprietor and editor of the Bosworth *Sentinel*, at Bosworth, Mo.

NORTH CAROLINA.

'89. Rev. Walter M. Curtis has been appointed financial agent of the Greensboro Female College, with headquarters at Greensboro, N. C.—'98. Robt. E. Follin has removed from Charlotte to Winston, N. C., where he is engaged in journalistic work. Edward K. Graham has returned to the University of North Carolina, and resumed his duties as Associate Professor of English. During the past year Professor Graham has been doing postgraduate work at Columbia University.—'00. Rev. Alfred R. Berkeley was advanced to the priesthood of the Episcopal Church in Christ Church, Raleigh, on June 18, and will continue to do missionary work in Rockingham county, N. C., with headquarters at Mayodan. Gaston L. Myers has removed from Wilmington to Raleigh, N. C., where he is engaged in the insurance business.—'04. Albert L. Cox enters the Law School of Harvard University this fall.—'05. Wm. H. Pace has opened a law office in Raleigh, N. C.

CINCINNATI.

'91. Dverett I. Yowell was sent to Spain by the U. S. Government to observe the recent eclipse of the sun.—'97. Dr. William Muhlbeg is located at Idaho Springs, Colo.—'98. Frank B. Warwick has moved to Washington, D. C., where he is connected with the Panama Canal Commission. Al. F. Leue has graduated from the Y. M. C. A. night law school at Cincinnati, and has been admitted to the Ohio bar.—'99. N. Norman Dalton is the proud and happy father of a new Sig Alph. Congratulations should be sent to Kansas City, Mo.—'00. Walter G. Eberhardt is engaged

in the "Raw Food" business with his brother-in-law in New York City. His new address is 172 W. 72d street.—'01. Gordon Green is with the Emporia Iron Co., Emporia, Pa.—'01. Herbert Sibbet, en route to the East, recently was in Cincinnati with Mrs. Sibbet to visit friends. Herbert is located at Los Angeles, Cal., where he is advertising manager of *Oil, Mining and Finance*.—'02. Bert Charls is manager of the roofing department American Rolling Mill Co., Middletown, O.—'03. Daniel L. Pierson has left the lumber business and is with the Cincinnati Rubber Mfg. Co., Norwood, O. Dan is now twice dad, for a bouncing baby girl has recently arrived at his home to help the two-year-old future Sigma Alph to make things lively. Gordon D. Farnham is chemist with Joslin, Schmidt & Co., Cincinnati.—'04. Walter J. Heintz has resigned his engineering position with the Pennsylvania Railroad, and is now engaged with Ward Baldwin, consulting engineer. Mr. Baldwin was formerly Professor of Engineering at the University of Cincinnati.

T U L A N E .

'98 and '99. During the present yellow-fever epidemic in Louisiana every surgeon in the South is brought into requisition. Among those who have achieved distinction fighting the yellow jack in Louisiana and Mississippi may be mentioned Robert W. Shipp, affiliate from Mississippi Gamma, and T. R. Rudolph. J. Webb McGehee, affiliate from Alabama Iota, is practicing medicine at Gary, La.—'00. S. Y. Alexander, affiliate from Louisiana Epsilon, is city coroner of Shreveport, La. P. M. Gilmore recently resigned from the position of assistant district attorney of New Orleans to accept a more lucrative position in the city attorney's office.—'01. The engagement of Miss Emily Grant of New Orleans to Walter Jahncke has been announced.—'02. Lucius de Yampert McGehee (M.D., '04) is practicing medicine with his brother, J. W. McGehee ('99) at Gary, La. Carl L. Wernicke spent the past summer at the Portland (Oregon) Exposition as chief of the Westinghouse exhibit.—'03. Henry P. Dart, Jr., was recently chosen, at a meeting of the Tulane University Alumni Association, as one of the executive committee of that organization. He also received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from Tulane this May and is now practicing law in the office of his father in New Orleans.—'04. Walter B. Dobson is associated in the practice of medicine at Leland, Miss., with his father. Frank W. Hart will study law in New Orleans this winter, and will become a member of the New Orleans bar next May. He was graduated last June from Yale University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. William W. Leake, Jr., will continue the study of medicine at Tulane. George B. Leseur, affiliate from Louisiana Epsilon, is practicing medicine in Baton Rouge, La.—'05. Herbert C. Cole, affiliate from Louisiana Epsilon, will practice medicine in Monroe, La. Luther Oakes Whitman, affiliate from Minnesota Alpha, is continuing his study of medicine at the University of the South.—'06. C. G. Mc-

Gehee, Jr., is studying dentistry at the New Orleans College of Dentistry and hopes to be graduated next year. A. H. Moss, Jr., affiliate from Virginia Theta, is occupying an important position in the principal lumber mill of Lake Charles, La. Godfrey P. Parkerson is now filling a position in a machinery shop at Algiers, La. Thomas B. Wilson, affiliate from Tennessee Omega, has passed the Mississippi State Board Medical examinations.—'07. Charles McLellan is now with the Alden Knitting Mills of New Orleans. George H. Mills will probably attend the University of Wisconsin this season. Posey Ventress will study law at Tulane this year.

Association Letters.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

FOR some time after the departure of our worthy President, Walter Eberhardt, for New York City, alumnal affairs in Cincinnati were a little quiet; for we missed his genial enthusiasm which was the moving spirit in many Sigma Alph enterprises, and his ever cheerful disposition which endeared him to us all. However, we have become reconciled to the fact that the East "will hold him for a while," and realize that we must not let Sigma Alph affairs lag because of his absence.

The recent accessions to the alumnal ranks from the Colleges of Arts, Law and Medicine, are no doubt chronicled in Ohio Epsilon's letter. We shall only say here, that we extend to these brothers, and to any other Sigma Alph alumni who may take up their abode in or near Cincinnati, a cordial invitation to identify themselves with our Association.

The mid-summer meeting of the Association was held at the Island Canoe Club, a delightful retreat on the Little Miami river, near Symmes, Ohio, on Friday afternoon and evening, August 4th. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Victor Heintz, the outing was in every respect a most enjoyable one.

As early as possible in the afternoon, Sigma Alphs forsook the down-town offices for the refreshing shade and cooling waters of the Canoe Club, and most of us did not return to the city until Saturday morning.

An interesting episode was the arrival of the "flotilla" in their bathing suits, from one of the camps on the river, about eight miles below. Their appearance had been so long delayed, that we almost feared they had been shipwrecked on the proverbial Miami riffles; but they hove in, just as the rest of us were putting the finishing touches to a bountiful supper, with no accident to report save a broken paddle. It is needless to state that the fatted calf was immediately trotted forward to welcome the famishing pilgrims.

In the course of the evening, a brief business session was held, at which the writer was chosen to succeed the lamented "Ebie" in the presidency of the Association, while Morgan Van Matre was elected Secretary to fill the vacancy thereby occasioned.

As the summer season draws to a close, and the boys are returning from their vacations, it will not now be long before we resume our regular gatherings, and we trust that by united effort we may make the coming year a banner one in the history of Cincinnati Sig-Alphdom.

AL. F. LEUE.

14 August, 1905.

 Little Rock, Ark.

THE Little Rock Alumni of Sigma I Alpha Epsilon at their last meeting held in Little Rock, June 17, 1905, passed resolutions looking to the purchase of a chapter-house for "Arkansas Alpha Upsilon" at the University of Arkansas. The resolutions as passed provided that the president of the alumni should appoint a committee, which committee should have control of the details of the chapter-house problem. I take pleasure in announcing to you that I have appointed on this committee, J. L. Hornor of Helena, W. F. Reichardt and C. G. Price of Little Rock. The resolutions also provide that Brother Stanley of Augusta as E. A. of "Arkansas Upsilon," and the president of the alumni shall serve ex-officio.

The needs of a chapter-house and the benefits to be derived therefrom were thoroughly impressed on the alumni by representatives from the chapter at Fayetteville, and this committee is now at work with the view of submitting a plan which will provide the desired house. In order to accomplish this result, however, it will be necessary for every brother in the State to give his unqualified support and assistance. At past meetings of the alumni the attendance has been small but we are presuming that many would have been present if possible, and on this theory we are including in the membership of the Little Rock Alumni Association every Sig catalogued as a resident of Arkansas. We believe that all wish to be included.

At our National Convention held

last December, in Memphis, that body changed our name from Arkansas State Alumni Association to the Little Rock Alumni Association, since which time a new charter, bearing the latter name, has been issued to us. This is still the State association.

We will be pleased to receive assurances of support and letters of encouragement.

JAS. E. LIGHTLE.

1 August, 1905.

 Milwaukee, Wis.

SINCE our last letter to the RECORD the Milwaukee Alumni Association has been holding regular monthly dinners on the first Saturday in every month. There are only ten alumni in the city, but what we lack in numbers we try to make up in enthusiasm. When we first started our monthly dinner system it was rather difficult to get all of the alumni together, but now every alumnus begins to look forward to these monthly reunions.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Brother Snite, of the Chicago Association at our last dinner, on May 6. Right at this point we extend an invitation to any and all Sigma Alphas happening near Milwaukee on the first Saturday of the month to drop into the Blatz hotel and take dinner with us.

The Sigma Chi Alumni Association, of Milwaukee, was recently organized with a membership of thirty. The Milwaukee Sigma Chis have a number of chapters to draw from and consequently are making elaborate plans to "do things" in the city.

B. A. PAUST.

11 May, 1905.

[This letter reached the RECORD too late to appear in the May issue, and is consequently printed here.—EDITOR.]



Chapter Letters.

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

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

PROVINCE ALPHA.

Maine Alpha, University of Maine,
Orono.

MAINE ALPHA has just passed through what might be termed a turning-point in its history—the first year in its own chapter-house. Hitherto, the members have, for

the most part, lived in Oak Hall, the college dormitory. There, although the boys had rooms near together, life was not what fraternity life ought to be; though of course, we made the best of it. Early last fall the new chapter-house was completed and it was with glad hearts

and ready hands that the furniture was moved into the rooms.

It is often said that the hardest part of any enterprise is the starting of it. So it has been with our chapter-house life this year. Much hard planning has been done, and many warm discussions have been carried on, as to the best ways to gain harmony of spirit and unity of action in the transactions of the chapter.

The past year has been an active one at the University of Maine. In all departments of college activities there has been an increase of spirit. Athletics have been well maintained. The musical organizations have done more than ever before in their various lines, and some of them have been reorganized and have been set on firmer footings. The band, especially, has been completely overhauled and the work done by that organization has been of an excellent character. There has been an increase of spirit toward debating during the past year, and an intercollegiate Maine-Bates debate was held at Lewiston in the spring. In all of these enterprises, Σ A E has tried to do her full share. She has had men in football, baseball, basket-ball, on the track team, in the mandolin, banjo and glee clubs, in the debating club, and in the literary work of the college.

We are glad to note that there exists a spirit of good feeling among the fraternities represented at the University of Maine, recently demonstrated by the step taken by them regarding dances. Hitherto each chapter has, sometime during the year, held its own dance, and there was much rivalry between them concerning decorations. Last year, however,

representatives from each chapter planned and carried on a series of three college assemblies in which everybody was interested, in place of the ten or twelve fraternity dances.

This fall we are looking forward to a prosperous year. We have been keeping our eyes open for "prep" school men, and we feel that we have spotted some who will make good Sigma Alphas.

In closing, I would say in behalf of Maine Alpha that our house is always open to our brother Sigmas and especially to our alumni, and we would be glad to have you pay us a visit at any time.

JOHN T. BATES.

Σ A E House,
7 August, 1905.

Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Boston
University, Boston.

Now that the opening of college is so close upon us, we naturally are beginning to speculate as to what our prospects for a successful "rushing" season will be, and to compare our prospects with what was actually accomplished last year, during which we initiated nine men into the bonds of Σ A E. They have all proved themselves to be hard workers for the interest of the chapter and fraternity, and in each I am sure I am safe in predicting that Sigma Alpha Epsilon will find a man worthy to be a son of Minerva.

The entering classes have been increasing yearly, and this fall Freshmen classes in all departments of the University are expected to eclipse the numbers of any of their predecessors. It is our plan to have

our members at the University on registration day, in order to get "a line" on what kind of first-year class is to grace our lecture halls and buildings and to perpetuate the high standard of our alma mater. Through a series of smokers, together with close scrutiny, we will try to learn what manner of men they are, and aided by other investigation we will learn whether they are such as are worthy to join our order. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has no few competitors here, among whom are Beta Theta Pi and Theta Delta Chi, both very active, but we have in nearly every instance succeeded in pledging those whom we saw fit to "bid."

If our present plans are executed, Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon will soon be occupying a house on the hill. It has always been the hope of this chapter to be "housed," and now that our cherished hope will perhaps be realized so soon, we are very naturally filled with much pleasant anticipation. The exorbitant price of land in the vicinity of Boston University renders it well-nigh an impossibility for this chapter to own a house; but nevertheless we will all continue to work in unison to that end, and ultimately, we trust, our hopes will not prove to have been more idealistic than possible.

Next fall nine of our brothers will not be with us, for they will have left us to begin their life's work in the paths they have chosen to walk. We will feel their loss keenly and it will be difficult beyond measure to find men who will fill their places with such zeal, administrative ability and conscientious-

ness as did those nine departed brothers. Among the said nine is Lawrence, our Eminent Archon of the past year, who has represented us at two national conventions, and who has performed his work, not perfunctorily, but faithfully and well. Brothers who happen to be passing through old "Bean Town," on calling upon us, will always find a typical $\Sigma A E$ greeting awaiting them.

LEWIS MARKS.

8 August, 1905.

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

OUR Rushing Committee in the fall of 1901 must have been both active and lucky to collect the men who represented the class of 1905 amongst us. Now that class has gone and we are left lamenting a little more than usual. Well, since we must get on without you, '05, we must all do our best to replace you. Fate—not purely evil—has left us only a small class of 1906, while the next two classes are well represented and healthy. If next fall we secure eight or nine good Freshmen, as we probably shall, the correspondent this time next year will have quite a pleasant task.

The affairs of the recently-completed year seem already like ancient history. The funeral ceremonies of a school year don't take long. The memory of one event, however, still lingers pleasantly—a joint "alumni and Harvard" night at our house. The affair seemed to us to go off very successfully; if our visitors enjoyed

themselves as much as we did, it was a perfect success.

Coming now in the approved order of a chapter letter to individual mention, I am very glad to say that we shall not be losing our enthusiast, Brother C. R. Boggs. He has accepted a position as assistant at Tech and will continue to live in the house, where he will be invaluable as a stimulant.

Brother Cooper, of Kansas University, who paid us a visit a little while ago, stayed at the house for some time during the summer, and we received visits recently from Brothers McClendon of Texas Rho and Burrows of St. Louis. Brother Burrows, I believe, is thinking of affiliating with us next term. We sincerely hope he may.

J. K. HEYDON.

27 July, 1905.

Massachusetts Gamma, Harvard University, Cambridge.

MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA showed several signs of life even in that busy end of the year which escaped the columns of the *MAY RECORD*.

A dance was given a little after Lent, which was the occasion of a very festive evening. The house had not looked so well for months; to tell the truth, it looked better for the rest of the year. There is nothing like one of these social functions to incite a spring house-cleaning.

The baseball season was a great success, especially from a social point of view; for a baseball team not only has good fun itself, but also

tends to remind absent-minded Sigmas that the fraternity is "doing things." Moreover, we ended the season in a burst of glory by winning our "Yale game," as it were, viz., our annual conflict with Massachusetts at Worcester.

After the game we repaired to Boston for a beefsteak dinner. Forty Sigmas were present, representing five chapters; twenty from Massachusetts Γ, sixteen from Massachusetts Δ, Brothers White and Vawter from New York A (who had come to Cambridge to see Cornell defeat Harvard on the Charles), Brother Stewart from Pennsylvania Θ, and Brother Stowell from Maine A.

After the dinner we returned to Cambridge and disturbed the peace of the neighbors for a few hours more.

The house saw another gay evening on class-day, when, according to custom, the ancient and worried Seniors "spread."

Here, at the beginning of the college year let me repeat Massachusetts Γ's standing invitation to all Sigmas who happen to wander near Cambridge to drop in at the fraternity-house, 20 Prescott street, any time, day or night. Also, let me repeat the request of former correspondents, that other chapters who send men to Harvard will let us know who and where they are, so that we can look them up in this labyrinth of a college, if they do not get around to see us first.

C. S. DOWNES,

Σ A E House, 20 Prescott St.
17 August, 1905.

Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Poly-
technic Institute, Worcester.

THE bitter as well as the sweet is a true part of life. For the first time we of the Delta Circle mourn the loss of an active brother. Robert Moakley was a good brother and true; no more can be said of any one. That he was our treasurer told of his ability and our confidence. Delta has sad cause to mourn a true knight.

For the rest, we have enjoyed an otherwise delightful year. It would require an ardent pessimist indeed to predict anything but success for the coming year. Strong in numbers and closely knit by fraternal love, the brothers of Delta Chapter are a unit for its advancement.

The registrar promises a new record at matriculation this fall. The alumni promise a gymnasium in the near future upon the new alumni athletic field, the latter being no longer a promise, but a glorious reality.

Fraternity gossip is busy now with the rumor of a new chapter house at the Institute, the Arm and Hammer Society aspiring to the dignity of householding.

Now and again a wandering brother honors us with a visit, but Delta wishes to assure all "Minerva men" that there is a cordial welcome and the right grip waiting for them at Humboldt Avenue.

BURNETT WRIGHT.

11 August, 1905. .

PROVINCE BETA.

New York Alpha, Cornell Univer-
sity, Ithaca.

WHEN the fall term opens at Cornell University ten familiar faces will be missed at the chapter-house. All of our seniors, nine in number, graduated, and one man leaves to enter the New York branch of the Medical School. One or two men, who have been away this year, will return, so New York Alpha will start in with a membership of about twenty-five. Besides this number Kent will be assistant Varsity football coach, and Robertson and Hollands will be instructors in the University.

The past spring, which was one of the most successful in the University's history, found New York Alpha

represented in all activities—athletics, musical clubs, society, and senior week. Recently W. B. White, '08, was elected to the *Cornell Daily Sun* board.

On Decoration Day our musical club and Varsity crew went to Harvard. Those of our chapter were very cordially received by Massachusetts Gamma, and only regret that they were unable to accept of the Harvard chapter's hospitality to a greater extent. On the occasion of Spring day Brothers Fish and Stewart, of Pennsylvania, paid us a short visit. The ever-present and always welcome Louis Cowdrey spent a week with us this spring and gave us much sound advice and valuable aid particularly in financial matters.

The chapter needs eight or ten good Freshmen this fall, and the rushing committee will be on hand early to pick them out. The committee work will be materially aided if *you* will send recommendations for any suitable men you know are entering, and if you will give as near as possible the exact time of their arrival in Ithaca.

The chapter will hear with great regret of the death of Brother David K. Smith, ex-'04, who died recently at his home in Evanston.

With this letter the work of your present correspondent is finished and the reins are handed over to John J. Wolfersperger, whose bump of duty and reliability is particularly well developed. WM. A. VAWTER, II.

17 August, 1905.

New York Mu, Columbia University,
New York.

GOD has taken away from us our dear brother, Jack D. VanBuren, Jr., who died at his home on Monday, August 7th. His loss will be most deeply felt by the whole chapter, for he always was the best of friends to all of us and a true $\Sigma A E$. He was very popular both in the chapter and at college.

The chapter as a whole is looking forward to a very successful season next year, as we have several very good men in view, and, besides, we are pretty near sure now to occupy our own house next year, which will be situated near college and is a very nice new house. Arrangements for the buying are almost completed now and we hope to move in by the first of September.

The football season at Columbia will probably be more successful this coming season than it was last, for the reason that we will have three coaches instead of one, and we expect several good players to enter college next year.

FREDERICO LAGE.

11 August, 1905.

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

JUNE, '05, marked the tenth anniversary of the founding of New York Sigma Phi Chapter, and we are proud to look back on the past ten years of prosperity. A goodly number of alumni were present to greet the chapter on its joyous birthday and the symposium was a feast of joy and merriment. We were glad to welcome Brother Craigie, who was initiated into $\Sigma A E$ the night before, to his first Sigma banquet. The Rev. Mr. Birdsall, of Albany, was the guest of the chapter, and among those present were Brothers Holden, Coffin, Stengle, Selvage, Coerr, Probst, Treder, Rochstroee and Drumm.

Commencement this year was a distinct success. The weather for the whole week was ideal and every one seemed in harmony with his surroundings. Indeed, it seems that one could not be otherwise, when returning at this beautiful time from crowded cities to a peaceful alma mater in the valley of the fair Rhine of America. Degrees were conferred on five of our men: A.B.'s on Buchman, Lewis and Thompson; A.M. Selvage, and Mus.D. on Rose. The Philosophy prize was conferred upon

Gardner and the Logic and Latin prizes on Martin.

We are glad to say that as usual the chapter stands high in college honors and activities. Gardner has stepped into the chair of President of the Senior class which Lewis has just vacated, and is also President of the Athletic Association. Oehlhoff is manager of the football team, and two of the chapter have been elected as members of the Athletic Association. Martin and Simmonds were elected assistant marshals for the ensuing year. We are proud to say that our musician of the chapter, Knapp, has been voted the position of organist in the college chapel.

The Σ A E ball which we spoke of in our last letter took place in Preston Hall on May the tenth, and was a glorious success. The hall was artistically decorated with the royal colors and white and purple lilac. It was certainly the biggest thing in the college year and was enjoyed by all.

We lose three men by graduation, but return in the fall with ten active members and one pledged. Our prospects for the coming year are exceptionally bright and we expect to do great things with the incoming class. The best good wishes and fraternal greetings New York Sigma Phi sends to her sister chapters.

FRANK H. SIMMONDS.

8 August, 1905.

Pennsylvania Omega, Allegheny College, Meadville.

JUNE 21st witnessed the close of another college year at Allegheny. Needless to say commencement week brought to all of us a strange feeling of happiness intermingled with

a little sadness. Two of our number as Seniors said farewell to old "Alleghen" this year, and though we may see them from time to time, yet we shall miss their daily presence together with their loyal support and cooperation in our chapter life.

Davenport enters Western Reserve University to take up the study of medicine, while Frost has already entered upon his business career in one of the Southern States.

Commencement week, as usual, found many of our alumni back to enjoy the closing exercises of the college. The crowning event of the week to us undergraduates was the banquet on Wednesday evening at one of the down-town hotels. Thirty-odd Sigma Alphas were present to help make the occasion a success with good cheer, engaging speeches and plenty of good fellowship.

The two buildings now being erected on the campus are nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy by the time college opens this fall. With the addition of these buildings Allegheny can accommodate a greater number of students, and the prospects are very bright indeed for the largest class of Freshmen in the history of the college this fall.

We intend to have our house open at least a week before college duties begin in order to look out for promising men.

We anticipate another successful year, and though some three, or perhaps four, old men will not be with us this coming year, yet we expect to have the same membership as we had during the college year just closed.

E. G. MOSIER.

20 August, 1905.

Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson
College, Carlisle.

OUR last commencement proved one of the best in the history of the college. Two buildings were dedicated and an unusually large number of alumni were present. The several fraternities were in competition for the largest band of "old" brothers. The Sigma Chi housewarming was a grand event, and now $\Phi K \Sigma$ is about to build.

Pennsylvania $\Sigma \Phi$ is still congratulating itself on its success of the past year. A chapter could not hold together any closer than did ours, and the material accomplishments are also to be remarked upon. The house has been refurnished throughout and newly painted, with only a few dollars yet to pay, and these provided for.

We lost seven men this commencement, and two others will most likely not return. This will leave us sixteen, and with our two initiates of last June, we will be eighteen strong. Our eyes are already turned towards the scene of busy rushing, and everybody will be back early. It is a year of bright prospects before us, but one of hard work.

Roush, '05, made $\Phi B K$ and had an honorary ovation for ability in public speaking. Roush and Thompson, both '05 graduates, will return to Law School this fall. Murdock is also expected to be with us again in that department.

We are anxious to see all our brothers who ever find themselves near Carlisle; do not pass us by, for you are all welcome.

May this fiftieth year be the best for $\Sigma A E$ and for all that she stands for in the fraternity world.

WILLIAM WHITE BANKS.

15 August, 1905.

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

COMMENCEMENT week at "State" was in many ways a great success. It being the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the college there were an unusually large number of graduates back—among which were many of our alumni. One whole day was devoted to alumni—reunions, athletic stunts, receptions and a dance being most prominent on the day's programme. The alumni were all quartered in the very recently completed dormitory, McAlister Hall.

Commencement was marred, however, by the death of a very popular member of the class of 1906, Clark P. Stewart, a member of Phi Gamma Delta. His very sudden death cast a gloom over the whole school. We greatly sympathize with the members of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ in their loss.

As usual we had a house party and everybody had a good time. We had an unusually large number of our alumni with us at this time, among whom were Brothers Krumrine, '93, Cummings, '95, and wife, Jessup, '96, Painter, '98, Shearer, '00, and wife, Elder, '01, Mott, '02, Frey, '03, Hewitt, '03, Miller, '03, Elder, '04, McKnight, '04, and Mackey, '05, of Pennsylvania Zeta. Many of the above brothers had not been back since their graduation and seemed greatly impressed by the advance-

ments both in college and fraternity life.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has in the graduating class Ross H. Fitchey, Robert F. Patterson and Edward D. Gerber. Gerber, however, expects to return next year to take a post-graduate course in electrical engineering. We shall miss the men that left us in the spring, but we hope that new friendships will be formed to be so vitalized by the ties of fraternal love that they shall last forever.

Our chapter this year has been unfortunate in having very few athletic honors, but the indications point to our having several Varsity men next year.

Everything points to a large Freshman class and we will return a week early, fifteen strong, to take care of Minerva's needs. We have excellent prospects of getting some good "goats."

The local at State known as the University Club, has applied to A T Ω for a charter but as yet have not received it. There seems to be a developing tendency to organize locals here even though the fraternity field seems to be crowded at present.

In closing my last letter I introduced my successor, D. Arthur Elias, who is well fitted to fill the position assigned to him. I close wishing for all our sister chapters the best success in the coming year.

CLARENCE R. POTTEIGER.

1 July, 1905.

Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University, Lewisburg.

JUNE 21 marked the close of the college year at Bucknell University. We were successful in all our undertakings and made our influence a matter of weight and importance in the affairs of college life. Heretofore a feeling of hostility has prevailed among the different fraternities, and we can truthfully say that we have done more to eradicate this feeling than had been done by any fraternity in the history of the University.

By graduation we lost Belford, Goodman, Harding and Mackey. They were loyal men and each one had rendered us valuable service at some time during his college career.

On the night of June 17 Holmes A. Frank, Charles C. Hindman and Richard N. Mackey, all of the class of '08, were initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The initiation of Edward A. Innes, '08, had to be postponed until fall on account of sickness.

At the last meeting of the Athletic Association, August, '07, was chosen assistant tennis manager, and Reimensnyder, '07, assistant basket-ball manager. The assistants become managers the following year.

Commencement week found us represented by Belford with a leading part in the class play, and by Goodman as a class speaker. A short time before Harding was awarded a prize for meritorious work in the medical department.

We will return in September with ten active men. It is our intention to make our strength and development commensurate with the growth of the University, which has been remarkable of late. For the coming year a course in electrical engineering has been added. Two new buildings have been completed and the endowment is being doubled.

ATHOL V. WISE.

1 August, 1905.

Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg
College, Gettysburg.

OF all the pleasant happenings of Commencement week, the one enjoyed most by the chapter was the annual banquet, which was held at the Eagle Hotel, on the night of June 12. The banquet was well attended, twenty men being present.

Lantz, '01, has been re-elected Vice-Principal of the Preparatory Department, and Cobaugh, who graduated this year, will return to Gettysburg as assistant to Dr. Briedenbaugh in the Chemical Laboratory. Masters, '04, who had been teaching at Cumberland City Academy, will fill the position of Professor of Mathematics in the Myersdale High School. Koser, '02, who graduated from the Theological Seminary this year, is preaching at Eglow, W. Va. Diehl, '04, will not return this year, but will enter Princeton Theological Seminary. Leonard, '03, has gone into business with his brother, and will not be with us this fall.

The prospects for the coming year seems to be very bright. We expect to open the year with eleven active men, and two pledged. All the boys

have promised to be on the field and ready for work at an early date, so as to make this one of the most successful rushing seasons the chapter has ever known.

GEORGE M. RICE

14 August, 1905.

Pennsylvania Theta, University of
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA had four representatives in the graduating class of 1905: H. S. Tinkler, P. H. Senior, T. P. Evans and H. C. Hoffman.

Their records so far are most gratifying to us all. Evans, now an M.D., accepted an appointment to Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa.; Hoffman, also an M.D., and president of his class accepted, an appointment to the West Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburg; Senior, D.D.S., is about to begin practice in New York; and last but not least, Tinkler made his start in life by taking a wife. Miss R. Colby and Harry Tinkler were married on June 15th, in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. They have our very best wishes for a most happy future.

Of the undergraduates Walter Barry, 1906 Dental, had the distinction of being appointed assistant surgeon-dentist at Blocksley Hospital, Philadelphia.

In September when the good old bell in College Hall calls us back to our studies, Pennsylvania Θ will have about twenty-five active members with two good men already pledged. Of this number about ten are to graduate in 1906.

A number of Pennsylvania Theta

men were accorded the privilege of attending some of the interesting chapter meetings of Washington City Rho which were carried on through the summer. We had very

enjoyable visits and were much pleased to note the progress of our sister chapter in its new home.

DUDLEY S. BRIGHT.

14 August, 1905.

PROVINCE GAMMA.

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

THREE months after her installation Washington City Rho moved her headquarters from the comfortable, but modest, meeting-rooms on New York avenue, to a four-story house near Dupont Circle. This step had been contemplated for some time previous to her installation, but the local could not see its way clear to occupy a whole house.

The possession of a house has greatly aided in our fall rushing. There are several men who have been pledged as the result of this summer's work, and in addition the general situation is well in hand.

Unlike some of our sister chapters, our house is kept open during vacation, as there are enough men who remain in the city to pay the running expenses.

During the past few months we have been honored by visits of brothers from many of our sister chapters.

Brother Merle Thorpe, of California Alpha, has taken a room in the house, and has endeared himself to all the men in the local chapter.

There is always a room and a welcome for a brother, and it is the hope of Washington City Rho that all Sigmas will make her house their

headquarters when they visit Washington.

In closing, it should be stated that there is one thing we need—a helping hand from our brothers. We have so few alumni that eligible men are seldom recommended to us. All names will be thankfully received, and should be sent to W. L. Morris, Washington Loan and Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

LEONARD DAY.

Σ A E House, 1727 P Street,
21 August, 1905.

Virginia Omicron, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

THE session of 1904-05 marked the beginning of a new era for the University of Virginia. The events of greatest importance to the university were the coming of Dr. Edwin A. Alderman as first president of the university, and the establishment of the Jefferson memorial endowment fund. A considerable sum has already been subscribed toward the endowment fund, and we are already beginning to enjoy its benefits.

The past session was a prosperous one for Virginia Omicron also. We were well represented in all departments of college activity, and our men carried off their share of honors. Ten of our number received de-

grees last June. Two of these, Brothers Dunnington and Olivier, will be back for graduate work. Besides the graduates we lose several others, among them some of our best workers. We expect, however, to return at least fifteen old men, who, with the addition of the usual number of goats and transfers, should be able to build up a strong chapter.

One of the most important events in Omicron's history will be our entrance into a chapter-house this year. After several years of vain endeavor we have at last succeeded in obtaining a lease on an eight-room brick house, which was completed this summer. We hope that this will be but a first step towards owning our own house at some future day.

It is rumored that several other fraternities will enter chapter-houses this year for the first time.

A few weeks before Finals, the Delta Chi law fraternity initiated a body of local petitioners, among them five Sigma Alphas.

J. BROOKES SMITH.

14 August, 1905.

Virginia Sigma, Washington and Lee University, Lexington.

VIRGINIA SIGMA closed the session of '04-'05 on June 12th. On the 17th, after a week of "finals," the brothers reluctantly bade each other good-by and scattered to their homes for the summer vacation. Every brother left with the determination to do his best for our chapter during the summer months and bring with him to Lexington in September a good lot of material for Virginia Sigma goats.

We were a small band of ten, but every one put his mark on the records of Washington and Lee, either scholastically or on the athletic field. Rankin's work at left guard during the football season was of such a high order that he was unanimously elected captain of the team for '05. The Athletic Committee chose V. Miles as manager, and they will both do their best to have a fine season and reflect glory on old Σ A E. G. Miles made coxswain of the Albert Sidney boat crew and, though he lost his race, his work could not be reflected on, as he filled his position to the "queen's taste." Brother Dunn was too light by about fifteen pounds to pull No. 1 on the boat crew, but he was the last man cut, and we expect to see him pulling that oar next season.

Brother Dunlap was made instructor in the School of Engineering for '04-'05. Thomas was president of the Junior Law class and business manager of the *Calyx*, our year-book. Hamilton was right guard on the football team. Dulaney distinguished himself on the track team, and C. and T. Newton held up the honors of the chapter in the classroom.

The crowning social event of the year was a banquet given by the chapter to Brother C. A. Randolph, an alumnus of Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta. The table around which the brothers and our Σ A E sisters in the town gathered was tastefully decorated in old gold and purple. Toasts were given to "Athletics," "Σ A E," "Virginia Sigma" and "Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta." After the banquet rousing yells were given for the two chapters represented, and every one

went home saying they had never had a better time.

Virginia Sigma hopes and expects to greet her sister chapters in the fall with a splendid chapter. We return nine men and have already accomplished a great deal for the coming year. We have rented new quarters and it will be a pleasure to us to make any visiting brothers at home in them. VINCENT M. MILES.

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

THIS commencement was especially pleasant for those members of North Carolina Xi who stayed at Chapel Hill till all the gaiety of the season was over. Among those who remained were Cox, Worth, Kenan, Calder, Bahnson, Morrison and Hutchison; and among the visitors our chapter was well represented by the following alumni: John Sprunt Hill, A. B. Andrews, Jr., G. H. Andrews, A. L. Cox, T. D. Brown and Connor.

Last spring we gathered several honors. Worth, Calder and James represented us on the baseball diamond. Worth played in the field instead of his old place at third base. Calder and James were substitutes and at the end of the season they received the coveted N. C. as a reward for their playing. Calder and Cox were two of the six ball managers at commencement. Little represented the Dialectic Literary Society in the Soph-Junior debate. Late in the spring Mr. Stewart resigned the managership of the football team for 1905, and Bahnson was elected to fill his place.

Next year we shall return only seven men, but we expect to have three or four affiliates with us and hope to initiate several men from the Sophomore class. Although we shall be small in numbers we shall return with a determination to make next year one of great success in our chapter's history.

A. H. BAHNSON.

12 July, 1905.

North Carolina Theta, Davidson College, Davidson.

THE past year of Chapter Theta's life was successful in getting together a congenial crowd of members. Eighteen was our total number, of which only one graduated. Besides this, however, we will lose six men, making our number to begin the present year eleven. All the prospects are favorable for a most prosperous chapter this session.

In all the departments of college life $\Sigma A E$ was, as described in previous numbers of the RECORD, occupying its usual prominent position. We had a winning baseball team, three of whose members were of our number. On the football team we were represented by two members, one of whom, McCallie, will return this year to resume his old position at half-back. Two of our baseball players also will return. In the list of honor-men for the present year, announced at last commencement, $\Sigma A E$ was well represented.

We are able to begin this year with a newly repaired hall and expect to add to it still more furnishings.

While we will lose one of our

members in the faculty, A. Currie, who leaves us for the study of law at Columbia University, his place will be taken by J. W. Currie, still making our number in the faculty five.

EDWARD J. ERWIN.

19 August, 1905.

South Carolina Gamma, Wofford College, Spartanburg.

AGAIN it behooves Gamma chapter to relate her past achievements and express her future hopes. That she is wide awake and gradually moving forward is easily seen from the honors piled up during the year 1904-05.

In fact, there was no phase of college life in which Sigmas did not hold a prominent place. Brabham and Tatum upheld with honor the purple and gold on the Senior football team, while Richardson and Latimer reflected honor upon themselves and the chapter by "starring" in the two lower classes respectively. In baseball Gamma furnished four of the lucky nine.

On the night of the Sophomore Exhibition four pins sparkled from the coats of Sig Alphas, Prince being our representative speaker. Brabham was among the literary leaders of the college and achieved much for the chapter and himself.

Socially, Gamma has made herself conspicuous, the crowning event of the year being in the form of a banquet given us by Brother Mansfield,

of Kentucky Kappa, who has recently entered business here. A delicately prepared menu together with the presence of our fair friends, made the occasion a very enjoyable one.

A movement is now on foot to purchase the brick house which we have heretofore leased, and with the aid of our alumni and the general fraternity, we hope to be in our own chapter house at the opening of another session. With a few improvements ours will be the most convenient and best located fraternity house on the campus.

We lost but two men, Brabham and Tatum, this past year, by graduation; so, with nine men returning and five pledged men, our number will be considerably increased. Already honors have been coming our way, the captains of both baseball and gymnasium teams for next year being from our number.

With the field of fraternity material growing larger each year, a bright and prosperous year is predicted for Gamma, and we hope to place her in a more flourishing and aggressive condition than ever before.

Brother William C. Levere, E.S.A., honored us with a visit this last spring and gave us some very helpful advice concerning fraternity work. Our doors are always open to visiting Sigmas, and we hope to see many brotherly faces during the coming year.

S. WILSON TAYLOR.

6 August, 1905.

PROVINCE DELTA.

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

THAT which was uppermost in our minds at the time the last letter was written was the County Fair, given to promote the object of the Michigan Union, namely, a clubhouse.

Every fraternity and student organization in college had a booth in the large gymnasium and contributed in some way to the amusement of the "Pikers." Those Sigma Alphas who met in St. Louis on the Pike will know what I mean by this term.

Our stunt was the presentation of vaudeville, and the brothers who took part achieved enviable fame as the male Nordica, Billions and Balk-er and the famous Chiquita sisters.

After two nights of revelling with wit and humor, the committee brought confusion to order and reported a net gain of \$4,000 for the two nights, which testifies for the success of the County Fair.

Our annual Spring House Party was given on May 26th and all the environments made anything but a most enjoyable evening impossible.

Raymond Kerr, William Coch-rane, John Henes and John Carmo-dy, who graduated in June, were presented with glass-bottomed pew-ter steins on which the fellows of the chapter scratched their names. This stunt was started last year and we hope it will remain the custom.

Since our last letter, Lucius has

made the tennis team and the Sphinx, and Conroy, Ellis, Holmes and Cox their class baseball teams.

Michigan has had another very successful year in athletics, winning everything except in track events, and this fall's football team promises to be a winner. All of the old team are expected to return, with the excep-tion of Heston and Carter. These two men will be hard to replace, but there is plenty of good material, and with Yost's new five-year con-tract, we feel exceedingly cheerful.

Cap-night closed the college ac-tivities and brought forth in grati-fying demonstrations the smould-ering ambitions of the Freshman. A large bonfire was made in the natural amphitheater, just below the observ-atory, and after songs and speeches, the Freshmen were assembled around the fire. They circled about it faster and faster, until they were running, shouting and tossing their caps into the blaze. Then the band struck up the college songs, which were sung with great gusto by the bare-head-ed Freshmen. The last song was "Where, O where, are the verdant Freshmen?" They were no more. The Sophomores were Juniors, the Juniors Seniors and the Seniors walked home feeling that they had finally parted with the happiest four years of their lives.

We wish every chapter great suc-cess in rushing and a most prosper-ous year.

RALPH W. MCCRILLIS.

31 July, 1905.

Michigan Alpha, Adrian College,
Adrian.

THE annual commencement of Adrian college was held Thursday, June 22d, at which time three of our brothers, Miller, Ramsey and Hughes, were graduated. The Class Day exercises were held Wednesday afternoon, June 21st. Hughes was orator of the class and Miller, the president of the class of 1905 for the ensuing year, made the address at the dedication of the flag-pole. Throughout commencement week men of the $\Sigma A E$ were prominent everywhere. Especially at the alumni reunion on Wednesday evening was this noticeable when so many of the responses of the classes since the establishment of the chapter in 1887 were made by Sigmas.

The annual banquet and alumni reunion of $\Sigma A E$ was held Thursday evening at the Hotel Gregg. The business meeting of the alumni was held immediately after the banquet at the rooms. Several matters of importance were brought up and discussed, among which was the fraternity-house question. For several reasons it was thought best for the chapter during the coming year to remain in the hall; but a committee of five, consisting of two of the alumni and three of the active chapter, was appointed to bring in definite plans for a house at the next meeting in June, 1906.

A considerable increase is expected in the attendance of the college in the coming year and the active men that return intend to work hard to win their share of the new fraternity material that enters.

CLAUDE H. STEVENS.

11 August, 1905.

Ohio Sigma, Mount Union College,
Alliance.

AT this time of the year, when we are all enjoying our summer vacation, we are also anxious for the time to come when we can again greet each other in the chapter-house. About sixteen men will return to carry on the work of Ohio Sigma. Three of last year's boys intend to enter other schools—Dougherty, last fall's football captain, goes to Leland Stanford, Hannum to Ada, and Thompson to Garret Biblical Institute. Ballard, who has not been in school for a couple of years, goes to Massachusetts Institute of Technology. We lose three by graduation. Notwithstanding this loss, we are going to make the coming year a hummer for $\Sigma A E$ at Mt. Union. We will have about six old pledges in school, two of whom will be eligible to initiation during the fall term. We took in eight fellows the last year, and the chances are that we will take in more next year, for the Old Mount is moving along at a rapid rate in point of attendance, thus affording us more material.

Quite a number of changes have been made in the faculty. There will be new professors in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, Oratory and Music, and also a new coach. The Chemistry and Physics man goes to Harvard for a year's research work. The Mount is going to try a new experiment along the coaching line. She intends to do away with a coach in baseball and basket-ball and hire a good one for football. Beechler, the Michigan center, is the man selected. During the last couple of years the Old Mount has thrown off

many of her old clothes and assumed new ones. The university system of recitations and electives is used now. The chief need of M. U. C. is a large building for Science and for the Library.

Arthur Morris, one of our graduates last June, enters the Western Reserve Law School this fall. If his health permits, Harry Williams, another graduate, will enter the medical department of the same school. J. Frank Keeler, the other graduate, has accepted a position as assistant secretary of the Central Y. M. C. A., of Philadelphia, Pa. Last term Ohio Sigma departed from the old routine, and instead of the stereotyped party held a picnic on June 3d, with the Case chapter, at Silver Lake. It is superfluous to say that this was the most enjoyable social occasion of the year, and it is probable that it will be an annual affair. Having tried one new thing, we thought we would try another. Instead of the regular co-ed commencement banquet, we gave a stag banquet and smoker at the Hotel Alliance. Several of the old fellows were present, and we wish that more could have found it possible to be there. We take this opportunity of welcoming all the "Old Grads" to our social affairs, and to our chapter meetings especially.

The college also tried a new thing for its Commencement affair. Instead of the President's reception, an alumni banquet was held. It was a success beyond expectation, and will doubtless continue. The chairman of the committee, H. C. Roehler, '96, is a Sigma Alph, as are also two of the other four members of the committee. The best speeches were

made by two Sigmas, Judge J. P. Fawcett, '71, who was toastmaster, and Judge W. W. Hale, '78.

V. L. FISHEL.

9 August, 1905.

Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

THE beginning of the summer vacation marked the close of a very successful year for Ohio Wesleyan. The spring term saw our new president inaugurated with imposing ceremonies; two new professors elected; an engineering annex to the physical laboratory built; the endowment of a new theological department; the work upon the largest gymnasium in Ohio commenced, to be finished by next year; and the second place in Big Six baseball won by our team.

Used as we are to the quiet of Delaware, such occurrences partook slightly of the strenuous. The fall, too, promises a continuation of such events. From present indications, football material will be more plentiful and of better quality than for several years past.

The year has been likewise satisfactory to Ohio Delta, bringing her her full share of honors and good times. During the spring term, several of our men received elections as follows: Neff, president of the Freshman class, Dubois of the Sophomores, Marting, editor of the *Transcript*, Bittenour, president of the Athletic Association, and Davis, manager of the track team. We had one man, Read, on the baseball team, and five men on the second team. Allyn, in the Big Six track meet, showed himself to be

the second fastest hundred-yards man in the State. In the military department, Rittenour was first lieutenant, Read was sergeant-major, and five other of our men were corporals. Sheffer, of this year's class, will be the physical director of the gymnasium for next year.

In the interfraternity baseball league our fondest aspirations, championshipwards, were dashed to the ground, Beta Theta Pi playing the part of the dasher. Phi Delta Theta won the first place in the series, and was awarded the trophy cup for next year. In the tennis tournament, however, Davis and Buck were winners of the doubles.

We counted ourselves extremely fortunate in receiving visits from so many of our alumni during Commencement week. About thirty of their number severed themselves from the cold world long enough to make the week exciting and enjoyable for us. A number of brothers from other chapters also were with us.

We, of course, expect a good rushing season and good Sigma Alph results, and extend best wishes to all our sister chapters.

CLARENCE L. WRIGHT.

7 August, 1905.

Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati,
Cincinnati.

SINCE our last letter the closing days of college have passed with their many happenings. Ohio Epsilon took a rather prominent part in the various commencement affairs, being well represented in all departments

of the University. Weirman graduated from the academic department, after being honored with membership in the honorary fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa. His record in class work was as good as any member's of '05, and he also took a leading role in the Class Play. Baylers and Greenwald graduated from the law department with every prospect of future fame at the bar. In the medical department, Robert A. Conard received his degree of M.D., after a good record at college, as shown by his being given an internship at St. Elizabeth's Hospital of Dayton. Ohio Epsilon wishes every success to these brothers just entering into their life's work.

Ohio Epsilon anticipates bright things of the coming year. She expects to return fifteen brothers and initiate enough neophytes to bring up her chapter roll to twenty-five by the middle of the winter. She should also make a good showing in football, having the graduate and undergraduate managers, as well as some good playing material. The chapter is glad to have Weirman back as a postgraduate student, and as an instructor in the University Technical School, or Preparatory Department.

We Cincinnati Sigmas have not been able to have regular meetings this summer, but have had some pleasant outings. We hope that visiting Sigmas will remember that our chapter-rooms are always open to them, and will give us a chance to show our hospitality.

R. T. DICKERSON.

15 August, 1905.

Ohio Theta, Ohio State University,
Columbus.

JUST now the members of Ohio Theta are scattered for the summer vacation. Some are trying to rest up for another studious year, while others seem to have grown tired of the summer of leisure and are spending the time at work.

We finished last year with twenty-four men enrolled, and expect to start this fall with eighteen old men and one pledge.

Σ A E will this year again be well represented in Ohio athletics. Brother Foss will act as manager of the football eleven and in this capacity will no doubt have a likely bunch of Sigmas to provide for. Brother Heekin, whose work last year showed him to be one of the best track men in the State, will captain the track team.

We were greatly relieved when we received the news that each of our law graduates, Jones, Kline and Van Ness, had passed the State bar examinations with very commendable grades. Jones locates in Jackson, O., Kline in Dayton, O., while Van Ness takes up his profession in San Francisco. Our other graduate, Hare, is beginning newspaper work in Muskogee, Ind. Ter. We wish them all the greatest of success. In this bunch of graduates we lose a band of brothers whose absence will be deeply felt, but with the old men who return as a nucleus we hope to have a chapter strong in numbers and full of fraternity spirit, which will do its utmost for the good of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

GLEN GREELEY MCILROY.

7 August, 1905.

Ohio Rho, Case School of Applied
Science, Cleveland.

OHIO RHO finished the year of 1904-5 with a whirl. Its smoker, given in honor of the faculty, was well attended and enjoyed. Brother Taft mingled with us awhile that night and dispensed some of his good cheer. The evening the boys spent at the home of Brother Meek was also one long to be remembered. Quite a bit of Sigma Alpha enthusiasm was passed around. Brother Brown, of Boston Tech, and Brother White, of Cornell, were among those present.

Our reception on Commencement Day was one of the most brilliant affairs ever given by the chapter, and faculty, relatives and friends turned out in goodly numbers.

The event remarkable for its fun, however, was the picnic given at Silver Lake. A special car took our boys and girls to the grounds where we were soon joined by the Mt. Union party. A general program for the day was as follows: Rowing in the morning; dinner, dancing, bowling, etc. etc., in the afternoon; supper, rowing until dark and then more dancing. About 11 o'clock, weary but happy, we dragged ourselves to our car, which whirled us back to Cleveland. Such a gathering, with more of the surrounding chapters represented, if made an annual affair, might well be looked forward to as a splendid stimulator of interest. At several of the above events prospective Freshmen were entertained, and as a result we have several good men in line for next year.

We were represented on the base-

ball team last spring by Davidson, manager, and Canfield, fielder; and in the field meets by Kauffman in the weight events. Bell is manager of the football team for the coming year and Bardsley, Canfield and Kauffman will be the old men out again for work.

At the last business meeting of the Case Tech board, Miller was elected business manager and Vail as his second assistant. Miller has already shown his managing ability by his success with the '06 "Annual."

Commencement last year deprived us of five men. Cochran is with the Cleveland and Pittsburg Division of the Pennsylvania railroad, with headquarters at Cleveland; Welfare has accepted, temporarily, a position with the county surveyor at Cleveland; Herlst and Davidson are at the Fairbanks-Morse Co.'s works at Beloit, Wis., and Clements is with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., at Pittsburg, Pa. All other men are expected to return.

Since the last appearance of the RECORD we have entertained at the chapter-house brothers from Cincinnati, Ohio State and Mt. Union. We hope that all Sigma Alphas visiting Cleveland will follow the good example of these brothers and make us a call.

CHARLES J. CLEMENTS.

14 August, 1905.

Indiana Alpha, Franklin College,
Franklin.

WITH additional appropriations, a new board, and a number of changes in the faculty, one of them being in the presidency, Franklin

College will open the year with flattering prospects for a most successful year. A number of new men are expected, and the spiking season will be unusually interesting. We already have in view some excellent material for old $\Sigma A E$, and we expect to pledge the desirable men within a short time after the opening of school.

Indiana Alpha expects to send several men to the Province Convention which meets with our sister chapter, Indiana Beta, this year.

We expect an increased interest to be taken in athletics at Franklin this fall. The college board has recently made an appropriation for the benefit of the coach fund which, coupled with the amount usually raised, will give us the advantages of superior training. H. W. Dragoo is manager of the '05 football team. He reports a good outlook for material, also an excellent schedule. Indiana Alpha will have several candidates for places on the team.

During the summer months our chapter has not been entirely inactive. Several meetings have been held in which many of the fellows have been able to be present and meet with alumni. The chapter-house committee has been steadily at work, and although we failed to make sufficient headway to obtain a house of our own this year, we have great hopes for the future. Considerable money has already been pledged. Our present quarters will be refitted and new furniture installed before the opening of school. We shall endeavor to make this do until we are able to enter a house of our own.

We were recently favored with

visits from Brothers A. R. Hatton, of Chicago University; A. C. Everingham, of Terre Haute, and George Ragsdale, of DeKalb, Ill. W. G. Everson will spend the coming year at Newton Theological Seminary. R. P. Schuler leaves us for Chicago University. O. I. Newcome, of Illinois Beta, is spending a few weeks with his cousin, Harry Hougham.

Indiana Alpha enjoys having visitors as well as Missouri Beta, and sends an invitation to all strolling Sigmas to come our way.

E. R. NICHOLS.

Indiana Beta, Purdue University,
La Fayette.

INDIANA BETA never had brighter prospects than it has for the coming year. The past winter has left us with a good record and a strong chapter to begin the new rushing season. Most of our active chapter will be back to push forward the work for the coming year. We hope to return with about twenty members.

There will be one great and important change—we are going to be quartered in a new house. It will not be entirely completed by the time college opens, but ready enough to allow us to move into it. It is larger and better suited for our purpose than our former home. While we regret to leave our old house which has sheltered us for so long, and which has been our only home at Purdue, we know that we have something much better adapted for our use, and a home which will accommodate all the members.

Purdue's outlook for the year was

never brighter. The equipment will be more extensive and the enrollment larger. Football promises to be a most important factor this fall, and Purdue expects to place herself more prominently than ever in western athletics.

During the last few weeks of school there were many little gatherings which tended to fill up the time and make the last days of the year long to be remembered. Our house party was a great success. This occasion affords a good opportunity for the older members to get back for a visit. Then we had our usual farewell smoker given to the graduating brothers.

We lost by graduation the following brothers: C. R. Jamison, W. H. Patterson, Jr.; J. D. Collins, Lauson Stone, W. E. Russell and A. C. Neel. Brother Jamison will be located in La Fayette, and we hope to see a great deal of him.

Just before school closed we initiated Leslie S. Gordon, '07, who had been with us all year as a pledge. We also pledged Alexander Patterson, of Kalamazoo, Mich., who will enter Purdue this fall.

There has been general activity among fraternities here this summer. We hear of three or four who are looking for new locations for this year. We were indeed fortunate to get hold of such a good house.

It is with great regret that I lay down the pen of the correspondent for Indiana Beta, but I know that I give way to a far more able knight of the quill, and it is with great pleasure I introduce Brother Thomas Jefferson Rison as our new corre-

spondent, and bespeak for him the kind consideration that I have enjoyed in this office.

THOMAS W. MACARTNEY.

12 August, 1905.

Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern University, Evanston.

THE end of the recent school year brought to Illinois Psi-Omega rather more than her share of loss. Not only shall we suffer from the absence of our four seniors, but three, perhaps four, other brethren will find it impossible to be with us.

Feeling the necessity for a celebration of a most successful year, the chapter put aside the pessimistic aspect of the occasion and arranged a farewell banquet in the parlors of the fraternity house just before the first man left for home. The speeches of our budding alumni were listened to with great attention, toasts and songs followed and before the affair was over we had worked up enough of the good old $\Sigma A E$ spirit to last us through the summer and bring us back to the harness in proper style.

Nusbaum will probably enter the Northwestern Medical School in Chicago; Twining will spend a year at Drake Medical, Carlson will be instructor of mathematics and athletic director at Wisconsin Normal; Chandler has been appointed secretary to the president of Northwestern; Whitmore, our graduate from the School of Elocution, will teach during the coming year; Hopkins is not planning to return; your humble servant will be touring abroad for some time to come.

We are pleased to be able to announce, as a considerable set-off to the retiring list and as a running start for the rushing season, that we have recently initiated one man, William Long, and that we have the pledge-pin on three of the best spikers who ever wore it.

With regret for the departure of brothers with whom we have passed so many pleasant months, but with faith in the continued glory of the purple and gold, we press on to new conquests.

J. E. RUSSELL.

5 August, 1905.

Illinois Beta, University of Illinois, Champaign.

ILLINOIS BETA has just passed a very successful year. From the financial, the educational and the social standpoint the outlook for the future is very bright. The reports of the board and the house treasurers show that the financial basis of the chapter is strong. This year two lots in the most desirable location in Champaign were bought and enough is left as a "nest-egg" for a good start towards our own house, which we hope to build in the immediate future.

In the social line we have held our own, a very enjoyable annual party, given in Illinois hall, capping the climax. In the scholastic branch of our college life, we have done exceptionally well, very few "conditions" having been acquired by the members of the chapter. Several honors in athletics have been received by the members this year. Thus, with such a rosy coloring over

the most important avenues of fraternity life, we will start out the new year with the strong determination that Illinois Beta shall go many notches higher in the fraternity-world during the coming winter.

This year we have received visitors from many of our alumni and several brothers from other chapters. Still we are not satisfied and want every brother who happens to be in the neighborhood of Champaign to drop in and visit us.

Four of our hardest workers graduated this year, Bailey, Pond, Clark and Long. The rest of the chapter expects to return early in September, so as to start the "rushing season" with vim and determination.

Perhaps it would be well to bring to the notice of our alumni and other brothers the approaching installation of Dr. Edmund J. Jones as president of the institution. The ceremony is set for October 18th, and the University announcement claims that it will be "the greatest gathering of 'Uni.' men ever assembled in the United States." It is to be mostly an alumni celebration, and we would be glad to see any of the boys back with us at that time especially.

With our prospects for the next year very bright, we expect to jump into the harness and pull as we never have before, and will try to live up to our old rule of "a strong man in every avenue of university life."

LOUIS W. MACK.

23 August, 1905.

Illinois Theta, University of Chicago,
Chicago.

ALTHOUGH no brother was graduated at the end of the spring quarter, Illinois Theta will lose several men next year. Berta, who finished at the end of the winter quarter, expects to teach; Walker has been elected principal of the Shawnee (O. T.) High School; Davisson has accepted a position as instructor at Princeton; Mowbray will teach in his old preparatory school, Culver Military Academy, and Farson will go into business. The best wishes of the chapter are extended to them for their success. The loss of these brothers will be greatly felt, but a strong effort will be made to fill up the ranks as soon as possible.

The most important feature in the athletic line this spring to our chapter was the success of our ball team in the fraternity league. We won five games straight from the best teams in the league, but in the finals we were at last defeated by the strong team of the Phi Gamma Deltas by a score of 9 to 5, although the figures do not indicate the real closeness of the game. Next year, however, we hope to land the championship.

In the annual fraternity track and field meet, we were not quite so fortunate as in baseball. Nevertheless, we did well in securing three points through the good work of Wondries in the hammer throw.

School will not open until October

2d, but most of the fellows expect to return early to get a good line on prospective pledges. We anticipate a hard rushing season, but are looking forward to getting our own share of the new material.

PAUL R. GRAY.

14 August, 1905.

Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

THERE is very little of general fraternity interest to report from our chapter for the September issue of *THE RECORD*.

The members of Minnesota Alpha are scattered far and wide, some in the pursuit of pleasure, others in quest of the elusive phantom of wealth.

The assembly call at Minnesota University does not sound till the 18th of September, one or two weeks later than usual.

Our chapter will enter upon the first semester of 1905-06 with a considerably diminished membership, owing to the large number who graduated in June; however, nearly all of the undergraduates will return and we hope to compensate for the loss in numbers by an early fall initiation.

We celebrated the close of the school year in May by holding our annual picnic at Lake Minnetonka. In spite of inconveniently placed sandbars and other obstacles to navigation the affair proved more than usually enjoyable.

Our chapter has been undergoing a period of reconstruction, new systems having been adopted governing both house and boarding club, by

means of which we hope to eliminate the evils of previous financial management.

Minnesota's prospect for fall athletics has given encouragement to all who are interested in her gridiron successes, and this encouragement has been enhanced to a degree bordering on elation by the announcement that Percy Brush, Minnesota's star tackle, will be permitted to play this and two succeeding seasons.

Our chapter-house has been undergoing extensive internal improvement during vacation, and has been beautified externally by a fresh coat of paint.

To our sister chapters we extend most sincere wishes for a pleasant and prosperous year, and we trust that during the year members of other chapters and alumni will find it possible to visit us.

BAINBRIDGE FOSTER.

Σ A E House,
12 Church St. S. E.

Wisconsin Alpha, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

THE beginning of another school year is near at hand, and Wisconsin Alpha, like her sister chapters, is making preparations for a year of accomplishment. The spirit of progress is strong at Wisconsin, and no man in the chapter can fail to become infected with it.

The Young Men's Christian Association Hall will be ready for use this fall, the large Chemistry building is nearing completion, and steps have been taken toward erecting a \$75,000 Farm Engineering building.

The most beautiful and imposing building in the Latin Quarter now is the new Phi Delta Theta lodge, which will soon be ready for occupancy. It is an ideal fraternity home, in every way. Wisconsin Alpha congratulates her contemporary, and wishes her all happiness and prosperity in her new home. Work is being pushed rapidly forward on the new Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta sorority houses in Sterling Court, and Delta Gamma will be in its new home on Langdon street in the near future.

Wisconsin Alpha adopted a building-fund plan last June, which will in the course of a few years enable her to build a chapter-house of her own. The plan is receiving the enthusiastic cooperation of our alumni and active members, who are sparing no efforts to make it a complete success.

We have always taken great pleasure in reporting the achievements of our alumni, and we are now especially glad to announce to the Sigma Alpha world the recent appointment of Evan E. Young, '03, formerly

captain of the 11th U. S. Cavalry, in the Philippine service, to the position of U. S. Consul to Turkey. Cards are out announcing his marriage to Miss Dawn Waite, at Belvidere, Illinois, on the 23d of this month. "Cap" will sail with his bride for Harput, Turkey, about the 10th of next month.

Brother Warren D. Smith, '02, who was appointed U. S. geologist to the Philippines last winter, writes to us occasionally from Manila, giving interesting descriptions of his varied and sometimes exciting experiences while making extended surveys of the islands.

Harry L. Janes, '02, is another of our alumni in the foreign service. Last year he was an attache to the American legation at Berlin, Germany, but is at present secretary of the legation at Havana, Cuba. Brother Janes made the chapter a visit last spring, before going to Cuba.

We wish a most successful season to all our sister chapters.

C. S. BROWNE.

15 August, 1905.

PROVINCE EPSILON.

Georgia Beta, University of Georgia, Athens.

GEORGIA BETA, after a most successful year, ending last June, is now busily engaged in preparations to take the lead at the opening of the University on September 21st. Her sons have been working steadily through the hot months of summer, and it is not boastfully said when they claim that she will have the

best men of the State who enter next year.

A glance at our annual will impress one very forcefully with the fact that during the past year ΣΑΕ was at the forefront in every phase of college life at Georgia. In football she had four members of the Varsity. In the line of public speaking she had the orator of the day at the 104th anniversary of one of the two literary societies, two of the

three representatives on the winning side of the Sophomore debate, and one of the winners of the Freshman debate. She had men on the board of editors of our weekly, the *Red and Black*, throughout the course of the year; also, one of the two business managers of the *Pandora*, the annual. She had the president of the Thaliens (the University dramatic club), the leader of the Guitar and Mandolin Club, the manager of the club, the captain of the baseball team, the captain of the track team, the manager of the track team, three members of the Sphinx (honorary club), and officers in every class.

With this record behind her, Georgia Beta will have to look to her laurels during the coming year, but with the majority of her men returning, and with the new men she has pledged and others on the string, she looks forward to the coming year with little trepidation, and great anticipations of pleasure in store. Four men are already pledged and many others being closely watched.

During the coming year Georgia Beta hopes to keep in close touch with the general fraternity, and to send in many reports of the doughty deeds of her loyal sons.

WILLIAM G. BRANTLEY, JR.

2 August, 1905.

Georgia Psi, Mercer University,
Macon.

THE close of the last college year in June found Georgia Psi in a very promising condition. The last chapter meeting of the year was an auspicious as well as enjoyable occasion. Not only was it celebrated

with a gigantic feed, but it marked the entrance of the name of another very promising Sigma Alpha on the book of fraternity life, Clisby Clark, scion of a well-known family of Macon, and a valuable addition to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Georgia Psi lost several of its most esteemed sons the last year by graduation, among whom were some who have been with the chapter for four or more years. Brothers Ogburn, C. G., Ogburn, W. F., and Walker, R. P., will be especially missed, as they have labored faithfully and well for the cause of Georgia Psi since their admission into her sacred portals.

However, seven of the old men will return in the fall, and as the alumni and summer campaign committee always lend a ready and helping hand, a lively and successful rushing season will result. Officers have been elected for the coming year, and the chapter is financially square with the general fraternity. Honors in abundance are waiting for the chapter, and we feel that the most prosperous year in the history of Georgia Psi is at hand.

We send our best wishes for the prosperity of Sigma Alpha Epsilon throughout the land, and for the success of the *Record* and *Phi Alpha*.

CLARENCE N. WALKER.

9 August, 1905.

Georgia Epsilon, Emory College,
Oxford.

GEORGIA EPSILON begins this year with few men, returning only seven; but as these are all true Σ A E's in every sense, we hope to

have a fine chapter this year. Our present men are all hard workers and by this means and by the help of our alumni, we feel sure that we will have the material we need.

We now have two nice club-rooms, recently completed and most conveniently situated.

The past year has been a very successful one for our chapter. We had fourteen loyal members all the year. We lost one man in February, but one affiliated with us from Georgia Phi at about the same time. There was more fraternity spirit than usual and fraternal affection was strongly evident among the brothers.

We have been well represented in every phase of college life. We were represented in athletics by men considered the best in college, and therefore were awarded many captaincies and managerships. We were represented by two men on the track team who did well for Emory, one being captain of Emory's team. We were in evidence on the speaker's stand with two very fine speakers.

We graduated four men this year, one more than any other fraternity.

During our past year, although we had no chapter-house, and also did not have as large a chapter as some fraternities at Emory, yet our men did good work, and we are confident that with the seven strong men we will return, we will do better than ever before.

J. THAD. FLOYD, JR.

17 July, 1905.

Georgia Phi, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta.

GEORGIA PHI closed the year with a great deal of regret, so far as fraternity life was concerned, for

many are the good times we have to look back on, and many are the triumphs $\Sigma A E$ has gained during the past year.

As is our custom, we turned our last chapter meeting into a "feed," enjoying ourselves as only Sigmas can on such occasions; and the future certainly looked bright, with twenty-four enthusiastic brothers gathered around the board, and every one an undergraduate. If all the resolutions made that night are carried out, we need have no fear that Georgia Phi will not take a high stand for yet another year.

But really, with from twenty-two to twenty-four men returning next year, it is better for us to be rather conservative during next term, and that is why we have not as yet any pledged men. We are keeping our eyes open, however, and will not let any desirable man escape our notice.

We took a prominent part in athletics last year and expect to continue doing so, but as yet only one of our brothers has an honor in that line for the coming year. I refer to Maclean, who has been re-elected captain of the track team. Maclean also holds the literary honors of the chapter, being Editor-in-chief of the *Georgia Tech*.

Commencement at the Georgia Tech is usually a prosaic affair, one day being all that is allowed by the college authorities; but this year an innovation was introduced in the form of a "Promenade Concert," which was a most enjoyable affair. Of course where society is, there will Sigmas be gathered together also, so you may be sure that our part was a prominent one.

We don't think this is any too

early to begin talking about the next convention, and, hoping that our entreaties to the Supreme Council for the honor and pleasure of entertaining the next have not been in vain, are taking steps already to give the general Fraternity a big welcome should they decide to come to Atlanta in 1908. We expect to get in training for this, by entertaining Epsilon Province Convention next Christmas. We, of course, expect this to be the occasion of visits from several of our alumni, and a happy reunion is anticipated.

WAYNE WARFIELD.

2 August, 1905.

Alabama Iota, Southern University,
Greensboro.

WE are now in the midst of our long vacation and there is no news to be reported. The chapter dispersed with eleven members, of whom eight expect to return, thus insuring a good beginning for the work of next year. We have also heard with great pleasure that Burgin, long a most useful member of the chapter, is about to renew his connection with the University, and his presence will undoubtedly be most beneficial to the chapter.

W. O. TURNIPSEED.

6 August, 1905.

Alabama Mu, University of Alabama,
University.

NO LETTER RECEIVED.

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

OUR final examinations were completed on June first, and Commencement ended the following Wednesday. We lost by graduation Brothers Cabaniss and Skinner, both very highly esteemed in our chapter.

The german given by our chapter at Auburn on Saturday afternoon of Commencement was one of the best last season. Frank Jones led for us, and did well. We expect him back this year to play his old place of right tackle on the Varsity, as also we expect Wilkinson back to play end. Both are good men, and indispensable on the team.

At the track meet between Auburn and University of Georgia, held at Auburn on May first last, we were treated to quite an agreeable surprise. With very little training Wright took part in the meet and gained more points for Auburn than any other man, bringing the amount of our defeat to only ten points. We consider that we did very well against Georgia, since last year was practically the first year that Auburn had a track team, while Georgia has had one for several years.

We only hope that our football and baseball teams will be as successful this coming year as last year, when in football we won every game and in baseball every series.

For this year we have several good men in view upon whom some of the Auburn Sigma Alphas put in some

good work last spring. We are counting on a very strong chapter.

We received letters from several chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon last semester and are very glad to see

that they are progressing so steadily. We expect to be in our own house within the next two or three years at most.

J. E. FRITTER.

7 August, 1905.

PROVINCE ZETA.

Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri, Columbia.

SHORTLY after our last letter life at Columbia settled into peace and quiet. It was the season of the college year when men spoke in whispers, listened in awe, and "grafted" with genius—the time when the pale flame of the candle cast its gleam from the second-story windows, until it sputtered in the socket and went out, leaving the "crammer" asleep on his books. But Missouri Alpha went through the finals without "singeing a hair."

In college life there has been much of interest. Missouri's record in the field has been exceptional. The baseball team won every game on the home ground, scoring six shut-outs. The season closed with a tour which left the final record twenty-three games played, eighteen won. News of the last victory of the track team, that over Washington, was received at the final mass-meeting of the year. The student-body sat with bated breath as a messenger entered with a suspicious smile on his face, and handed the telegram to the chairman. At the words "Missouri wins" every man was on his feet, waving his arms, yelling, and pounding his neighbor's unfortunate frame. That's Missouri's spirit; was always, still is, and

always will be—only a little more so each year.

The Saturday night concerts on the Quad by the student band have become a feature which each Senior will remember when his hair is gray. These are the affairs which teach one the proper kind of enthusiasm when singing "Gathered round her stately columns sweetest mem'ries," etc.

The University is now erecting a \$75,000 gymnasium. Delta Tau Delta has recently installed a chapter at Columbia.

Missouri Alpha put in a year of good work. We had twenty-two enthusiastic members, and our men were represented in all the principal organizations of the University. Our alumni letter, sent out in April, is receiving kind treatment, many of the brothers sending in their good wishes by way of reply. We should be glad to receive more, however. Our loss of men this year will be heavy. E. O. Brack, G. S. Brack, Sea and Hall graduated. King intends to bury himself on some western ranch, where the Indians whoop and the wolves still howl; and several others will not return in September. Suddath, '05, will be back for special work. We will occupy the same spacious quarters next year. This suggests the chapter-house proposition—somewhat worn, but of vital interest. A few years ago we

purchased a lot which now has about doubled in value. But before we can hope to see the chapter in possession of its own home, a more sympathetic feeling must exist between the chapter and its alumni. One thing which we want to do towards generating this feeling is to bring the active members and as many of the alumni as possible together once a year—possibly a banquet at Commencement time. We touched upon this matter in our alumni letter. I wish each alumnus who reads this would take a minute off from "toil and trouble" and let us know if he could and would attend such a function.

The University Alumni Association was well represented at Commencement this year. For next year they have planned an elaborate program, and we want every Sigma Alph of Missouri to be present; we want to see his heart swell with pride and patriotism for his college and his Fraternity; to see the furrow lift from his brow, the stoop from his shoulder, and these replaced by the buoyant feeling known only to the care-free boy of his college days. And that will be the result when he sees the splendid enthusiasm which reigns supreme during the last days of the college year at Missouri.

CLAYTON M. WILLIAMS.

14 July, 1905.

Missouri Beta, Washington University,
St. Louis.

ONE of Missouri Beta's most prosperous years closed with the Commencement exercises on the fifteenth of June. With none too large

a chapter in the fall of 1904, it was evident that "something" had to be done. Closing with an active chapter of nineteen men is sufficient proof that the Sigma Alphas at Washington University have been awake most of the college year. During the latter part of the last term all the fraternities have indulged, more or less, in "ante-vacation" rushing. Our efforts thus far have resulted in one pledge, though we hope that before school reopens in September, there will be several more wearing the little rhombic-shaped button.

The loss of six men by graduation will necessarily mean an active rushing season in the fall. We are all confident that next year's "bunch" will duplicate last year's results.

Our dance and trolley-ride were very enjoyable affairs, and up to the Sigma Alph standard.

The correspondent wishes to correct a statement he made in Missouri Beta's last chapter letter. On "Arbor Day," the trees for two of her deceased brothers, Harry A. Dawes and Herbert DeWolf, were planted by the St. Louis Alumni Association, at the suggestion of Brother Arnold D. Alt, and not by the chapter.

Joe Kimball, '05, recently joined the "Silent Majority," for on the fifth of July Joe took unto himself a wife. Mr. and Mrs. K. have our very best wishes.

Meetings, of course, have been suspended for the summer, though occasionally those of the chapter still in the city get together on a Saturday evening. Brother Terry West Allen entertained the chapter at his residence on the seventeenth

ultimo. To say the least, we all enjoyed Terry's hospitality immensely.

As of old, we hope and wish that more alumni will take the trouble to look us up when in St. Louis, for we are always glad to see Sigma Alphas from other chapters as well as our own.

W. L. HEMPELMANN.

14 July, 1905.

Nebraska Lambda Pi, University of
Nebraska, Lincoln.

NEBRASKA LAMBDA PI closed a very successful school year, all our men making very satisfactory showings in their courses. In addition to being up and doing in the classrooms we had men prominent in the social life of our University and in athletics. Taking everything into consideration we have every reason to feel grateful for the prosperous condition of our chapter.

We lost by graduation E. O. Sieke, John R. Bender, Henry L. Bowlby and John H. Bowlby. The loss of these brothers will be most keenly felt by us, as they are valuable men and enthusiastic workers for the good of the cause. Bender is in Arkansas this summer, his plans for the future not being definitely decided. Henry Bowlby was appointed Professor in the Civil Engineering department of Washington University. John Bowlby received his Master's Degree, specializing in economics, and expects to take law soon. Sieke finished his post work in forestry and has received an appointment in the U. S. Bureau of Forestry.

Since our last chapter letter we

have moved into a new house. Our old home was no longer large enough to accommodate us, but now we have a fine large place, really an ideal fraternity house, located at a convenient distance from the campus.

Our prospects for next year are bright indeed. At least fifteen old men will be back, so we do not feel at all worried about the coming rushing season. Yet at the Inter-High-School Athletic Meet held here last June, we did a little rushing and pledged one man.

This chapter looks forward with great pleasure to the Province convention that is to be held at Lincoln in November, as it gives us an opportunity of meeting and entertaining a number of brothers, which otherwise might be denied us. All our energy and time will be given to make the occasion a success and one that the visiting brothers may long remember with pleasure.

The chapter-house fund is steadily growing. Much credit is due our alumni for this, since they have contributed generously, and have at all times manifested the keenest interest in the movement.

MILTON A. MILLS, JR.

10 August, 1905.

Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon, University
of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

WHEN school opened last year Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon returned fifteen men, and during that year pledged seventeen more. Of this number only fourteen were initiated, the remaining ones being held over one year, or until they could make the required class in school.

At the close of the year we lost four men by graduation. Chapman and Morrow have excellent positions as civil and electrical engineers respectively, while Brothers Irby and Jefferies intend to go to some law school this coming season.

During the summer the boys have been busy looking for $\Sigma A E$ material for the coming season, and when school opens we hope to be as successful in the rushing season as we have been in past years.

We will return fifteen strong men, all hard workers for the Fraternity, and most of them well known in athletics. Eason is captain of the football eleven. Jett is second captain. Buford is manager of the baseball team. We will have no less than four men on the football team, while in baseball we will have three representatives. It is a source of regret to us to learn that Block will not return to school next year. He was on the pitching staff in baseball for four years, and was captain of the team last year.

There is only one thing to bother the Arkansas boys, and that is that we have no chapter-house. We feel sure we will have one in the near future though, because the alumni of this State have taken up the matter and they surely are working hard for us. Fraternities at the University have brighter prospects for next year than they have had for some time. The failure to pass the anti-fraternity bill in the last Legislature has given us all hope, and every one is looking for a warm time during the rushing season.

There will be another fraternity represented next season, Sigma Chi having granted a charter to one of

the locals. However, new fraternities will not hurt $\Sigma A E$ any. The more the merrier.

In closing, we hope that every chapter may have a most successful rushing season.

C. H. BUFORD.

9 August, 1905.

Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas,
Lawrence.

THE summer vacation is nearly at an end, and it is with a mingled feeling of relief and gladness that we prepare to return to our school and chapter duties.

The prospects of Kansas Alpha for the coming year are very bright indeed. Ten of the best men we ever possessed will return this fall to wage the fight for new men, and with the aid of a dozen or so of old fellows back for the "rushing," every good man in the Freshman class should be landed. One thing is certain, to wit, that we will make the other seven Greek societies "hurry some."

Our house was thoroughly gone over and redecorated during the summer, and with the new outfit of furniture we are to install, our "lodge" will be the acme of comfort and hospitality this year.

On September the first the alumni of Kansas Alpha, with the help of the Kansas City Alumni Association, will give our annual "rushing" season dance at the Elm Ridge Club in Kansas City. To this affair will be invited all the desirable men who are going away to school this fall. In this way we will obtain a "line" on many good men, and they in re-

turn will be able to see that we are alive and in existence.

We shall try to endure the two weeks from now till then, when the good old "gang" come back again, load up their several smoke pipes, and sing the songs we love so well.

W. B. SATTERLEE.

13 August, 1905.

Iowa Beta, State University of Iowa,
Iowa City.

THE spring of this year was filled with pleasant things for Iowa Beta. In fact, everything seemed to be coming our way and we more than held our own by making rapid and forward strides in fraternity life. In athletics especially we were strong. At the Ames-Iowa field meet, May 13th, the State University was defeated by a small margin, but one-half of her points were won by Sigma Alphas. Riley in the mile run; Parsons in the 120-yard hurdles, the high and the broad jump; Coyle in the 440; Young in the half-mile run and the mile relay; and Barker, the track-team captain, in the high and the broad jump, were Sigma Alpha point winners.

At the State meet, May 27, Iowa was victor and Riley, Young, Parsons and Barker were again winners. Then, at the Conference meet in Chicago, June 3d, all of Iowa's points were won by Barker and Parsons. This summer Barker went to the Lewis and Clark Exposition to compete in the athletic events, but at the time of writing no definite word of his achievements had come.

Late in the spring, Nyle W. Jones,

captain of the football team last fall, was elected general manager of athletics, succeeding another Sigma Alpha, Henry G. Walker.

At commencement, eleven brothers received degrees: D. W. Griffith and C. T. McClintock, Bachelor of Arts; H. C. Danielson and H. E. Young, Bachelor of Science and Civil Engineering; C. G. Jeffers and N. W. Jones, Bachelor of Law; F. W. Bailey, O. W. Okerlin and H. C. Parsons, Doctor of Medicine; L. L. Jeffers, Doctor of Dental Surgery, and W. B. Bell, Doctor of Philosophy. Brother E. J. Barker was awarded the Max Meyer scholarship athletic cup, which was held by Brother Griffith last year.

Shortly before commencement it was announced that Brother Bell had been appointed to the Smithsonian Table at the Naples Zoological Station, Naples, Italy. The appointment was made by the United States National Museum and is the highest honor that can come to any student of zoology in the United States, and which can come to just one student in the country during the year. Upon his return, Bell will assume the professorship of zoology in the University of North Dakota.

On June 22d, Brother H. C. Parsons was married to Miss Elva Marion Dunham. They are now at home in Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Although we lose heavily by graduation, the spirit and the success of Σ A E in the State University of Iowa is assured. There is no doubt but that next year will be even more fortunate than the past one, and that our house will be filled.

On June 3d, Brothers Poyneer, L.

L. Jeffers, Rule and McClintock journeyed to Ames, Iowa, and assisted Brother Levere in the installation of Iowa Gamma. We were received most cordially by the members of the local and were treated handsomely. They are twenty-five strong and worthy brothers, and they will mean much for Σ A E in the Middle West and particularly in Iowa.

The Σ A E house at Iowa City is always open, and we extend a most cordial invitation to our brothers to stop over trains at least and make us a visit.

C. S. McCLINTOCK.

Σ A E House, 400 N. Clinton St.

14 August, 1905.

Iowa Gamma, Iowa State College,
Ames.

IOWA GAMMA is grateful for the large number of telegrams and letters received from all over the country, welcoming the "Dragons" into Sigma Alpha Epsilon. This greeting from our new brothers has warmed our spirits and made us bet-

ter pleased than ever that it has fallen to our lot to uphold the banner of purple and gold at Iowa State College.

When this letter appears we will be in our beautiful new chapter-house, built especially for us according to plans which had met our approval. This chapter-house is on two large lots, near the campus, and is at once commodious and elegant.

Twenty-four men will return in the fall. The field here is unusually good. With fourteen hundred students there is only one other national fraternity represented here, Sigma Nu. Four locals are maintained in addition to the two nationals, and the character and ability of the men in all these organizations is such that the fraternities they are petitioning can make no mistake in giving them charters.

At the same time, our respect for these societies is not so great that we will falter any in our cry of "Iowa for Sigma Alpha Epsilon."

HENRY M. HANSEN.

10 July, 1905.

PROVINCE E T A .

Colorado Chi, University of Colorado,
Boulder.

IN June the chapter closed probably the best of its years, and in September hopes and expects to begin a new year that will surpass the preceding one.

Our new house is on the way to actual shelter for the chapter, and the brothers are prepared to buckle down

to hard work in the fall to get the best of the Freshman class to help us fill it. The prospects for a great increase in the University enrollment are beyond contradiction, and so the chances of more and better fraternity material are brighter than ever before. In our next letter we shall expect to be in command of facts to back up our present predictions.

ROBERT H. SEE

20 August, 1905.

Colorado Zeta, University of Denver,
Denver.

WE present to our brothers at large William M. Casey and John R. Griffith, both of the class of '08, who were initiated on May 3d last.

This year at commencement we had only one graduate, H. W. Allen, but as he will continue his work in the Law Department, he will still be in the active chapter.

Although "there's many a slip," etc., from present indications Colorado Zeta will return fifteen to seventeen men, all of them enthusiastic for the cause of Σ A E, and more so than ever because we enter a new chapter-house this fall. A lease has been taken on a house just next to the Betas, and as the lease on our present quarters does not expire until January we are going to do the landlord act ourselves.

No summer rushing has been done by either Betas or Sigma Alphas as a result of the agreement not to pledge until October 1st. The action of Kappa Sigma, however, in refusing to enter the agreement may lead to its abrogation at the opening of the academic year on September 13th.

There have been several changes in the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts. To fill the vacancy in the Latin department, vice Prof. E. B. T. Spencer, Δ K E, who is now president of the Methodist College, at Rome, Italy, we are to have Brother Arthur H. Harrop, Ohio Wesleyan, '94. Miss Gertrude H. Beggs, Π Β Φ, is to be professor of Greek, Dr. Hyde, the former incumbent, becoming professor emeritus. The chair of Romance languages is to be held by Miss Margaret A. Packard.

Brother D. S. Swan, '94, who has had charge of the Sciences in Longmont High School, has been elected to the faculty of the Manual Training High School of Denver. There are now three Sigma Alphas in that high school, Brothers Ling, Borst and Swan.

Through the resignation of the police surgeon, Brother M. E. Preston, '03, has been appointed to that office.

All success in the coming season to our sister chapters.

PAUL S. WORTH.

14 August, 1905.

Colorado Lambda, State School of
Mines, Golden.

MAY 26th closed a very successful year for Colorado Lambda, both in the matter of men and finances. We ended the year with an active membership of nineteen, four of whom we lost by graduation. Taking everything into consideration, the finances were in good shape. Besides the ordinary running expenses of the house and other little expenses incident to occupying a new location, we had the furniture for a ten-room house to pay for.

In athletics the Sigma Alphas made as good a showing as any of the other fraternities in the school. Four men won the school "M"—Finnigan in football, Bastanchury in baseball, Whitehouse in tennis, and McCart as manager of the track team. We also won the only interfraternity baseball game, defeating Sigma Nu by a decisive score.

The honorary fraternity, Tau Beta Pi, placed a chapter in the School of Mines last spring, which seems to

be prospering. It numbers among its members a good many of the fraternity men of the school.

The Junior Prom, the greatest social event of the year, brought forth most of the Juniors and Seniors in clothes other than their corduroys, flannel shirts and mining boots. After the dance we gave the house over to our girl friends for the night.

We are looking forward to another successful year. Although weakened by the loss of four strong men, we feel that we can "hold our own" with the other fraternities of the school.

THEODORE W. QUAYLE.

26 July, 1905.

California Alpha, Stanford University, Palo Alto.

NO LETTER RECEIVED.

California Beta, University of California, Berkeley.

THIS year we opened college with but six men, two "outside" men and four house men. The outlook was not the most promising but we soon received many names from alumni and made a very good showing in the rushing season.

The Freshmen registered August 21 and up to date we have six pledged men, all of fine calibre and of the stuff that goes to make hard students

and good fraternity men. Our outlook for more men is very gratifying, as we have five more men in sight of the kind we want. We have one affiliate this year, giving us a total of twelve men, so our prospects are by no means dark.

Two of our house men are track men, one having won his "C" this past spring. Three of our pledged men have good high-school reputations as football-players and one has an excellent track record. Two of the men we have our eyes on will undoubtedly become known in college athletics, as they are stars from preparatory school.

Another point that makes us feel very well pleased with our success is that several of the other good fraternities haven't as many men nor as good as we have.

The Δ K E's have five new men up to date, Zeta Psi three and Phi Gamma Delta four.

The competition this year has been very keen for men as this entering class is very short of good fraternity material.

We have had several pleasant visits from Eastern chapters lately. This summer a brother visited us from the University of Michigan Chapter, and another from the chapter in Cincinnati. A third brother, a graduate from Ohio State, has come to San Francisco to live and expects to be around often.

NORRIS E. COCHRAN.

28 August, 1905.

PROVINCE THETA.

Louisiana Epsilon, Louisiana State
University, Baton Rouge.

THE past year has been one of the most successful years in the history of Louisiana Epsilon Chapter. We began this year with three men and closed it with twelve, eight of them being Sophomores. Every man gave to the chapter the best that was in him, and worked with all his might and main to make the year a success. It is needless to say that every one still has this feeling, and next year we can safely promise that the chapter will stay in its old place at the head of the fraternities of our school.

We lost by graduation last year Brothers Faunt Le Roy and Fourmy. Lee, also, will not be back next year. It will indeed be a hard matter for us to fill the places left vacant by the loss of these three brothers, for their comradeship as well as their advice will be missed. We expect, however, to have about seven or eight of the old men to return, and with the new initiates we ought to have a chapter as large as, if not larger than, last year.

During the last year we did a great deal toward furnishing our hall. One of our kind friends, Mr. R. L. Goyer, presented the chapter with a handsome table and chairs to match. With this and the furnishing we have done, we now have one of the best-furnished halls on the campus.

R. C. MILLING.

6 August, 1905.

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

NOW that college has closed and the men of Louisiana Tau-Upsilon have gone to their respective homes, quiet reigns over fraternity life in the city. Our men will return in October, and with a hearty grip recommence the work of our Fraternity.

We have four good men pledged for next year, and will probably get some more.

Our three men on the track team, Caffery, Kerr and Reily did well at the State field meet, held at Baton Rouge, and were given a good time by Louisiana Epsilon. These men will be back to do still better next year. We will have about four men on the football squad in the fall, and we ought to have at least two on the Varsity.

We are conceited enough to say that Tau-Upsilon has had a very prosperous year. We have held a great many college honors, including editor-in-chief of the *Olive and Blue*, the college weekly, six associate editors, alumni editor, business manager, and three assistants of the *Olive and Blue*, sub-editor on *Jambalaya*, the annual, three class vice-presidents, a class treasurer, two class secretaries, vice-president of the Junior german club, two men on the Varsity football team, two men on the Sophomore team, and three on the Freshman, Varsity baseball team, and track team; membership in the Phi Chi Medical fraternity, in the

Ivy Law fraternity, in the Kappa Delta Phi, Fox-Head and Delta Tau Gamma societies, membership in the two german clubs and the two literary societies, editor of the *Medical Bulletin*, and chief marshal of the Law Department on Founders' Day.

As we have complete control of the college paper, we will see that it is conducted well.

We have had few visiting brethren in the last few months, but we shall always be glad to see any that come to "Old New Orleans."

W. BOATNER REILY, JR.

17 June, 1905.

Mississippi Gamma, University of
Mississippi, University.

THE last session was a pleasant and prosperous one for Mississippi Gamma, and we hope to make the next more so. Although the one-year rule prevented our number from increasing as it should, we succeeded in landing two good men, Clayton and Hamilton, on account of certain conditions existing in the University, was prevented from joining until near the close of the session, yet his popularity has already been felt in gaining men for the next session. Clayton became a member during the second term, and his guiding influence was greatly felt throughout the remainder of the session. The chapter will miss Clayton, Elmer, Hamilton and Heidelberg very much next year, they having finished their respective courses. Elmer and Heidelberg have been with us for several years, and their presence seems almost a necessity towards the improvement of the chapter.

Mississippi Gamma will return nine men next session and, if the correspondent has been rightly informed, will have three transfers. With the new men we are expecting to initiate, Mississippi Gamma will have no fears of getting any thing it wants that will tend towards its advancement. The correspondent has seen or heard from nearly all the members, and the same note of anxiousness to return and commence the rushing season comes from all of them..

LAVELLE CUTHBERT PIGFORD.

5 August, 1905.

Texas Rho, University of Texas,
Austin.

ALTHOUGH the six members of Texas Rho, who returned at the beginning of the past year were resolutely determined on the upbuilding of the chapter, none of us quite anticipated the success which has crowned our efforts. While other fraternities at the University of Texas are stronger numerically, Σ A E, by reason of the superior material of which its membership is comprised and the loyal and brotherly spirit that unites the chapter, occupies the leading position in our Greek world. We had fourteen at the end of the year having initiated nine, but were so unfortunate as to lose Brother Eckman at Christmas. The new men are in every way desirable acquisitions for the Fraternity.

For next year we anticipate the return of all but one or two of the fourteen mentioned, and have reason to hope that their loss may be made up by the return of some former members of this chapter.

For the ensuing two years we have secured a lease on our present quarters, the most desirable and home-like of all the chapter-houses in town. Before the expiration of the lease we mean to have under way plans for a building of our own.

The chapter is grieved to lose Brother E. C. Connor, who was graduated in June with the degrees of B. S. and C. E. Brother Connor has been a leading member of the chapter since his initiation, and rendered invaluable aid during the past two years in the recovery of our position. His art work has contributed very much toward making the *Cactus* rank with the best college annuals in the country.

A chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa has been recently installed here. Texas Rho was honored by the election to membership in this great society of the following of her alumni: H. Y. Benedict, '92, (Ph.D.-Harvard), Associate Professor of Mathematics, University of Texas; John R. Swenson, M. A. '04, and Jesse F.

McClendon, M. S., '04. Brother Swenson has been awarded a fellowship in Columbia University, where he will do graduate work leading to the doctor's degree.

The University of Texas has just completed the most prosperous year in its history. The attendance was larger than ever before; the faculty, already the leading one in the Southwest, further added to and strengthened; the new engineering building completed and occupied, and many other improvements made in laboratories, buildings and grounds. It is with great regret, however, that I must announce the recent death of President William L. Prather. To him is very largely due the growth of the University. No successor has as yet been elected.

In conclusion, I desire to present to the Fraternity the name of our latest initiate, William Edwin Keating, '08, of Dallas, Texas.

JAMES BOWIE WHITE.

3 August, 1905.

PROVINCE IOTA.

Kentucky Kappa, Central University
Danville.

COMMENCEMENT week passed off gloriously and furnished a befitting end to a term most prosperous for Kappa. Among the thirty-four who received degrees were three of Kappa's men, all three of whom acquitted themselves with high honors and cast great credit upon their fraternity. Fleece, Law '05, won the law prize. Wise, Law '05, took an M. S. in addition to his law degree.

Alexander was a Commencement speaker, and in the June Oratorical won first medal. In return for "the glory bequeathed our chapter by these three who leave us, we know of no higher compliment than to dub them true sons of Minerva.

Among other achievement we draw attention to Crenshaw's winning the college tennis tournament. Then on the baseball team we had Dudley in the box and Andrews in left. The latter was elected captain for next year. Crenshaw was elected vice-

president of the Y. M. C. A. McQueen was elected editor-in-chief of the 1906 *Annual*, and also of the *Central News* for next year. This will make the seventh consecutive year that the editorial pen of the *News* has fallen into Sigma Alpha hands.

Nothing of startling importance has taken place in other fraternity circles. All seem enjoying a quiet life.

Of our prospects much may be said, but no doubt it would be better to give the results in our next letter. We expect to return at least eight men. And when the time comes we will "whoop 'em up" in true Sigma Alpha style.

DONALD MCQUEEN.

12 August, 1905.

Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Russellville.

NO LETTER RECEIVED.

Kentucky Epsilon, Kentucky State College, Lexington.

EVERYTHING has been rather quiet since our last letter, sad to relate.

Commencement came off with one enormous hitch, because the "Grumbler" was too enthusiastic to suit the Faculty. For the same reason there were no Class Day exercises. Owens was the prophet for Arbor Day and Sughs presented the drinking fountain which the Senior class gave to the College.

Having given up our chapter-house at the end of the year, we are now looking for a more suitable location. Enthusiastic over our suc-

cess in a house last year, we will get another as soon as possible. Our greatest ambition is to get into one the beginning of the "rush," which we are awaiting with keen anticipation for several reasons. We expect to have several old men with us for the first week or two, and on leaving last year each old man promised to bring back at least one "fixed" man.

In spite of the troubles of the Seniors, commencement week was quite gay. A number of dances were given, among them the Junior promenade, Lamp and Cross, Senior ball, alumni ball and the farewell cadet hop. Sleep was entirely out of question with those who could trip the light fantastic toe. A number of our old men were back to enjoy the social excitement and to renew old acquaintances.

Elated over our own prospects, we wish all our other chapters greater success in the rushing season and a more prosperous year than they ever had before.

LOGAN LEWIS.

5 August, 1905.

Tennessee Zeta, Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville.

THE scholastic year just passed has in many respects been the most successful and prosperous in Tennessee Zeta's whole history.

With a chapter the largest in college, we were represented, without an exception, in every department of college life.

In scholarship we were especially successful, the greatest academic honor of the school year falling to

Lyon, namely, that of being appointed assistant professor of languages immediately upon graduation. Lotterhos won the Bible medal, and also made the highest mark in the sciences.

After such a pleasant year it was hard to part, even for the summer. It was with heavy hearts that we assembled for the last time, happy however in the knowledge that every man would be back in the fall, ready to work for Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

During the long summer months we have kept in touch with each other by correspondence and occasional visits, gaining strength and planning for the successful season that is almost sure to be ours.

We have not been at all idle this summer, but already have some material which we think will "do" for Sig Alpha stock.

Wishing all our sister chapters a successful rushing season in the fall, I close.

GEORGE I. BRIGGS.

23 August, 1905.

Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Lebanon.

AT the present time the inactivity of the early vacation period is beginning to wear off and very active preparations are being made for a strenuous fall campaign. The month of August will witness some developments in the rushing line, for the local members who are always alive to the interests of the chapter have expressed a desire and willingness to lend their assistance in a campaign of correspondence, and the advantages of this kind of work to a chapter can not be overestimated.

Tennessee Lambda returns about ten men who are enthusiastic and well versed in the art of rushing, and I do not think it will be picturing the situation too rosily to say that our success for the coming year will be more pronounced than that of last.

We have taken new quarters situated in a central part of the city, more spacious and in every way more pleasant than those we have been occupying for the past few years. Our idea is to expand and better our condition internally as well as outwardly.

We wish all our sister chapters the most complete success, and especially those brought "into our midst" during the past year.

G. S. MOORE.

2 August, 1905.

Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

SINCE our last letter Vanderbilt University has suffered the loss by fire of its main building. In some respects the damage is irreparable, the splendid library being almost a total loss. However, our chancellor is not a man who is easily discouraged, so with characteristic energy he set about the work of rebuilding. The student-body, the citizens of Nashville, and in fact the whole South, have contributed liberally to the fund for rebuilding. The Vanderbilts have made a substantial donation to aid the work. Three handsome buildings will be erected in place of the one recently destroyed. During all the confusion incident to such a calamity not a single recitation was lost, the other buildings on the

campus affording room for the additional classes.

Tennessee Nu has had a successful year. Our men have taken places in the front rank, both in studies and athletics. Blanks received the Barrett prize for the best paper upon our relations with South American republics. Chappel took the medal in mathematics. In athletics Miller played a star game at first base and Dean did splendid work on the track.

The rule forbidding spiking until March was passed by our Pan-Hellenic council. We will return about twelve men next fall, and as this number will be the average returned by the other good fraternities here, we will be able to cope with the situation without trouble.

Plans for building a house of our own are being advanced, and we expect to begin actively upon it in the fall.

JOHN F. SIMMS.

6 August, 1905.

Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

THE opening of the collegiate year finds Tennessee Kappa in a very prosperous condition, as we have returned ten good men in all ready to work in the interest of $\Sigma A E$. We are very sorry to have lost by graduation four such able men as L. L. Heeskell, of Memphis; T. R. Watkins, of Memphis; M. G. Thomas of Knoxville, and C. J. McClung, of Knoxville.

The annual dance given on May 1st was one of the prettiest social

functions of the season. After a few hours of dancing, refreshments were served. The ices were in the shape of skulls and goats, while the cake was in small moulds of the shape of the pin, with a skeleton perched on top. The representatives from the other fraternities were as follows: From $\Pi K A$, S. J. McAllister; $K A$, Joe Sample; $K \Sigma$, B. W. Howe; $A T \Omega$, R. P. Rice; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, J. W. Bachman; Nonfrat, Roscoe Word. The success of the dance was due largely to the hard work and excellent taste of M. A. Fuller, who, we are very sorry to say, will not be with us this year. Fuller has gone to Texas, where he is interested in a large ranch.

We had two men on the baseball team this spring, "Tip" Summers at short, and M. A. Fuller in center field. Both men made good records as fielders and at the bat. T. R. Watkins, Jr., won first in the 100- and 200-yard dashes. J. H. Caldwell, Jr., won the first in the high jump and 120-yard hurdles, also taking second places in 220-yard hurdles and 1-mile run.

The football outlook for this fall is very bright for Tennessee, as nearly all of last year's team will return, and the management has secured James Depree, of Michigan, for coach. We return two of the three men we had on last year's eleven and have several other very eligible men.

In printing the names of the initiates, David C. Gaut's was spelled G a n t instead of G a u t, and I take this opportunity of correcting the error.

JOE A. CALDWELL.

15 July, 1905.

Tennessee Omega, University of the South, Sewanee.

As is usual at Sewanee, the summer has been the busiest time of all, for our long vacation covers the winter instead of the usual summer months. Everything has been in full swing during the past few months, and summer days and summer girls have had full sway.

In the University life the most marked progress has been in the new buildings now in course of erection. The St. Luke's Memorial Chapel is nearing completion, and the cornerstone of the new university chapel was laid during commencement week. Both of these are to be constructed of the beautiful Sewanee sandstone, and will be splendid specimens of ecclesiastical architecture.

However, during all this time, Tennessee Omega has not been idle. We started off the spring with two regulars and one substitute on the baseball team, and in other activities have been well represented.

Lumpkin won the Southern Inter-collegiate Oratorical preliminary, and represented the University at the contest held at the University of Virginia, where the Sigma Alphas gave him a royal welcome. He also won the Louisiana medal for oratory in the contest in June, thus winning both of the oratorical contests for the year.

On the 26th of June, Omega was delighted to have the honor of throwing open her doors to the Rt. Rev. Ellison Capers, Chancellor of the University, and a loyal Sigma Alpha. About three hundred people attended

our reception, and it was pronounced one of the best ever held on the mountain.

During commencement week the classical department of the University presented Aristophanes' "Frogs," being the first full production of this ancient comedy in America. The music used was that of Sir Hubert Parry, written for the Oxford production in 1892. We were represented in the cast by Paynor, Noë and Lumpkin, Lumpkin essaying the role of Koryphaos or Chorus Leader.

In the summer rush we landed three good men, and wish to introduce to the fraternity Brothers Curtis, Lyne and Cabbs, who are now and will ever be enthusiastic ΣΑΕ's. We have several others we are looking after whom we hope to land when their conditions are removed.

We have had the pleasure of having many of our alumni with us this summer, and also of welcoming as an affiliate B. F. Huske, of N. C. Xi, who enters the Theological department. Woolfolk, we regret to say, was compelled to withdraw from the University, but we wish him all success in his chosen field, the Law.

And now the football warriors are donning their war togs, and preparing for the fray. With Brother W. J. Scarbrough, of punting fame, as captain, and many of the old men back, Sewanee hopes for great things from her team.

We send our best wishes to our sister chapters for the fall rush and the coming athletic season.

A. C. D. NOË.

19 August, 1905.

Tennessee Eta, Southwestern Baptist
University, Jackson.

ON June 3d our session of 1904-5 was brought to a close. The progress made by S. W. B. University during this time is worthy of being mentioned, and the year may well be considered the most successful in her history. Those ten months were months of prosperity and happiness for Tennessee Eta. We expect to return many of the chapter. Although we lost three of the oldest and most loyal men this spring by graduation, we feel that by following their parting advice we shall be able to maintain the high standard of Σ A E. Another successful year is

anticipated. Honors taken by the Sigmas will compare favorably with those taken by any other fraternity in college. As a result of the elections a Sigma is again captain of the baseball team. This makes the sixth year we have had the captaincy. There have been several changes in the faculty, and we trust very favorable and advantageous ones. There is now under construction a conservatory of music on the college campus. The War Department of the United States has furnished us with a detailed United States Army officer as our commandant for the military work to be carried on this year.

R. H. ANDERSON.

10 August, 1905.

Here and There.



We had hoped to publish in this issue a little biographical sketch of John P. Lee, Tennessee Lambda, 1891, who was recently elected Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Arkansas; but our plans, through no particular fault of ours, came to naught. We shall certainly expect to secure this article in time for the December RECORD.



The September issue of *The Bookman* contains a picture of John G. Carlisle, Kentucky Chi, in connection with an article on President's Cleveland's administration, and praises his congressional service. The same article pays tribute to William L. Wilson, Washington City Rho, '61, for his work as a Congressman from West Virginia.



The annual of Province Theta for 1905 is billed to make its appearance very shortly. It is to contain several illustrations as well as full histories of each chapter, and of the province. The book is under the editorial guidance of Theta's able young vice-president, William Kernan Dart, who has recently received an appointment to the associate board of the RECORD.



Dr. Alexander Mack, of Hawkinsville, Georgia, contributes an article of some importance to a recent issue of the *Georgia Practitioner*. The disease which the doctor discusses is that comparatively rare one technically known as "Hydrorrhœa Gravidarum," which the laymen is privileged to translate as may best please his fancy. The paper was originally read before the 1904 meeting of the Georgia Medical Association. Brother Mack graduated from our Davidson chapter in 1885.

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The Denver Alumni Association gave a happy dinner to Billie Levere and Harry Bunting at the Adams Hotel August 18th. Bunting was in the city attending the annual meeting of the American Osteopathic Association while our worthy E. S. A. was fleeing as a bird to the mountains to escape hay fever. George Kimball brought the two and the Association together. About thirty were present. Bunting told all about how $\Sigma A E$ came to be introduced into Colorado some fifteen years ago. Billie Levere made a stirring appeal to alumni association enthusiasts in behalf of the building of chapter-houses. The three chapters of the State were well represented. It was a very happy reunion.



No chapter letters for this issue of *THE RECORD* were received from Alabama Mu, California Alpha and Kentucky Iota. For purposes of record, one copy of this issue was forwarded to each of these chapters, further copies being purchasable at *THE RECORD*'s published rates.



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